



OREGON ASSOCIATION CHIEFS *of* POLICE

Chief Janie Schutz

Janie Schutz is a 29-year veteran police officer presently serving as Chief of Police in Forest Grove, Oregon. Her former position was that of Chief of Police in Wadesboro, NC. Prior to that, Chief Schutz served as an Instructor/Coordinator for the North Carolina Department of Justice/North Carolina Justice Academy in the Criminal Investigations Division, and was with both the Marion Police Department and the Lake Lure Police Department, all located in North Carolina.

Ms. Schutz is a graduate of Michigan State University with dual degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science. She went on to complete one year of law school attending the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan. She is working on her Master's Degree in Education. Schutz has attended national and statewide conferences in the area of criminal investigation, with specializations in domestic violence and sexual assault investigation. She is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class #248.

Chief Schutz moved to Oregon in October 2012, taking over as police chief of the Forest Grove Police Department and has stayed busy with the following:

- 1) Past Chair of the Washington County Law Enforcement Executives' Committee
- 2) District 2 State Representative for OACP
- 3) Member of the Legislative, Labor, and Training Committees for OACP
- 4) Governor's appointment as OACP's representative to the State CJIS committee
- 5) Member of the Public Safety Chaplaincy Board
- 6) Member of the Board for the proposed Family Justice Center for Washington County
- 7) Presenter at the 2014 State CJIS conference
- 8) Presenter at the Northwest Leadership Conference 2017
- 9) Graduate of Oregon Executive Development Institute

Schutz is married to her high school sweetheart, a veterinarian who specializes in a small animal practice. Chief Schutz and her husband have been married for 38 years and they are the proud parents of six children.

Leading a Life Uncommon: Becoming a Conscious Leader

LIFE UNCOMMON: IT TAKES COURAGE TO GROW AND BECOME WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Leading a Life Uncommon in the law enforcement profession is a way of melding together who we were meant to be as individuals with the reason we chose the profession in the first place. Chief Janie Schutz will share with us her reason for becoming a cop. She will share her passion and drive to help others, to safeguard citizens, and to protect the people who need it the most. She will then share what almost broke her, what almost caused her to walk away from a profession that she still loved, but no longer understood. Listen to the Chief as she speaks of lessons learned on what it means to be a leader and how true leadership requires an uncommon life. Leadership is not simply common sense based on unconscious actions; it is more of an uncommon sense that forces us to make conscious decisions. Leadership is being committed to the deepest part of our being and has everything to do with character, courage, and conviction.

Chief Schutz has met with nearly insurmountable struggles in the ethical and moral arenas of life while facing some of the greatest challenges of our time in the law enforcement profession. From her time as a young female cop in a male-dominated department, to her climb to Chief of Police of a small town filled with racial tensions in North Carolina, and finally to challenges as an Oregon Chief where she has met with struggles of historical proportions, Chief Schutz candidly shares her story of personal and professional pride but also personal and professional pain.

Join the Chief as she shares her path of passion, forgiveness, and lessons learned all while loving and living the badge. *Flecti Non Frangi. Bent but never broken.*