

Cincinnati Police Chiefs (and other CEOs)

Those Who Have Guided the Cincinnati Police since Cincinnati's Incorporation as a City

MARSHALS	ELECTED	TENURE OF OFFICE	
tenure of officeSamuel R. Miller	1819	2 years	
John C. Avery	1821	3 years	
William C. Anderson	1824	1 year	
Joseph Martin	1825		1 week
William C. Anderson	1825	1 year	
Zebulon Byington	1826	3 years	
William Doty	1829	4 years	
Jesse Justice	1833	2 years	
James Saffin	1835	12 years	
Ebenezer Hulse	1847	2 years	
James L. Ruffin	1849	6 years	

CHIEFS OF POLICE	APPOINTED		
Jacob Kiefer	1853		1 month
Thomas Looken	1853		8 months
David Hoke	1854	1 year	3 months
Edward Hopkins	1855	2 years	
James L. Ruffin	1857	2 years	
Lewis Wilson	1859	2 years	
J. W. Dudley	1861	1 year	10 months
Lawrence M. Hazen	1862		2 months
James L. Ruffin	1863	4 years	
Robert Megrue	1867	1 year	2months
James L. Ruffin	1868	3 years	
David M. Bleaks	1871	1 year	10 months

SUPERINTENDENTS OF POLICE			
Joseph Kiersted	1873	1 year	10 months
Thomas E. Snelbaker	1875	1 year	3 months
Ira Woods	1876	1 year	8 months
George W. Ziegler	1878	2 years	
Charles Wappenstein	1880		2 months
Enoch T. Carson	1880	1 year	7 months

SUPERINTENDENTS OF POLICE			
Jacob Gessert	1881		1 month (approx.)
Michael F. Reilley	1881	3 years	2 months
Edwin Hudson	1885	1 years	
Arthur G. Moore	1886		2 months
Phillip P. Deitsch	1886	16 years	7 months

CHIEFS OF POLICE			
Paul M. Milliken	1903	7 years	6 months
William H. Jackson	1910	1 year	4 months
William Copelan	1912	22 years	8 months
Eugene T. Weatherly	1935	15 years	1 month
Stanley R. Schrotel	1951	15 years	6 months
Jacob W. Schott	1967	3 years	10 months
Carl V. Goodin	1971	5 years	5 months
Myron J. Leistler	1976	8 years	5 months
Lawrence E. Whalen	1985	7 years	2 months
Michael C. Snowden	1992	5 years	11 months
Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.	1999	12 years	3 weeks

CHIEFS OF POLICE			
James E. Craig Jeffrey	2011	1 year	11 months
C. Blackwell	2013	1 year	11 months
Eliot K. Isaac	2015	6 Years	6 month
Teresa A. Theetge	2022	Current	

NOTES ON CHIEFS

Between 1853 and 1873 (20 years), there were 12 changes in Chief's of Police, the longest term being 4 years.

Between 1912 and 1967 (55 years) there were only 3 Chiefs: William Copelan, Eugene Weatherly, and Stanley Schrotel.)

One man, James Ruffin, held the top position on four separate occasions, once as City Marshal, and three times as the Chief of Police. This occurred between 1849 and 1871. His total tenure was 15 years.

William Anderson was the City Marshal twice. His two terms were interrupted by another man for one week!

The longest tenured was William Copelan who held the office of Police Chief for almost 23 years. His total career with the City was over 47 years!

Six men held the top position in the police department for 2 months or less.

The most common name for a chief is William (4). Second is a tie between Thomas (3), and James (3).

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