

CITY OF MEADOW VALE

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Greetings! My name is Ray Spann and I am your new Chief of Police. I was born in Louisville, grew up in the south end (near Churchill Downs) and graduated from duPont Manual High School. After high school, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving a 4-year hitch as an Electronics Technician Petty Officer. After two ships, two cruises, and an overseas assignment to the Panama Canal Zone, I was honorably discharged. I then began my career as a law enforcement officer at the University of Louisville's Department of Public Safety. I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Police Administration as well as a Master's Degree in Community Development.

In 1974, I joined the Jefferson County Police Department (JCPD) working as a beat officer in Baker District. Subsequent criminal investigation assignments involved Homicide/Robbery, Persistent Felony Offender and Storehouse Burglary followed by posts to

Professional Standards/Internal Affairs and the Training Unit. I retired from JCPD after 21 years as a Lieutenant in charge of the Traffic Unit, which also included the river patrol, K-9 group, and school crossing guards. After retirement, I pursued the private sector as a Lead Fraud Investigator/Investigations Supervisor for American International Group (AIG).

Concurrent with those careers, I served in the United States Coast Guard Reserve (USCGR). My USCGR career included active-duty deployment in connection with waterside security operations in Corpus Christi, Texas (Operation Liberty Shield) in 2003, active-duty orders to Kuwait (Operation Iraqi Freedom) in 2004, and to a variety of flood relief efforts including Hurricane Katrina (x3) in 2005. I retired from the USCGR as a Chief Warrant Officer.

After returning home and retiring from AIG, I became a substitute school teacher for Jefferson County Public Schools. However, my love of law enforcement never diminished. This led me to join the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in 2018 and an assignment to the Hall of Justice. My wife Mary Margret and I have been married for 42 years. We have three daughters and two grandchildren. I am thrilled to have found this new opportunity with Meadow Vale and look forward to meeting everyone as we work together to keep our community safe.

