

William Balling

Chief William P. Balling has served as the Chief of Police for the Sidney Ohio Police Department since 2013. Prior to his current role, Chief Balling served his community since 1994. He has served in all aspects of the department. He helped obtain and administer grants, special projects and developed the department's policy and procedures. His department is certified through the State of Ohio. In 2018 the department won the Destination Zero Award for overall Comprehensive Safety for their officers.

Chief Balling has instructed at all levels of law enforcement. He has taught at basic police academies, for in-house training and for other departments. He has worked with the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission on their course development and curricula. He has also provided subject matter expertise and developmental input to a series of courses provided by Valor for their Officer Safety and Wellness courses. His current area of passion and expertise is in the area of officer health and wellness and leadership.

Chief Balling graduated from Wright State University with a bachelor's degree in Urban Administration and from Tiffin University with a master's degree in Justice Administration. He is also a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, the Police Executive Leadership College, and the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Course. Chief Balling is a member of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Balling is a past president of the OACP and sits on the OACP's Advisory Services Policy Committee and Health and Wellness Committee. He also serves on the Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment Advisory Board. Chief Balling is an assessor for the Ohio Collaborative and grant reviewer for the Office of Criminal Justice Services and BJA. He is an instructor for the Bureau of Justice Assistance's VALOR program and has presented in several states, and has also presented at the Ohio Attorney's General Conference, Ohio New Chiefs training, for OACP, and the National Law Enforcement Memorial.