

Department of Police



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Lt. Col. Mark Heffernan is a lifelong resident of Belleville. Lt. Col. Heffernan was hired as a probationary police officer with the City of Belleville on May 20, 2004 and graduated from the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy in August 2004 earning the Southwestern Illinois Police Chief's Association "Top Cadet" award.

Lt. Col. Heffernan was assigned to the patrol division working a midnight shift until September 2007. He was reassigned to the Detective Division as a general assignment investigator where he worked cases ranging from property crimes to homicide. Lt. Col. Heffernan was appointed as an investigator with the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis in 2010. In January 2011, Lt. Col. Heffernan, in addition to his investigative duties, assumed the duties of Public Information Officer for the Belleville Police Department. Lt. Col. Heffernan maintained relationships with and provided information to local media outlets in this role. Lt. Col. Heffernan was promoted to Sergeant in January of 2013 and was assigned to the Detective Division. Lt. Col. Heffernan supervised eight general assignment detectives, two juvenile officers, and three crime scene investigators. Lt. Col. Heffernan was selected as the 2013 Westside Optimist Club "Officer of the Year". In March 2015, Lt. Col. Heffernan was appointed Deputy Commander within the Major Case Squad. Lt. Col. Heffernan was appointed to Master Sergeant in July 2016 and remained a supervisor in the Detective Division. Lt. Col. Heffernan was promoted to Lieutenant in September 2016 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Lt. Col. Heffernan had command of a day shift consisting of two sergeants and nine patrol officers. Lt. Col. Heffernan was promoted to Captain in August 2018 and assigned as the Patrol Division Commander. Lt. Col. Heffernan had four lieutenants, eight sergeants, and thirty patrol officers assigned to his command. Lt. Col. Heffernan was assigned as the Investigation Division Commander in November 2020. Lt. Col. Heffernan was responsible for operations of officers in general investigations, code enforcement, traffic division, crime scene unit, school resource officers, DEA task force, and Drug Tactical Unit. On June 21, 2022, Lt. Col. Heffernan was appointed as Assistant Chief of Police.

Lt. Col. Heffernan is a graduate of the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigator Academy, Illinois Training and Standards Board Police Executive Role in the 21st Century course, and Leadership Belleville. Lt. Col. Heffernan is a current member of the Southern Illinois Police Chief's Association and remains an active member of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis. Lt. Col. Heffernan holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Lindenwood University.

Lt. Col. Heffernan considers it an honor to serve in the role of Assistant Chief of Police in his hometown. Lt. Col. Heffernan looks forward to creating and sustaining partnerships in the community to promote a positive relationship between officers of the Belleville Police Department and members of our community.