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Chief Bruce Lawver (Ret.) Canton Police Department, Ohio Canton, OH

Bruce Lawver was appointed Canton City Police Chief by Mayor William J. Healy, II in February of 2012. Lawver is a 21-year veteran of the Canton City Police Department and rose through the ranks of the department having worked in patrol, community policing, the I.D. Bureau, and as a SWAT team commander.

Through intelligence-led policing, Chief Lawver led the search for innovative approaches to improve the technology of the department in order to better serve the residents of Canton. He considers community partnerships with Canton residents, organizations and businesses to be vital in maintaining open channels of dialogue. This strategy allowed the department the opportunity to better serve the community with more efficient uses of police resources.

Under the direction of Chief Lawver, the Citizens Police Academy introduced Canton residents to the efforts and daily inner-functioning of the police department. Involving the community, businesses, neighborhood groups and organizations proved crucial to the department's strategic approach to fighting crime.

Lawver retired from policing in 2018. He is a graduate of Kent State University with a B.A. in criminal justice. He has received numerous commendations throughout his career in law enforcement and is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy Session-236 in 2009 and F.B.I. LEEDS. Session 76.

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