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Chief Eric Guenther (Ret.) Village of Mundelein Police Department Mundelein, IL

Chief Eric Guenther (Ret.) began his law enforcement career in 1995 as an officer with the Village of Mundelein Police Department in Illinois. Over 14 years, he served as an investigator, sergeant, and commander. In 2009, he was elevated to Deputy Police Chief. In 2013, he became the Director of Public Safety, and his responsibilities expanded to include oversight of police and fire. In 2013, he was named Chief of Police.

Under Chief Guenther's leadership, the department created the Lake County Opioid Initiative and the "Way Out" program to help people experiencing drug addiction get treatment. Other accomplishments during his tenure include the development of the "Latino Police Academy" and programs to improve mental health and officer wellness, both of which improve officer effectiveness and the department's relationships with the community..

In 2020, Chief Guenther retired from policing to take up his current role as the City Manager of Mundelein. In 2017, he was named President of the Lake County Chiefs of Police Association. In 2018, he received the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Chief of the Year Award. He holds a BA in criminal justice and law enforcement administration from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and a MA in public safety and law enforcement leadership from the University of St. Thomas. He is a graduate of both the FBI National Academy and the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University.

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