

Biography

Peter Wingert, Chief of Police

Town of Paradise Valley

Peter Wingert was named Chief of the Town of Paradise Valley Police Department in June 2015, after serving in the same role for the Town of Wickenburg, AZ for four years. The appointment of Chief Wingert in Wickenburg followed 20 years of service with the Flathead County Sheriff's Office in Kalispell, Montana. He began his law enforcement career with the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office in Wyoming as a Detention Officer in 1991.

In Paradise Valley, Chief Wingert has focused on community outreach, customer service, and officer training. The department focuses on community outreach, participating regularly in Coffee with a Cop events, lunch with school children, attendance at Home Owner Association meetings, and engaging the residents an opportunity to interact with officers outside of enforcement activity.

Chief Wingert is active in Arizona Law Enforcement, having been previously appointed by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey to the Sexual Assault Kit Task Force in 2016. This committee was tasked with creating best practices to reduce the number of untested sexual assault kits in Arizona. Chief Wingert is a Commission member for the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP), which created the standards for law enforcement agencies to achieve to attain accreditation. Chief Wingert is a current member of the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP) Training Committee, which created training standards and opportunities for Command Level Law Enforcement personnel in Arizona. Wingert is also a member of the AACOP Legislative Committee, which reviews and provides input on proposed legislation.

Chief Wingert holds a Master's Degree in Leadership and Executive Fire Science from Grand Canyon University. He is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and the FBI National Academy Session #241 in Quantico, Virginia. He is a longtime member of Lions International, including service as a past president of the Evergreen club in Montana. In 2011, he was awarded as a Melvin Jones Fellow for his service to the Lions Club.