

Lieutenant Anne Ward

Operations Commander



1. How long have you been with us?

I started with the Greenhills Police Department in 1994 as a part-time officer, and then I was promoted to a full-time officer. In 2008 I was promoted to Sergeant, then in 2013 to Lieutenant.

2. What kind of other jobs have you had, and where were they?

Prior to working as a police officer, I worked mainly in the food industry. I worked most of the time for Bob Evans Restaurants. I worked in all functions in the restaurant but mainly was a cook. I also worked at AK Steel as a security officer.

3. What commendations have you had?

I received the Hamilton County Police Association Memorial Award for getting two people out of a house fire. I also received a Special Valor Award from the Greenhills Fire Department for the same incident. I received the Officer of the Year award in 1996 from the Hugh Watson Post 530. I have received letters of appreciation in dealings with sexual assault and child abuse cases that I have investigated. I have also received numerous letters of appreciation for assisting other agencies with different situations along with letters from residents.

4. What was the best case you ever worked on?

Since my most of my bigger cases deal with sexual assaults or child abuse I don't think of these as best cases. I do get satisfaction when I investigate these cases and get some type of closure for the victim. These are always hard cases to deal with because you are dealing with a very emotional time with the victims.

5. What things do you love or like about Greenhills?

When I started here in 1994, I had never heard of Greenhills before. I started working here and really liked how the community was so passionate about the village. I chose to stay here because I liked the way the community supported the police department. I like the fact that I can be driving through the village and people still wave at you as you go by. I like the fact that residents call us when they see something that they feel is not right in their neighborhood. I also enjoy the people that I work with.

6. What do you see as Greenhills' biggest issue and how do you feel it can be fixed?

Of course, every community is having issues with the heroin epidemic, including Greenhills. We are part of the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition and that is a start. I am not really sure how to fix that problem. One of our biggest problems is that we are a training ground for other departments. We lose some good officers to other departments because they pay more. We started looking at picking officers that we feel will stay with the department long term. The newest members of the department that we just hired we hope will love the community as much as we do, along with the work environment and want to stay with Greenhills their whole career.

7. And what do you want people to know about the Greenhills Police Department?

I guess what I would want people to know about the Greenhills Police Department would be that you have a lot of hard working officers. Because we are a small department, we do not have a dedicated detective unit as bigger departments do. Greenhills PD is unique because of this. Each officer has some specialized training or is interested in some aspect of the job that as a group we come together to make a top-notch department. We are only as good as our leader and fortunately the Village Council hired one of the best Chiefs that I have every worked for.