



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC.

Advisory Services

**Chief Louis A. Dirker, Jr.
Assessor**

Louis A. Dirker, Jr. became the Chief of Police of the Stow Police Department on February 18, 2003.

Prior to joining the Stow Police Department, Chief Dirker served with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department from May 1974 until his retirement in January of 2001. While with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department, he served as a Patrol Officer and as a Detective prior to being promoted to Sergeant. Dirker was Commander of the Special Response Team from 1989 until 1999. Dirker rose through the ranks of the department attaining the rank of Chief of Police on April 30, 1999.

Chief Dirker attended The University of Akron and earned a Bachelor Degree in Political Science in 1970. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1970 to 1973 when he was discharged as a First Lieutenant. He has since earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Technical Education Degree from The University of Akron. Chief Dirker has taught Criminal Justice courses at The University of Akron.

After retiring from the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department and prior to his assuming duties as the Chief of Police in the Stow Police Department, Dirker worked for the Cleveland Municipal School District from October 2001 until February 2003. He held the position of Deputy Director of Safety and Security with the school district.

Chief Dirker attended the 200th session of the FBI National Academy. Chief Dirker is a graduate of the Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) program. He attended Session XI of the Great Lakes Leadership seminar. He is an instructor at the Kent State University Police Academy.

Chief Dirker a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (Advisory Services) and is a member of FOP Lodge #82.

Chief Dirker and his wife Miriam have been married for over forty years and have six children. Two of his sons are Police Officers and one is an FBI Special Agent.

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