



Chief Stelter began his law enforcement career in 1976 in the United States Army as a Military Policeman, where he proudly served with the 77th Military Police Detachment in Mannheim, Germany. Upon being Honorably Discharged in June 1979, Chief Stelter was hired by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office in October 1979, where he spent the next twenty-eight years and retired in November 2007. While at the Sheriff's Office, Chief Stelter's duties included; patrol officer, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, community-policing supervisor, patrol watch commander (Lieutenant), gang unit supervisor, and Deputy Director of the DuPage County Auto Theft Task Force. Chief Stelter then went on to become the Police Chief for the Village of Brookfield for eight years, and then moved to the Village of Westchester, where he was the Chief of Police for four years, before finally landing in Indian Head Park in March of 2020.

Chief Stelter has been a law enforcement trainer for fifteen years and spent thirteen years on the DuPage County Sheriff Special Operations Unit (SWAT), where he was a team leader and a certified instructor in less-lethal force, self-defense and arrest tactics. Chief

Stelter has also worked as an instructor for the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn for eight of those years.

Chief is the past president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs and is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and serves there as the Illinois representative with the State Association of Chiefs of Police (SACOP). Currently, he is a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Pre-Trial Practices and serves on the Arrest Decision/Pre-Arrestment Subcommittee. Chief Stelter belongs to the West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association, where he served as the President from 2012-2014 and is currently the association's Parliamentarian. He also served on the Training Curriculum Committee with North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT).

Chief Stelter is a 2000 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (Class 144) and graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2010 (Session 241). He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University and a Master's Degree in Public Safety Administration from Lewis University. Currently Chief Stelter is an adjunct professor with Elmhurst College and is the State Director for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run with Special Olympics Illinois. Steve and his wife, Laura, of 31 years reside in Lombard and have two children and one grandchild.

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