

Police Chief D. Michael Murphy (1952-2017)

Mike was born February 24, 1949. After high school, he joined the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged.



Mike joined the Fairfax Police Department on February 17, 1974. He resigned May 27, 1984 to take a position as a Special Agent with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation on May 27, 1984. He served as a Crime Scene agent in their Southwest Region and retired as a Special Agent 4 on May 31, 2004.

During mid-summer 2004, Special Agent Murphy was appointed Police Chief of the Lockland Police Department where he served through 2005.

He then took a position with the United States Marshal's Office working at the Federal Court House in Cincinnati.

On May 15, 2006, Chief Murphy returned to Fairfax and served as a Part Time Special Investigator.

According to the Scarlet Oak Police Academy Commander, he was his top firearms instructor. He also served as a mainstay in the Hamilton County Police Association's Dive Team.

By September 2017, he had served his country, state, and several communities for 47 years.

On September 26, 2017, while working out at a gym, Officer Murphy suffered a heart attack. Retired Cincinnati Police Officer Daniel Katt was present and he and others tried to revive him, but the attack was fatal. He was 68 years old.

Chief Murphy is survived by his wife, Susan (Garhaus) Murphy; children, Michelle (Michael) Burcin and Michael P. (Carly) Murphy; grandchildren, Brayden, Josie, and Findley; and siblings, Kathy (Tim) Holly and Debbie (Mark) Porta.

Visitation will be held 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at [T. P. White Funeral Home](#) on Beechmont Avenue. A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m.