Retiring Investigator Honored

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Family, friends, co-workers, and colleagues gathered in the Warren County Administration Building in Lebanon on Thursday, February 20, 2014 to recognize Warren County Prosecutor's Office Investigator Mark Duvelius, who is retiring at the end of this month.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell presented Duvelius with a plaque in recognition of Duvelius' over 34 year career in law enforcement, and Warren County Commissioner Tom Ariss read a proclamation from the Board of Commissioners declaring February 20, 2014 "Mark Duvelius Day" in Warren County.

Duvelius has dedicated his life and his career to public service. Before he was 18, he joined the Maineville Community Volunteer Fire Department as a cadet firefighter. In the 15 years with Maineville, he served as a firefighter/EMT and as Assistant Emergency Medical Services Chief.

In the spring of 1976, Duvelius joined the Warren County Emergency Police sponsored by the Warren County Sheriff's Office. In August of 1977, Duvelius entered the Lebanon Police Academy and graduated the following February. He was hired by the Warren County Sheriff and Deerfield Township Trustees as a full-time deputy for Deerfield Township. For a brief period of time, Duvelius left the Sheriff's Office to be a full-time firefighter/EMT for the Evendale Fire Department. Realizing his true calling was in law enforcement, Duvelius soon returned to the Sheriff's Office in May of 1986. During Duvelius' career with the Warren County Sheriff's Office, he served four sheriffs as a deputy, detective, patrol sergeant, and administrative sergeant. He was a coroner's investigator for three coroners, part of the original Warren County Drug Task Force, and served on the Warren County Arson Task Force, SWAT team, and Underwater Recovery team. He was liaison for MAGLOCLEN and served on the Interstate Homicide Task Force. Duvelius often served as a guest lecturer and received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career.

For several years, Duvelius was lieutenant for the Clearcreek Township Police Department. During that time, he received his Master's in Public Administration from the University of Dayton in 2002. He also holds a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati.

In 2003, Duvelius joined the Warren County Prosecutor's Office as an investigator. During that time, he was also assigned to the U.S. Marshal Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team out of Cincinnati.

"Mark Duvelius developed a reputation in the Warren County law enforcement community for being a conscientious, thorough criminal investigator. Mark treated every case with the same level of detail, with the goal of providing the prosecutor with the best evidence possible to obtain a conviction. Over his 34 year career in law enforcement, Warren County citizens were safer because of Mark Duvelius," Fornshell said.



(Left to Right) Commissioner Pat South, Commissioner Tom Ariss, Carolyn Duvelius, Mark Duvelius, and Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell



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