

Lieutenant Christopher J. Ward

Objective

Utilize my thirty year law enforcement experience to provide dedicated leadership to the City while providing a safe and secure environment for residents. Collaborate with City entities, community organizations, and members of the public to further crime prevention and foster strong community relationships. Aspire to create a culture of open communication between police and those we serve.

Work Experience

Somerville Police Department, Somerville, MA 1988 – present

Lieutenant 2016 – Present

Special Operations Commander/Accreditation Manager

Responsible for the achievement of certification status for the Somerville Police Department by completing twenty three remaining policy standards in an unprecedented amount of time. Authored thirty policies during my time in this position utilizing a multitude of research options including best practices analysis, online resources, and reviewing of industry publications.

Oversees all aspects of the accreditation process to ensure compliance with best practice standards through the development of written directives to comply with standards set by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Manages K-9 Unit and Animal Control officers while creating a positive workplace environment to encourage collegiality and collaborative efforts.

Division Commander

Oversee the daily operations, coordinate deployment of personnel, and ensure the proper use of procedures and equipment. Responsible for the overall supervision of all Patrol personnel during scheduled shift. Manage the processing and care of prisoners while in the custody of the Somerville Police Department. Demonstrate capable leadership to positively impact morale.

Sergeant 2014 – 2016

Provides supervision when demonstrating a proven ability to direct and motivate staff through effective and direct communication while assigning duties and responsibilities to members of assigned patrol division, responds to major incidents while providing supervision to on-site personnel, conducts investigations of misconduct by officers, establishes and maintains open channels of communication between staff, monitors calls for service to ensure efficient disposition, and provides counsel to officers to encourage the transition from a potential negative situation into a positive outcome.

Patrolman

Patrol 1988-1993, 1998-2008

Responded to emergency 911 calls, calls for service and crimes in progress, secure crime scenes; provided medical assistance including mental health referrals, enforced traffic and parking regulations, and interviewed victims and witnesses while working to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

Criminal Investigations Unit, Narcotics Division 1993-1998

Investigated reports of drug activity, conducted surveillance, affected arrests, managed and supervised confidential informants, drafted multiple search warrants which resulted in arrests, convictions, and seizures of funds, property and narcotics, testified in the State and Federal court systems, and coordinated multi agency investigations.

Neighborhood Policing Unit 2008-2014

Worked to better improve the well-being of residents by responding to quality of life concerns and attending neighborhood meetings. Developed a deeper level of connectedness between various stakeholders including the school system, local businesses, residents, East Somerville Main Streets, Teen Empowerment, and assorted City departments. Developed multiple SARA Models (Scanning Analysis Response Assessment) to address neighborhood concerns regarding community issues. Created opportunities to engage with youth by facilitating open and honest communication on topical issues such as bullying, peer pressures, and the importance of higher education.

Sasso Masonry LLC. Millbury, MA 1996-2014

Business Owner/Operator

Created a positive work environment while mediating disputes, ensuring client satisfaction, and maximizing productivity. Provided demonstrable leadership to consistently improve reputation and bolster staff satisfaction. Established an open system of communication while adapting to the evolving needs of customers. Oversaw day to day operations while maintaining financial integrity.

Education

Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA

Master of Arts, Criminal Justice: 1998-1990

Stonehill College, Easton, MA

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration 1984-1988

Major: Marketing

Minor: Management Information Systems

Professional Associations

Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association

International Association of Chiefs of Police

Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission Assessor Network

Massachusetts Police Association

Wayside Youth & Family Services Advisory Board

Somerville Police Explorer Program

Professional Development

MPAC Accreditation Manager

Crisis Intervention Team

MPAC Certification/Accreditation Assessor

Jail Diversion Training

Advanced Training

Massachusetts State Police Academy

Hostage Negotiation

Advanced Search and Seizure

Issues in Police Personnel Problems

Basic and Advanced Narcotics Investigation
(80 hours)

Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission

Accreditation Manager

Certified Assessor

Recognition

Combat Cross Award

Lifesaving Award (2)

Meritorious Service Award (3)

Cup of Joe Award Recipient

Honorable Service Award (2)

Unit Citation Award (2)

Community Service Award (3)