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BIOGRAPHY OF COMMANDER PAUL BAUER



Commander Paul R. Bauer faithfully served the Chicago Police Department for more than 31 years until his tragic on-duty death on February 13, 2018. His most recent assignment was Commander of the 18th (Near North) District which covers a large portion of downtown Chicago in the Near North neighborhood as well as portions of Lincoln Park. Commander Bauer joined CPD in July 1986, and through 1994, served in the 3rd (Grand Crossing) and 1st (Central) Districts as well as the Department's elite Mounted Unit. In 1994 he was promoted to Sergeant where he was assigned to the 22nd (Morgan Park) until 1998. From 1998 through 2005 he served on specialized enforcement teams and ultimately returned to the Mounted Unit. In 2005, he was promoted to Lieutenant where he served in the 12th (Near West) District until 2008 when he once again returned to the Mounted Unit as its Commanding Officer. In 2015, he was promoted to Captain, where he served as Executive Officer of the 18th District. He was ultimately promoted to Commander of the 18th District in July 2016.

Throughout his various assignments he professionally oversaw public safety plans at large scale events and for dignitary protection. Commander Bauer also made community outreach a priority, attending countless public meetings and hosting a monthly Coffee with the Commander meeting in his district. He earned 67 various awards and honorable mentions, including two for crime reduction, throughout his career as a testament to his dedicated service. He graduated from Saint Ignatius College Preparatory, then earned a Bachelor of Science from Northern Illinois University and also earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Commander Bauer leaves behind his wife, Erin, and his 13 year old daughter, Grace.

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