

Detective Robert Wright

Property Technician

Robert Wright was a street officer for 27 years, most as a detective with the Forest Park Police Department. He continues to serve as a civilian crime scene and property technician. He has studied crime scene reconstruction and is classified as a fingerprint expert. He is also board certified as a Crime Scene Analyst with the International Association of Identification. He is celebrating his 50th year in law enforcement!



1. How long have you been with the Greenhills Police Department?

I was hired as a Crime Scene Investigator in 2003, and continue to serve as the Property Room Manager.

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

I was a Funeral Director and embalmer in Newport News, Virginia, and I came to Cincinnati to attend the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science class of 1965-66. I returned to Virginia and worked until 1968 when I decided to follow my childhood dream to be a police officer. I was hired as a patrolman for the City of Mt. Healthy in 1968. I went to the City of Forest Park in 1972, and I am still there as a support technician.

3. What commendations have you had?

Cincinnati Police Association Officer of the Month for Forensics; Hamilton County Police Association Colonel Emil J. Otting Award for Service; Forest Park Chief's award for 45 years of service; letters of commendation for case work.

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

Many – they would be in the homicide cases and forensic work I and our teams did to speak for the victims and bring suspects to justice. I also enjoyed the fingerprint case work especially when suspects would say *"I was not there,"* but yet I developed their prints as evidence. Those prints only got there one way!

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

Greenhills is a great village, the kind of place it is a joy to work in. The people are great and you get to know anybody you want.

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

The drug problem has hit everywhere, and the Greenhills Police Department is working hard to keep this problem away from the village. We say this, *"If you are not part of the solution then you are part of the problem."* It is time for dealers to move on. If you do the crime, we will identify you and prosecute you, just like *"Tick, Tock."*

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

The Greenhills Police Department has its citizens' best interest at heart. Our main job is to protect you and give you a great place to live, work and enjoy life. The support of our citizens is greatly appreciated.

Added by Lieutenant Anne Ward: It should also be noted that Robert Wright is able to reconstruct crime scenes, is classified as a fingerprint expert, and is a board-certified crime scene analyst – he is the best! He has trained all of our officers in the details of crime scene and fingerprint collection, and also trained officers from many different agencies. He is well known the forensic community. The Greenhills Police Department is fortunate to have someone of his caliber working with us.