

Chief Mike Butler (Ret.) Longmont Public Safety Department Longmont, CO

Mike Butler began his 35 year law enforcement career as a patrol officer with the Boulder Police Department in Colorado. He later transferred to the Longmont Police Department, where he eventually became Chief. During his 15 years as Chief, he heavily emphasized the importance of community policing and its role in bringing together the public and law enforcement to improve public safety.

Since 2008, Butler has been the Public Safety Chief for the city of Longmont and oversees police, fire, and support services. Under his leadership, Longmont pioneered mental health programs such as the Edge Program, which pairs mental health professionals with police officers to reduce ER visits and jail time, and the Angel Program, which prevents overdoses by providing opioid blocking medication and helps people struggling with addiction find treatment.

Butler is a graduate of the University of Akron. In 2017, he received the Ralph Smith Professional Innovation Award from the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police and Mental Health Colorado's Individual of the Year.

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