

Police Chief Michael W. Bischoff (1949-2017)

Mike was born March 28, 1949 to Robert L. and Calhie (Poling) Bischoff.

Mike joined the Fort Thomas Police Department as a 21-year-old Patrolman on November 2, 1970. By 1974 he was certified as a polygraph examiner and served the entire Northern Kentucky law enforcement community. By 1978, Officer Bischoff had already received 20 letters of commendations as a Police Officer.

He was promoted to Lieutenant during 1978 and enjoyed a hugely successful supervisory career. He became a member of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police; was Director of Training; was in charge of updating Policies and Procedures, personnel files, payroll, and scheduling; and designed and implemented the Department's information technology. He also guided his department to state accreditation; the 5th agency accredited in the state. He went on to serve as Team Leader on assessment teams for other police agencies including Northern Kentucky University, Greater Cincinnati/Kentucky International Airport, and Kenton County. He also held offices in the Kentucky Polygraph Association, including Secretary/Treasurer and President.

On July 31, 1995, he was appointed Police Chief. He then co-chaired the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Professional Standards Committee with Chief Nugent until 1998. Chief Nugent and Chief Bischoff ran the accreditation program during that time.

Also during the 25 years, he earned an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement and a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from the Thomas More College. During 1977, he earned a Masters in Polygraph Science from the New York State University. He also graduated with honors from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. With other seminars, training, and education he amassed 4500 hours of learning.

Chief Bischoff announced his retirement from Ft. Thomas effective November 1998 and he was hired as KACP Accreditation Manager. In January 2007, was appointed Executive Director in addition to his duties as Accreditation Manager. He finally stepped down from both positions during January 2013 after 43 years of service to his community, surrounding communities, and all of Kentucky law enforcement.

Chief Bischoff passed away on October 17, 2017.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jacqueline Lee "Jackie" (Niemeyer) Bischoff and their children.

Funeral arrangements are pending.