

Massachusetts State Police Col. Mason announces retirement after nearly 40 years of service

After nearly 40 years of service Massachusetts State Police Col. Christopher Mason, superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police announced his plans to retire.

Mason's career got its start in 1985 as a natural resource officer in Barnstable. Later he became a cadet in the 1993 Massachusetts State Police Academy. Then he served as deputy superintendent commanding all state police detective and forensic units as well as leading the state's criminal intelligence center, known as the Commonwealth Fusion Center. In addition, he commanded the state police Detective Unit for the Cape and Islands before finally becoming superintendent in 2019.

Mason's retirement will become official on Feb. 17, three years after he was appointed to the department's top job by then-Gov. Charlie Baker.

"I want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration, Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll, and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for placing their trust in me and providing the support and resources needed to promote public safety, implement meaningful reforms, and adopt transformative innovations that strengthen our ability to protect the Commonwealth and provide the highest level of professional policing to all Massachusetts residents and visitors.

I also want to thank the members of the Massachusetts State Police for your professionalism, dedication, and exceptional delivery of police services across the Commonwealth. It has

been my true privilege to work alongside you.”