

Joyce from A1

out "next time."  
 "Finally, that next time when they do fix whatever the problem is ... and then you see them a year later, they're still clean, they're being productive members of the community — that's a success story," he said.  
 Joyce recalled an incident during a traffic stop downtown on Main Street years ago. A young lady suddenly approached him and credited him with saving her life.  
 "There was a time in her life where she was in a bad crowd and I said, 'There's not going to be anything good that's going to come if you continue in this scenario,'" Joyce remembered. "And then there was something bad that happened. Fast forward a few years and that's when she comes up and says, 'You saved my life.' We gave each other a hug and I know she's really successful now."  
 In addition to community impacts, Joyce is retiring with no small degree of pride in what he's brought to the city's police department.  
 "The most gratifying part of my career was being a field



Cottage Grove police officer Chris Joyce with his grandson Dayton. Joyce was an assistant coach with Cottage Grove High School's football and wrestling programs.

training officer and being given the opportunity to train a large amount of the officers in Cottage Grove," he said.  
 In Madras, Joyce was a field training officer and used a phased training method. He and another officer brought a similar training program to Cottage Grove, which allowed trainees a wider exposure of experiences than the department's previous method through a process of officer rotation.  
 "It's just what I enjoyed doing, was instructing and training and getting a good officer out on the street," Joyce said.  
 Upon announcing his resignation, Joyce received a generous deluge of gratitude on social media, which he found overwhelming.  
 "I've read, as of this morning, all 294 comments," he said last Friday. "But hitting 'Like' doesn't do justice to how appreciative I am."  
 In addition to the community support, Joyce was immensely appreciative of his family.  
 "There are four people I

want to say thank you to most importantly and that's my wife Robin and my kids Sarah, Chelsie and Chase," he said. "I don't know how to say thank you to everybody. The citizens of Cottage Grove have treated me, my wife and kids fantastic for 22 years."  
 Though Joyce is planning to "take a breath" as he begins his retirement, he intends on remaining active in the community.  
 "It took a long time to not say, 'We're from Nyssa,'" he said. "But Cottage Grove is our home."

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