



Dan Brennan, Chief of Police

Dan Brennan has served the Wheat Ridge Police Department as Chief of Police since January 3, 2005. He began his law enforcement career in 1977 as a police agent with the Lakewood (CO) Police Department and served in numerous operational, tactical and administrative positions rising to the rank of Commander. He served as the Director of the Colorado Regional Community Policing Institute and Colorado Police Corps prior to his appointment as Chief of Police in Wheat Ridge.

Chief Brennan received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Metropolitan State College (1976) and a master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Colorado – Denver (1997). He is a graduate of the 208th Session of the FBI National Academy, the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) Senior Management Institute for Police, the University of Denver Public Safety Leadership Institute, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leading Police Organizations program.

Chief Brennan serves as a board member for the State Crime Victim's Advisory Board, the Colorado Regional Community Policing Institute, and the Colorado Cold Case Task Force. He is a past President of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP).

Chief Brennan has received numerous awards in his law enforcement career including the Medal for Meritorious Service, Medal for Distinguished Service, the Police Service Award, Police Officer of the Year and the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police Ralph Smith Professional Innovation Award.

Chief Brennan is a member of the Wheat Ridge Rotary Club and has participated in several charitable causes benefiting the community. In 2008 and 2009, he was selected as Count for the annual Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival. In 2010, he was recognized by Enterprise Wheat Ridge and the Arvada Community Food Bank for his work in developing a food program, Feeding the Future Backpack Program, for needy elementary school students in Wheat Ridge. He regularly supports Colorado Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD); Family Tree, Inc., an organization focused on helping people overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness; the Jeffco Action Center; St. Baldrick's Day to conquer childhood cancers; Victim Outreach Information; and Colorado Alzheimer's Association. And, he is also a soft touch for all the cops' kids that are selling cookies and candy for charitable fund raising!