



**OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC.**

**Advisory Services**

**Chief (ret.) Stephen W. Thornton**  
**Assessor**

Chief Stephen W. Thornton served with the Wooster Police Department for 34 years and held the position of Chief of Police from 1998 until his retirement in 2007. He held the rank of Sergeant from 1975 to 1992 and Lieutenant from 1992-1998. Prior to coming to Wooster, Stephen worked for the Rittman Police Department in 1972-1973. The Wooster Police Department has 38 sworn officers & 5 civilian and 5 auxiliary officers under his command.

Chief Thornton has an Associate degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Akron, a BS Technical Education Degree in Criminal Justice also from the University of Akron and is a graduate of the FBI Great Lakes Leadership Seminar. He is a November 1994 graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College and a Past President of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 94. Chief Thornton is a Member of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and a Police Management Consultant within the OACP Advisory Services Division. He has conducted assessments for Broadview Heights, Sandusky, Brunswick, Hebron, Mentor, Pataskala, Tipp City, Whitehall, Stow, Avon Lake, Delaware, Bexley, Monroe, Grove City, Girard, Solon, Kent, and Westlake.

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