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Police Chief Mark Beckner Retires After 36 Years at Boulder PD

Police Chief Mark Beckner, one of the longest-serving chiefs in law enforcement, officially retired on April 1, 2014.

Beckner came to Boulder in 1978, straight out of college, as a 22-year-old police recruit. He became the police chief in 1998 at the height of the Jon Benet Ramsey investigation, and led the department for 16 years after reorganizing the command structure when he became Boulder's top cop.

He said he made the decision to retire because, after working in law enforcement for parts of five decades (which he jokingly said makes him sound older than he actually is), there were other things he wanted to accomplish in life. Plus, he said, the timing was right. "I felt like the department was in a good place and that we had accomplished a lot. We made some promotions recently that set the department up for the future very nicely," said Beckner. "We had just completed the

master plan process, which is a 4-to-5 year project. It was either recommit to another 3-to-5 years to see the master plan through or let someone else take the reins. With the people we have here, I'm confident they can take the department to an even higher level."

Many things have changed over the past 36 years and Beckner is proud of his many accomplishments, including taking over code enforcement and animal control. "When you've had such a long career there are many accomplishments and it's tough to pick the biggest ones," he said. "I'd have to say I'm very proud of the Training Center, the Firearms Range and the collaborations we've had over the years - the most recent being the one with CBI (Colorado Bureau of Investigation) in developing the DNA lab here. It's one of the few in the state that's housed in a police department, and it will serve the entire region better and more

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Former Police Chief Mark Beckner and Interim Police Chief Greg Testa at Mark's retirement ceremony on April 1, 2014.



Sally Beckner (Mark's wife), Chief Beckner, daughter Kimberly Beckner, fiancée, son Chad Beckner.

FLOOD SEASON

Plan now, before an emergency:

1. Make an emergency plan in advance so your family knows what to do and where to go. Include plans for your pets.
2. Choose an emergency contact outside of Boulder that family & friends can call to communicate your location and other key information.
3. Designate at least 2 safe meeting places located at higher ground and practice getting there using different routes and travel methods.
4. Assemble an emergency kit. Supplies should include:
 - Bottled water
 - Water purification tablets
 - Canned food
 - Medication, eyeglasses
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Flashlights
 - Raingear and boots
 - Blankets/sleeping bags
 - Important documents (use watertight container)
 - Pet supplies like food, medications & litter

Do you have a question you'd like to see answered in an upcoming edition? Email your question to Kim Kobel at KobelK@bouldercolorado.gov

Emergency Resources:
 Sign up for free emergency alerts:
www.Boco911Alert.com

Community Guide to Flood Safety:
www.BoulderFloodInfo.net

Where to go for info during an emergency:
www.BoulderOEM.com

Flood Insurance:
www.FloodSmart.gov

Emergency Supply Kit Info:
www.ready.gov/build-a-kit

Animal Information:
www.BoulderHumane.org

Boulder PD Twitter:
[@BoulderPolice](https://twitter.com/BoulderPolice)

Victim Advocate Award Goes To Det. Scott Sloan

Sloan recognized for work on high-profile sex assault case

The Boulder County District Attorney's Office recognized Detective Scott Sloan for his exceptional work on a complicated sex assault case involving a suspect named George Tiba. Tiba was ultimately convicted, but fled during his trial. He was arrested in San Francisco with the help of numerous law enforcement agencies.

Detective Sloan was the on-call detective when he was assigned the case, and worked on it from the very beginning. As the case progressed and investigators learned new information, it became evident that Tiba had assaulted a number of other women.

According to the DA's nomination letter, written by Chief Trial Deputy Katharina Booth, Deputy DA Fred Johnson and Victim Specialist Lisa Herzing, Sloan went to "extreme lengths not only to do a thorough investigation of the crime, including identifying the offender and locating prior victims, but also assisting with the final apprehension of the defendant who was on the run following conviction at trial."

Congratulations to Detective Sloan for receiving the Boulder County District Attorney's 2014 Victim Advocacy Award!



Detective Scott Sloan receives the Victim Advocate Award at the Boulder County District Attorney's Office.

Decline in 2013 crime

Boulder's 2013 crime was down in most areas in comparison to 2012. Part I (serious) crimes were down from 3,334 to 3,074 reported cases.

Part II (less serious) reported crimes were at 5,092 in 2012 compared to 4,888 in 2013.

Arrests followed suit with 568 adults arrested in 2012 and 500 in 2013.

Injury accidents were also down from 368 in 2012 to 348 in 2013. Police also issued fewer traffic summonses with 16,547 in 2012 and 14,145 in 2013.

Serious crimes, 2013

Murder	0
Manslaughter	0
Rape	33
Robbery	38
Aggravated Assault	167
Burglary	511
Larceny	2,218
Vehicle theft	80
Arson	27
TOTAL	3,074

BEHIND THE BADGE

2013 APCO TRAINER OF THE YEAR

NAME: BRAD RIGGIN

ASSIGNMENT: COMMUNICATIONS

YEARS ON THE FORCE: FIVE YEARS

Nominated by Communications Supervisor, Carrie Lorea, Brad Riggin was the recipient of the statewide 2013 Trainer of the Year award given by the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials (APCO) in October of 2013.

Carrie mentions Brad's willingness to volunteer as part of the CAD Training Team for the new Tri-Tech CAD System which involved an extraordinary amount of work. He developed training materials, presentations and quick reference materials for use by other dispatchers which are still used for new



hires. He continued to work his regular dispatch shift, attended training and meetings and covered overtime and sick calls.

His ability to be role model was also noted emphasizing how he always sets a positive example and is a quiet, strong leader.

This is the type of exemplary employee BPD boasts of so congratulations Brad!

WANTED!



Calvin Christopher Nagy

Calvin Christopher Nagy, DOB 9/24/1976, is a twice-convicted sex offender who failed to appear for sentencing in Feb. 2014. There is an active, nationwide, no-bond warrant for Nagy for Failure to Appear. Nagy may be driving a 2009 red Nissan Xterra, and may be traveling with his dog, Archie. Archie is a 10-year-old Chesapeake Bay retriever. He has relatives in Michigan.

Nagy is 5'10" tall, weighs 190 pounds and has blond hair and blue eyes.

Anyone with information regarding Nagy's whereabouts is asked to contact Detective Brannon Winn at 303-441-4477 or Dispatch at 303-441-3333.

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efficiently than we've been able to do in the past."

One of the most successful collaborations has been with the Boulder County District Attorney's Office – a relationship that, in the past hadn't always been smooth. District Attorney Stan Garnett complimented Beckner on his dedication and his accountability. "No matter the situation, Mark always quietly got to work, making sure that the officers and detectives under his command understood their roles and responsibilities, and carried out their duties accordingly," said Garnett. "I enjoyed working with Mark over the past few years and will miss his leadership in the Boulder Police Department."

Leading the Boulder Police Department wasn't without its challenges, and Beckner feels that he responded to those challenges with fairness, transparency and accountability. "I have no regrets in how I think I've managed this organization when we faced difficult times, crises and bad behavior," he said. "We've been transparent, we've held people accountable and we've been open about it. I'm proud of that and I think we have the type of department the community expects."

His advice for the new chief? "I've told everyone who's expressed an interest that you've got to always try to do the right, ethical thing. You can't worry about making everybody happy because you'll never make everybody happy," he said. "You can't worry about public pressure because if you do the right thing in the end, it will work out and the 80% will realize that you've done the right thing. That's been part of my survival as well."

The selection process for the new chief hasn't started yet. In the meantime, Deputy Chief Greg Testa has been named to be the interim chief until the position is filled permanently.

Deputy Chief Dave Hayes is also retiring this month, after 36 years with the department. He's been selected to be the new police chief in his hometown of Louisville, CO.

Additional contact information:

Emergency Assistance — 24 hours

Police 911
Fire 911
Medical 911
Mental Health 303-447-1665
Rocky Mountain Poison Center
1-800-222-1222
Xcel Energy/Electrical outage
1-800-895-1999
Xcel Energy /Gas leak or odor
1-800-895-2999

Non-Emergency Assistance

Police 303-441-3333
Fire 303-441-3333
Medical 303-441-3333
Police Records 303-441-3300
Professional Standards
303-441-3312
Public Works 303-441-3249
Paramedics

Community Police Center

303-413-7324
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Staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

