

Lieutenant William I. “Bill” Johnson (1952-2017)

Bill was born July 5, 1952 in Boyle County, Kentucky to Billy and Laura (Tanner) Johnson.



Having completed OPOTA certification on April 7, 1983, Bill joined the Goshen Township Police Department as a Part Time Police Officer on May 16, 1983. He was classified full time on January 1, 1985. During 1998, he received an award for his contribution to innovative programs for youths. He was promoted to Sergeant on September 5, 1990. Sergeant Johnson received a 1991 Achievement in Law Enforcement Award and a Citation of Merit for his involvement in the Webb homicide investigation. He received the 1992 Best Overall Investigation Leading to the Solution of a Crime award. He was promoted to Lieutenant on January 17, 1996. During 1997, he was nominated again for the “Best Overall Investigation Leading to the Solution of a Crime” award and earn a “Public Service Award.” He was an instructor for the Ohio Police Officers Basic Training Program from 1996 to 1999. Lieutenant Johnson retired March 1, 2002 with almost 19 years of service.

Lieutenant Johnson was also a member of the Association of Professional Police Investigators and of the National Association of Veteran Police Officers. He passed away in North Carolina on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at his residence. He was 64½ years old.

Visitation was held 12 to 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Evans Funeral Home at 1944 State Route 28 in Goshen. A Celebration of Life service followed at 1 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the [National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund](#).