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## **Chief Matthew Vanyo** **Olmstead Police Department, Ohio** **Olmsted Township, OH**

Matthew Vanyo began his law enforcement career in 1994 as a patrol officer with the Olmstead Police Department in Ohio. In 2001, he was promoted to sergeant where his responsibilities included overseeing all narcotics investigations, supervising the field officer training program, and serving in the Southwest Enforcement Bureau Special Weapons And Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team. In 2009, he became a lieutenant and assisted with the recruitment, evaluation, and hiring of all agency personnel. He personally trained officers in de-escalation and was responsible for reviewing any incidents involving use of force. He led the Detective Bureau and assisted with both criminal and

internal affairs investigations.

In 2016, Vanyo became Chief of the department. Soon after taking up the role, he created the Community Engagement Program in an effort to bring the community and department together. He later worked with the Berea Police Department to create the Safe Passages Program to help people addicted to opioids enter active recovery through treatment. Additionally, his leadership has shown a continued commitment to making sure that his officers are adequately trained on how and when to use force.

Vanyo's Safe Passages Program has been the recipient of awards including the City of Berea's Spirit of Community Award and the Community Partner Collaborative Award from the Alcohol, Drug, Addiction and Mental Health Services (A.D.A.M.H.S.) Board of Cuyahoga County. He holds a B.A. in criminal justice from David Myers University, a M.A. in Legal Studies from California University of Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy.

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