



BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Inspector Kieran McGrath retires today after 31 years' service with Guernsey Police.

Joining on April 17th 1989, Inspector McGrath trained at Chantmarle District Training Centre in Dorset, and after completing his two year probation, became a response car driver, followed by a two year attachment to the Community Police Department.

Moving to the Criminal Investigation Department as a Detective Constable in 1998, he was promoted to a Sergeant in October 1999, returning to operational policing until 2006 when he returned to CID as a Detective Sergeant, a position he held until being promoted to a uniformed Inspector in 2014.

Across more than three-decades of service, Inspector McGrath has received five Chief Officer Commendations, three of which related to commitment and dedication during the investigations of two separate manslaughters and one murder.

Another was for the arrest of a group of drug traffickers and the final commendation was for his leadership, investigative ability and sound judgement in relation to an offence of grievous bodily harm with intent. This incident occurred when a young man who was walking home from town was stabbed by an unidentified offender who had fled the scene.

A total of 13 acknowledgements of good police work were also awarded for a variety of incidents including major disturbances, fatal road traffic collisions, serious sexual offences and one for the thorough yet compassionate manner in which he investigated the death of a very young baby.

Inspector McGrath has also undertaken a number of specialist roles such as Authorised Firearms Officer, Firearms Medic, Officer Safety Trainer and Tactical Firearms Commander for both spontaneous and pre-planned firearms deployments.

Looking back across his career, Inspector McGrath said: "I am proud to have dedicated more than 30 years of my life to serving my Island community. I have been fortunate and privileged to work with such an incredible group of people. I will miss the comradeship, teamwork and tremendous job satisfaction."

