

Joseph Mitchell

Joseph Mitchell retired from the Orland Park Police Department, a medium size department of 121 sworn officers in the south suburbs of Chicago, as Chief of Police after 27 years of service. He has worked as a Drug and Gang Investigator, Patrol Sergeant, Watch Commander, Detective Lieutenant, Patrol Division Commander, and Deputy Chief. Joe was selected as an Executive Board Member of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.

Joe was assigned to Internal Affairs for seven years, beginning in 2010. He supervised the unit for five years and has conducted, consulted on, and supervised over a thousand internal investigations ranging from policy violations, Use of Force reviews including officer involved shootings, criminal allegations, and subsequent prosecutorial referrals. Joe's experience includes conducting internal investigations for a homicide task force. Joe has taught the Internal Affairs Investigatory process to over 600 police officers as an Illinois state certified instructor since 2012. Joe developed the organization's Internal Review process, disciplinary procedure, and updated all relevant policies to include an Officer Involved Shooting policy to reflect best practices and scientific findings.

Joe has a master's degree in public service with distinction from DePaul University and a Bachelor of Science from Lewis University, IL. Joe is a graduate of the FBI National Academy (Session #274) and the Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command (Session #221).