

Canton Police Chief Bruce Lawver



Bruce Lawver was appointed Canton City Police Chief by Mayor William J. Healy, II in January of 2012. Lawver, a 19-year veteran of the Canton City Police Department rose through the ranks of the department having worked in patrol, community policing, the detective bureau and as a SWAT team commander. A graduate of Kent State University with a bachelor's in criminal justice, Lawver has received numerous commendations throughout his career in law enforcement. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2009.

Through intelligence-led policing, Chief Lawver is always looking for new and innovative approaches to improve the technology of the department in order to better serve the residents of Canton. He considers community partnerships with Canton residents, organizations and businesses to be vital in maintaining open channels of dialogue. This strategy has led to an increase in arrests and more efficient use of police resources. Under the direction of Lawver, the Citizens Police Academy is introducing Canton residents to the efforts and daily inner-functioning of the police department. Involving the community, businesses, neighborhood groups and organizations are crucial to the Canton City Police Department's strategic approach to fighting crime.