



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC.

Advisory Services

Chief (ret.) James R. McKean Lead Consultant

Chief James R. McKean was selected as Chief of Police for Grove City on June 28, 1990. He began his law enforcement career within the Grove City Police Department in 1975, serving ten years as a Patrol Officer before special assignments as Narcotics Detective, Investigative Bureau Commander, and Deputy Chief of Police. He retired from the department on June 28, 2003 to accept a full-time position as Assistant Professor/Law Enforcement Coordinator for Ohio University. Grove City has a population more than 30,000, served by 61 full-time sworn officers and 23 civilian employees. He administered an annual agency budget of approximately 6.5 million dollars.

Chief McKean holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Ohio University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration/Labor Management from the Ohio State University School of Public Policy and Management. Currently, Chief McKean is a doctoral student in Higher Education at Ohio University (Athens). He has extensive training in a broad range of Law Enforcement subjects as a practitioner. He currently serves as a faculty member teaching a variety of law enforcement courses at Ohio University, the Lancaster, Southern, and Chillicothe Branches. Chief McKean also serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Ohio University (Athens) Forensic Chemistry Program as well as a guest lecturer at Chinese University of Hong Kong where he teaches Criminal Investigation to the Hong Kong Police Force through the Lifelong Learning International Studies Program. Chief McKean completed assignments in Hong Kong in 2000, 2002, and 2004. His research interests include a comparative analysis of Hong Kong and American practitioner learning styles, service learning and use of technology as a pedagogical aid for criminal justice students. Chief McKean has presented at numerous teaching and learning conferences and has coauthored a paper published by the journal of the Association for Universities and Regional Campuses Organization.

Chief McKean is a 1989 graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) and served as a past evaluator for PELC. He is a graduate of the 174th Session of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia and their Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, Class #45. He is a consultant for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. conducting on-site agency assessments. Governor Voinovich appointed Chief McKean to serve a six-year term on the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission. Governor Robert Taft reappointed him to a second six-year term in August of 2000.

Chief McKean has conducted assessments for Athens, Willowick, Bellefontaine (twice), Lancaster (three), Sydney, North Olmsted, University of Toledo, Wooster, Tiffin, Broadview Heights, Ohio State University, Heath, and Liberty Police. Chief McKean also conducted organization reviews for Bellefontaine (twice), Bazetta Township, St. Clair Police, Sugarcreek Township, Waynesville, Portsmouth, Howland, and Liberty Township. He is a former OACP District Representative, current member of the IACP, FBI LEEDS Association, and FBI National Academy Associates.

He is a charter member of the Grove City Rotary Club and served as the centennial President in 2004. Chief McKean has successfully completed each annual Assessment Center Training conducted by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

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