



## Assistant Police Chief Mark Ecton set to retire

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Chief Richard Biehl has announced the retirement of Deputy Director and Assistant Police Chief Lieutenant Colonel Mark Ecton.

Assistant Chief Ecton is a lifelong resident of Dayton and has served the Dayton Police Department for more than 33 years.

Lt. Colonel Ecton began his career with the department in September of 1987. He was a patrol officer in the West Patrol Operations Division, serving in the same neighborhood where he went to school and grew up. Throughout Assistant Chief Ecton's tenure, he served as:

### Police Officer (1987-98)

Uniformed Patrol  
Narcotics Strike Task Force  
Mounted Horse Patrol  
Crime Scene Investigator  
Plain-Clothes Investigations

### Police Sergeant (1998-2002)

Patrol Operations  
Superintendent's Aide  
Internal Affairs  
Department Disciplinary Advocate  
911 Call/Dispatch Center  
Bicycle Patrol

Major, Division Superintendent (2002-11)

Major, Chief of Staff (2011-15)

Deputy Director/Assistant Chief (2015-19)



Assistant Chief Ecton has made history within the Dayton Police Department. He is the third African-American assistant police chief and the first to rise through the

ranks to hold that position. His nearly 17 years on the senior command staff make his upper command tenure the 10th longest in department history. He was instrumental in numerous technology improvements, including the transition from the DPD Dispatch Center to the Montgomery County Regional Dispatch Center. Lieutenant Colonel Ecton also serves on numerous boards and advisory councils.

Chief Richard Biehl: "Assistant Police Chief Mark Ecton has well and faithfully served the Dayton Police Department and the Dayton community. His commitment to treating all persons with dignity and fairness has been a constant throughout his tenure. The innovations and improvements to the delivery of quality and professional police services that occurred under his direction and oversight will continue to shape the Dayton Police Department and promote safety for the Dayton community well into the future. It is with the deepest gratitude that I congratulate Assistant Chief Ecton for his many years of dedicated service and wish him the best of health and the greatest success in his future endeavors!"

Assistant Chief Ecton's retirement is effective March 1, 2019.

Lieutenant Colonel Matt Carper, currently the Assistant Police Chief and Chief of Operations, will assume the role of Deputy Director.

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Additional promotions will be announced later this week.

