



## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE

### KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



### NOTICE OF RETIREMENT FROM UNDERSHERIFF JON HESS

After great thought and reflection, I have decided to retire from the Kent County Sheriff Department effective June 1, 2015. My years at this wonderful organization have been an absolute blessing. My many positive experiences both professionally and personally will always be remembered fondly. The Kent County Sheriff Department is a tremendous organization with a strong, adhesive management team that has a clear strategic direction for the future. This Department is second to none. It has been a privilege and a pleasure serving the citizens of Kent County the last 36 years.

### JON HESS BIOGRAPHY

Started Grand Rapids Police Department 1980  
Started Kent County Sheriff Department June 1980 a Corrections Officer  
Promoted to Corrections Sergeant 1987  
Promoted to Corrections Lieutenant 1994  
Promoted to Corrections Captain 1996  
Promoted to Undersheriff 2001 by Sheriff Lawrence A. Stelma

Graduated Ottawa Hills High School  
Graduated Grand Rapids Community College – Associate of Science  
Graduated Southern Illinois University – Bachelor of Science, Administration of Justice  
Graduate of Northwestern University Staff and Command 1994  
American Jail Association – Certified Jail Manager 1998  
Graduate of Kalamazoo Valley Community College Police Academy 2000  
Graduate Federal Bureau of Investigation LEEDA Session #3825, 2004  
Graduate of Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Session #221, 2005  
Graduate of General Electric's Executive Leadership Class – November 2014

Member and Past President (2008): American Jail Association  
Member: Proaction Health Board  
Member: National Institute of Corrections Large Jail Network  
Member: Michigan Sheriffs' Association  
Member: National Sheriffs' Association  
Member: National Sheriffs' Association's Jail, Detention, and Corrections Committee  
President (2014): Boys/Girls Club of Grand Rapids

Serves on community and civic boards.

Married, two children

Hobbies: Fitness, Collecting Chicago Sports Memorabilia