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Where Are They Now?

Chief Monte Huss, Retired

Submitted by Chief Mike Ruggles, Ret

Chief Monte Huss (Ret) recalls with great fondness the early and challenging days of his police career. "I weighed 149 pounds when I started with the Fremont Police Department" Monte stated. "With five bars in a 2 block area, there was a 'butt-kicking contest' every weekend. I grabbed and held on until the cavalry showed-up". He remembers one night they arrested so many in a fight that they actually handcuffed them together and marched them to the station for processing. And so began the over 34-year law enforcement career of Monte Huss.

Monte started as a dispatch and jailer in 1973, then moved to Fremont Police Department in 1975. He held every rank and related that his years as a detective were some of the most enjoyable and rewarding. He was part of a Federal Task Force which put away 13 major traffickers. This ended the almost nightly "shots fired" calls.

The blizzard of '78 and a tornado in '79 which tore the roof off the station quickly came to mind as events which stick with him today.

Monte and his wife Karla still reside in Fremont. They have two daughters in Toledo and Florida and a son who is with the Marines in Afghanistan, in Counter-Intelligence Recon. They also have five grandchildren.

Keeping busy after retirement has not been a problem for the former chief. He works with high school juniors and seniors in "Teens Encounter Christ", as well as working weekends to support "Cursillo", which is a retreat held for adults through the Toledo Catholic Diocese. Monte can also be seen purchasing and delivering food for the Sandusky Community Food Bank.

In his "spare time", Monte teaches at Terra Community College in the academy and the 2-year program. The Husses have been able to work in a little traveling visiting Brice and Yosemite. They were also able to take a cruise shortly after his retirement.

Monte misses Fremont PD, especially seeing different people each day and interacting with the other departments of government. His 35 years were both challenging and rewarding.

Although Karla has plans to continue working for another 3 years their plans will be to

Chiefs In-Service & Annual Conference

This year's event will be held once again at the beautiful Cherry Valley Lodge and Resort located near Newark, Ohio. The dates are Sunday April 22 through Tuesday April 24, 2012.

This is a Chief from the 1940's photo. If you have any idea who this might be, please email

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Look who retired now!

District 1:

Chief Walter Distelzweig, CLEE-Columbus Police Department

District 3:

Chief Paul Bican - North Royalton Police Department

Director John Germ - Lake County Narcotics Agency

Chief Mark A. Lombardi - Hiram Police Department

District 4:

Chief Kenneth R. Burns - Lebanon Police Department

winter in Florida, but still call Fremont their home the rest of the year.

Monte finished with, "Life is Good". He's worked very hard to make certain it is.

