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### ***Ed Schilke retires after 32 ½ years with the Port Angeles Police Department***

On December 7, 2017 Port Angeles Police Department Records Division Supervisor Ed Schilke will retire from the Port Angeles Police Department. Ed started working for the Port Angeles Police Department on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1985. During his career he has worked as a Patrol Officer, DARE officer, crime prevention officer, Patrol Corporal, Administrative Sergeant and Records Division Supervisor. His work took him to projects and assignments that included Crime Stoppers, electronic home monitoring management, police department accreditation, policy manual revision and management, and being the designated public records officer for the Department. Ed received Departmental medals for “Distinguished Service” and “Expert Marksman”.

The Washington Public Records Act has become his area of professional expertise over the last nine years. Ed was one of the first group of records specialists and supervisors to be accredited by the Washington Association of Public Records Officers. He has been part of a sea change in police communications and police records management that has occurred during his tenure. In 1985 police communications were made via radio or telephone, and messages and reports were handwritten or typed. Public records in the modern world and the wide variety of ways people communicate and create records has been one of the many challenges taken on by Ed as the Police Department Public Records Officer.

“Ed Schilke has represented the Port Angeles Police Department as a kind, hardworking and consummate professional. He is a role model for the rest of us in our profession. I am very proud of Ed and the work he has done on our behalf, and am proud to call him my colleague and my friend. It is hard to describe how much in terms of institutional and professional knowledge we will lose at the Police Department when Ed steps into retirement. He will be missed by the City staff and by the staff at PAPD!” – Chief of Police Brian S. Smith.

**“I am very proud of my 33 years of service to this community, I do think (hope) that I have touched a lot of lives here. I was blessed to have been able to serve in diverse roles.”- PAPD Records Supervisor Ed Schilke.**

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