Anthony D. Holt BIO



Anthony D. Holt, a Detroit resident, was promoted to Associate Vice President and Chief of Police at Wayne State University on August 1, 2008. Since joining the force as a police officer in 1977, Holt has held multiple positions within the university police department. He rose through the ranks to sergeant, lieutenant, captain and now chief during a career spanning more than 40 years.

Chief Holt serves as the University's Chief Law Enforcement Officer with responsibility to plan, direct and oversee the strategic development and implementation of all aspect of campus and community security including Emergency Preparedness.

Chief Holt is a graduate of Wayne State University and has planned and participated in numerous advanced training sessions including more than 4,500 hours of advance and specialized training in case investigations, incident command training, managing high risk situations and homeland security. He is also the Co-Founder of the Public Safety and Youth Forum and is a frequent contributor to the Michigan Gang Research Project. Chief Holt directs the University Crisis Team and is the liaison between the University, Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies. Chief Holt serves on the Wayne County Community College Police Advisory Board, The Detroit Rescue Mission Advisory Board, Board of Directors of the Southeastern Michigan Association Chiefs of Police and the Detroit Crime Commission Advisory Board. Chief Holt is the past President of the Metro Detroit Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and serves on the executive board.

Chief Holt is the director of Wayne State University Police Department National De-scalation Center. Chief Holt currently serves at the special advisor to the National President of NOBLE.

Additionally, he served as the Security Director of the Forum of Contemporary Issues in Society (FOCIS) and Citizen Detroit. FOCIS is a Detroit Think Tank directed by Wayne state President Emeritus, Irvin Reid. He organized all security aspects of listed events and dignitaries attending the event as well as international travel.