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St. Thomas Police Service Deputy Chief of Police Scott Barnes, announced his retirement from the service this morning at the Police Services Board meeting. He will be stepping down after 30 years of policing in September 2025.

First appointed as the Deputy Chief in May 2023, Deputy Chief Barnes says “I have enjoyed working with the Executive Leadership Team, realizing the goals and vision of Chief Roskamp and the Police Services Board to provide outstanding policing services to the residents of St. Thomas. I will always be proud to have served as an officer and leader of the St. Thomas Police Service.”

Beginning his policing career in 1994 with the Wallaceburg Police Service and later transferring to the St. Thomas Police Service in 1998, Deputy Chief Barnes has served as a Patrol Officer, Criminal Investigator, Platoon Sergeant and Staff Sergeant. He was promoted to the rank of Inspector of Police in 2018 before being promoted to his current role in 2023 as Deputy Chief of Police.



As a result of the pending retirement of Deputy Chief Barnes, Staff Inspector Steve Bogart has been recommended to assume the position. The Board met this morning and is pleased to announce the selection of Steve Bogart as the new incoming Deputy Chief of Police. Steve has the proven skills and leadership experience, and will assume the role in an acting capacity on June 1, 2025 until he officially receives his appointment on September 1, 2025.

Bogart, a 27-year veteran, began his career with the St. Thomas Police Service in 1997. Steve has experience in the Uniform Patrol Division in both frontline and supervisory roles and the Criminal Investigations Division – Drug Enforcement Unit before being promoted to the role of Inspector of Police in 2020 and Staff Inspector in 2023.