

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY OF CHIEF ROBERT A. KISH

The Vermilion Police Department is headed by Chief Robert A. Kish, who has been with the department since December, 1977. Chief Kish is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He had previous work experience with the Lorain County MEG unit and with Cuyahoga County Jails as a corrections officer. He obtained an Associates' Degree in Applied Science from LCCC in 1981. In 1984, he received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Akron. He received his Law Degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1989. Chief Kish has worn many hats for this department. He began his career as a patrolman and proceeded through the ranks smoothly. While attending Law School, he was able to test for and achieve the rank of Sergeant. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1989. He was assigned to the Detective Bureau prior to becoming the Chief of Police in March of 1997. Chief Kish is a certified watercraft officer, a certified O.P.O.T.A. instructor, and a certified Intoxilyzer 5000 senior operator. He is an accomplished bagpiper who plays at weddings, funerals and at the annual Festival of the Fish lighted boat parade. He is a member of the Cleveland Pipes and Drums. Chief Kish is married and has 2 daughters. His hobbies include fishing, judo and biking. Many mornings, he can be seen around town jogging with his companion "Sparky - the wonder dog".