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## **Chief Tim Lentz (Ret.) Covington Police Department, Louisiana Covington, LA**

Tim Lentz began his law enforcement career as an officer with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana. For 30 years, he served as a patrol officer, warrants and fugitive officer, detective, Asset Forfeiture Unit Director, Narcotics Division Commander, Crime Lab Director, Patrol Division Commander, Fleet Manager, Chief of Detectives, and Chief Deputy.

In 2003, Lentz was appointed Chief of the Covington Police Department. Under his leadership, the department implemented Operation Angel, a program that diverts drug offenders to treatment instead of jail. The program was so successful that crime dropped by 14% in the first year and 22% in the second year.

Lentz retired as Chief in 2018. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Metropolitan Crime Commission and CrimeStoppers Awards for Excellence in Policing, the Bureau of Governmental Research Award for Innovation, the Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) Hero's Award, the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (P.A.A.R.I.) National Leadership Award, the St. Tammany Alumni of the Year Leadership Award, and the St. Tammany Parish Council Leadership Award. He holds a B.S. and M.A. in criminal justice from Loyola University and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) National Academy.

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