



NICK BREUL

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REPRESENTING THE DC CHAPTER OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP)

Nick was born in 1962 in Topeka, Kansas. After graduating from Hobart College in Geneva, NY, obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in History, he joined the Metropolitan Police Department in October, 1987. Following graduation from the Training Academy he was assigned to the Second District walking a beat. He quickly moved into other areas of police work serving as a scooter officer, vice investigator and then became a Detective. After his promotion to Sergeant he remained assigned to the Second District, supervising a Patrol Service Area. He was reassigned to the Internal Affairs Division and then to the Homicide Squad.

In 2008 he was assigned to the Executive Office of the Chief of Police and designated as the Official Departmental Historian. He renewed the efforts to collect and preserve hundreds of documents, artifacts and photographs that tell the rich history of the Metropolitan Police Department. During this same period he facilitated the coordination of inter-agency communications and radio interoperability for the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, coordinating these efforts with over 100 outside law enforcement agencies. Following his promotion to Lieutenant, he was assigned as the Department's Public Information Officer and was assigned to research, write and design the Metropolitan Police Department's 150th Anniversary History Book. He spent hundreds of hours researching and verifying materials and stories of the past. The history book was published in 2010 and he received a special award from the Chief of Police for his efforts. He was then selected by the Chief of Police to head up the Tactical Information Division, Homeland Security Bureau to manage Traffic Safety and Specialized Enforcement. While assigned he designed and developed training modules and materials for police officers to better enforce traffic laws and investigate traffic accidents with an outlook of improving overall traffic safety. During many of his assignments, Nick served on multiple Boards representing the Chief of Police.

During this time, Nick continued to pursue his passion for developing a police museum to ensure the department's history was preserved and used to better educate and inform the public about the great work and many sacrifices by the members of the Metropolitan Police Department.

Nick retired from the Metropolitan Police Department in 2013 and became the Director of Security at the Washington National Cathedral, overseeing security and protection for all of the independent but affiliated organizations of the Cathedral.

Not wanting to lose this valuable asset, Nick was sought out by the Board of Directors and requested to remain affiliated with the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Memorial Project which includes building and maintaining a new police museum. Nick's knowledge and college training in history, as well as his multiple historic projects while a member of the department, had earned him the undisputed title as the department's Historian. The Board was honored that Nick accepted its offer and he now serves as a Board member representing the members of the D.C. Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police.