

Chief Richard R. Zitzke (Retired)  
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Retired Whitehall Police Chief Richard R. Zitzke was born and raised on the East Side of Columbus, Ohio, and attended Columbus Eastmoor High School. He began his police career as a volunteer auxiliary police officer with the Whitehall Division of Police. In 1980, Chief Zitzke was appointed as a full-time police officer and attended the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. In 1981, Zitzke was assigned by Chief Paul Jackson to an undercover position in the division's Detective Bureau where he ultimately remained until being promoted to sergeant in 1987. Chief Zitzke continued as the Detective Bureau sergeant for a number of years and then was assigned as patrol supervisor for a short time before being assigned as the supervisor in charge of community policing development. In 1991, Chief Zitzke attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. In 1999, Chief Zitzke was appointed to lieutenant and served in the capacities of patrol commander and Administrative Bureau commander. In 2006, Chief Zitzke was appointed as the divisions eighth chief of police after serving a short term as interim chief. Chief Zitzke holds a certificate of law enforcement education from the University of Virginia; an associate's degree, *summa cum laude* in law enforcement technology from Columbus State Community College; and a bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude* in public safety management from Franklin University. In 2016, Chief Zitzke retired after more than 35 years of service to the community.