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Schools out: Officer DuBois retires after 15 years at West De Pere schools

De Pere, WI: The hallways of De Pere schools have emptied for the summer; the front doors ushering out a final exodus of transformed children and young adults. For the past 15 years, Kevin DuBois of the De Pere Police Department has watched this moment of adulation unfold proudly, but also knowing a universal truth:

Summer vacation will go by too quickly, and “next year” will start in the blink of an eye.

For DuBois, however, the front doors closing this week meant something a bit different. This year, after 15 years of dedication and memories as a School Liaison Officer, his longtime service with the De Pere Police Department - and the school district he has served faithfully as a result - has come to an end. There will be no “next year.”

DuBois is retiring after nearly three decades of work in law enforcement, and his final day with the De Pere Police Department is today.

De Pere Police Chief Derek Beiderwieden said DuBois’ contributions have undoubtedly created widespread, positive changes throughout the community.

“As an active member of the West De Pere School District, Officer DuBois made himself available outside of his normal working hours, attending numerous athletic and extracurricular events. He developed relationships with school administration, teachers and a whole generation of students,” Beiderwieden said, adding “His impressive work and long-term commitment became a true asset to students and the citizens of the City of De Pere alike. We thank him for this service, and we wish him the very best in retirement.”

DuBois began working in law enforcement 28 years ago. He first started at Green Bay Correctional Institute in 1990, then moved to the Door County Sheriff’s Department in 1993 before ultimately joining the De Pere Police Department in 1998, where he has served for the past two decades.

It has been during this stay in De Pere that he has cultivated the most profound and satisfying role of this career; that of a School Liaison Officer. He began that role in the fall of 2003, and feels fortunate to have experienced 15 years of life-altering work – both for himself and for those he has come in contact with.

“Seeing some of the kids who have overcome hurdles in life – for them to be able to do that and to be part of that has been special,” DuBois said. “I’ve always enjoyed working with kids - and the staff over the years as well. The students and staff have both made this job very fun and rewarding.”

DuBois predominantly served the West De Pere Middle and High Schools, helping foster and create a safe environment for students and staff. The Liaison Officer is responsible for providing police services within the school setting and provides instruction on gang and drug resistance, as well as a variety of other topics. The Liaison Officer also provides



counseling and mentorship for students experiencing problems outside of the school setting, and attends school functions such as sporting events and dances to help chaperone events and provide any necessary assistance.

Outside of the regular school year schedule, Officer DuBois also served as a motorcycle officer focusing on traffic safety enforcement, and as an active member of the department's esteemed Honor Guard. During his tenure, Officer DuBois became a certified G.R.E.A.T. Instructor (Gang Resistance Education and Training), covering the curriculum with many middle school students. DuBois also has been an integral part of the Every 15 Minutes Program, educating high school students about the consequences of impaired driving.

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