



**Ronald Palmer**  
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- **Chief of the Tulsa Police Department**
- **Portsmouth Virginia, Chief of Police**
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- **Certified Protection Professional (CPP), ASIS International Certified**

Ron Palmer was reappointed the 38<sup>th</sup> **Chief of the Tulsa Police Department (TPD) by Mayor Kathy Taylor in August 2007**, after serving in the same capacity from 1992 through 2002. Chief Palmer is responsible for leading and managing a staff of 829 sworn and 107 civilian employees. He directs all patrol, investigative and administrative operations supported with an annual operating budget of approximately \$87 million. While advocating the principles of traditional community policing, Chief Palmer is now implementing new crime reduction initiatives which includes an emphasis on “information based policing” and the enhancement of the public perception of the Department as a true community partner.

Chief Palmer earned his B.A. in Personnel Administration from Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri, and his M.S. in Security from Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri.

Having over thirty years of law enforcement experience, his policing career began with the Kansas City Police Department in 1971. Hired as a patrol officer, he was promoted through the ranks to the rank of Major. In 1990, he was selected as Chief of Police for the Portsmouth, Virginia Police Department, serving in that capacity until 1992.

From 2002 through 2007, Chief Palmer operated his own security consulting firm, Palmer Security Consulting, including a contract as a police mentor to the Afghanistan National Police/Ministry of Interior in Kabul. He is also a partner in the media consulting firm, the Palmer/McCarthy Group. He co-authored the book “*And the Incorrect Answer Is*” ‘*No Comment*’” in 2005 - an instructional book for managing the media in times of crisis.

Chief Palmer is married to Mrs. Judy Lane-Palmer. He has two adult children and two grand children residing in Tulsa and the Kansas City area.