

Kodiak Police Chief Stepping Down After 25 Years

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Retiring Kodiak Police Chief T.C. Kamai

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After the end of this month, there'll only be one "Chief Kamai" working for the City of Kodiak. That'll be the fire chief, Rome Kamai, because his brother, T.C., is retiring as chief of police:

"Well, I've made it no secret that September of 2013 was 25 years for me," he said. "I've told my staff and I told the city manager as well when I got to that point I was going to have to look around and make a decision. And the decision I've made is it seems like the time to retire."

September 27th will be Kamai's last day, and it is a hard deadline, as the Chief will be going to work for the Kodiak Area Native Association as the Village Public Safety Officer coordinator:

"It's similar to, but not identical, to what I've been doing for the past many years. Just seemed like a great opportunity, and I wanted some private sector time in my background as well, so it seemed like a good fit."

Kamai says he's fortunate to be able to retire at a relatively young age and pursue another career:

"Somebody told me that 40 was the new 20," he said. "I'm 47 years old and I've always considered myself one of the luckiest guys I know. Because I've had a successful career; I've had opportunities most folks don't get. So I'm fortunate to be able to leave with 25 years service at this state of my life and then go on and do something else."

We'll talk some more with retiring Police Chief T.C. Kamai Tuesday on KMXT news.