

Police Chief Edward P. “Ace” Ammann (1941-2018)

Edward (Ace) was born June 21, 1941 to Richard P. and Icy L. (Patton) Ammann. He attended Elder High School, graduating in 1959. During high school, he worked at the Glenway Tire Shop. After high school, he worked as a welder and stock boy at Nutone, Inc.

Ace joined the Cincinnati Police Division on February 6, 1961 as a Police Cadet – Chief Stanley Schrotel’s program to bring teens into law enforcement straight out of high school. Later, Ace would be one of five ex-Cadets to serve simultaneously as Assistant Chief. Cadet Ammann served in Station X (1430 Martin Drive) and entered Recruit School (314 Broadway) on January 14, 1963.

He was promoted to Patrolman on April 22, 1963, issued Badge Number 80, and assigned to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive). A year later he was rotated to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). By February 12, 1966 he was named “Policeman of the Week”, had his first Chief’s Commendation, and was being recognized for having a fantastic mind for police work. On April 14, 1968, he was promoted to Sergeant, issued Badge S-61, and transferred to District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue). Sergeant Ammann also served in District 3 and the Internal Investigation Section. He was an active supervisor and during 1969 received a rare Safety Director’s Commendation and commendations from the Police Chief, an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and a citizen – all for robbery cases.

On July 4, 1971, he was promoted to Lieutenant, issued Badge L-16, and transferred to Training Section. Lieutenant Ammann also served in the Tactical Patrol Section, Internal Investigation Section, and District 1, Sector 6 (Downtown Business District). On May 18, 1975 he was promoted to Captain and commanded Inspections Section, Operations Bureau Support Section, Districts 7 (813 Beecher Street), 3, and 4 (4150 Reading Road), and Planning, Research, and Development Section; and concurrently the SWAT Team.



On June 30, 1985, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (Assistant Chief) and for six years commanded the Patrol Bureau. He conceived of, planned, and implemented a patrol deployment plan based on relational data, nicknamed “Oz”, that was so advanced it was written up in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. Under his overall command, the City survived many huge events and VIP visits during 1988, its bicentennial. Police Chief Lawrence E. Whalen considered him “the finest and most brilliant administrator that this division has ever known.” Colonel Ammann also commanded the Investigations Bureau for a couple of years and created the very successful street drug investigation task force, Operation Street Corner. He retired July 16, 1993 with 10 full pages of letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Nine days later he was appointed Police Chief of Boone County Police Department. His main competition for the position, on year later, uttered to a newspaper reporter, “I certainly understand why they wanted him over me. What he’s done here is fantastic.” What he did was bring modern policing to Boone County including in-service training, federal grants, and tied it into RCIC, the great law enforcement database across the river. He retired from there in 1998 with 37 years of service to dozens of communities in two states.

During July 1998, Chief Ammann was appointed Vice President of the Greater Cincinnati Automobile Dealers Association. Six months later was appointed Executive Vice President and served as such until at least 2012.

Chief Ammann, while in Florida during February 2018, developed some serious issues with his heart. In need of immediate surgery, his doctors modified his daily medicine. Within days, he suffered a stroke from which he did not recover. He died peacefully, surrounded by friends and family, about 8:30 p.m. on February 27, 2018. He was 76.

He was predeceased by his parents; a grandson, Trevor Bernard; and a brother, Cincinnati Fire Lieutenant Don R. Ammann. Colonel Ammann is survived by his wife, Constance A. (Luken) Ammann; children, Kim (Mike) Kehling, Karen (David) Bernard, and Cincinnati Police Officer Michael (Amy Overman) Ammann; grandchildren, Alison, Matthew (Andrea), and Emily Kehling, Andrew and Alex “Jake” Ammann, and Olivia and Spencer Bernard; brother, retired Cincinnati Assistant Chief Thomas R. (Sandra) Ammann; and sister-in-law Ann Ammann.

Visitation will be held 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018 at [Radel Funeral Home](#) at 650 Neeb Road. An FOP service will be held at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at [Our Lady of Victory](#) at 810 Neeb Road. Burial will follow at [St. Joseph New Cemetery](#).

Memorials may be made to the Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society, 308 Reading Road, Suite 201, Cincinnati, OH 45202.