

Wendell Mitchell Biography

Assistant Chief Wendell Mitchell currently serves the Town of Flower Mound, the third-largest department in Denton County. The Flower Mound Police Department has 111 sworn officers, 51 full-time professional staff, and 67 part-time and seasonal staff. With 30 years of law enforcement experience, he has served as the Assistant Police Chief in Flower Mound since 2011. He has led all aspects of the Flower Mound Police Department and served in various functions, including criminal investigations, patrol, professional standards, SWAT, crime prevention, and community services. In Professional Standards, he developed the department's public information officer policy and practices. While leading the Criminal Investigations division, he established the department's Priority Response Unit, which focused primarily on narcotics cases, particularly cases involving overdose victims. He has also coordinated and commanded several large-scale community events, including the Town's Christmas parade and Independence Day Celebrations.

Assistant Chief Mitchell has a comprehensive understanding of municipal finance. He coordinates the Flower Mound Police Department's \$20,000,000 budget with the Town Manager and CFO, addressing fiscal impacts on service delivery to create value regarding the best use of revenue sources, including general funds, capital funds, seizure funds, crime tax, and shared service revenue to develop a police department budget that aligned with Town organizational goals and objectives.

Assistant Chief Mitchell initiated and implemented several policies, procedures, and initiatives during his tenure aimed at reducing crime, building community trust and relationships, fostering police legitimacy and transparency, and promoting constitutional proactive policing. These efforts include initiating naloxone training to assist with overdose calls and implementing body-worn cameras. He has also implemented strategies to enhance police recruitment and retention and develop police education and training. Additionally, Assistant Chief Mitchell researched and initiated a medical and psychological healthcare program for police first responders.

Assistant Chief Mitchell has a master's degree in Law Enforcement Leadership and Administration from Sam Houston State University and a bachelor's degree in Applied Arts and Science from Midwestern State University. He holds a Master Peace Officer Proficiency Certification issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and a police instructor certification. Assistant Chief Mitchell is an active member of the Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA), North Texas Police Chiefs Association (NTPCA), and International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).