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WIFR Staff,

I knew this day would come eventually come it makes me both sad and happy to announce that 23 WIFR News Director Dave Smith has decided to conclude his 14 year tenure at 23 WIFR, and his 43 year career by announcing his retirement.

As many of you know, Dave's wife Bonnie and he have been pursuing their careers separately. This has forced them to live 2,000 miles apart since his arrival here in 2003. Dave and Bonnie think it is time to get back together. He will be joining her in La Habra, CA.

Dave's career has involved stints in Fort Wayne, Buffalo, Knoxville, Evansville, Cleveland, and Rockford. Over the years he has helped train hundreds of journalists, including more than one hundred here at WIFR. He takes much pride in the continued success and growth of 23 News alumni who have moved on to much bigger markets after getting their starts here.

While there are no records indicate if this true, it is very likely that he is one of Rockford's longest tenured News Directors.

Dave's last day will be Wednesday, October 4. A search for his replacement will begin immediately.

I can't thank Dave enough for his dedication to WIFR and Rockford. He has been a big help to me in my role as General Manager.

Please congratulate and wish Dave well.

Tim