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Meet Police Chief Robert Frazier

The smile on the face of Katy Police Chief Robert (Buddy) Frazier disappears and is replaced with a determined look when he talks about the job of overseeing the Katy Police Department. The veteran of almost a half-century of law enforcement is serious about his work as both a law enforcement officer and as head of the City of Katy's 60-person police department. "Police work is all I have ever known," said Frazier.

Family Devotion

Both his father and grandfather were officers and police work was what he wanted to do since childhood. His father, Loyd D. Frazier, was Chief Deputy Sheriff to long-time Harris County Sheriff C.V. "Buster" Kern. The profession



Chief Frazier has spent nearly half a century in law enforcement

continues into another generation as one of his two sons, John, has been a Harris County Deputy Sheriff for eighteen years. The chief's other son, Loyd, is a computer engineer in Manchester, New Hampshire. "I'm proud of my family," Frazier said. "To this day, my sons are the best of friends and we did not experience any of that terrible teens stuff during their growing-up years."

Chief Frazier is quick to give credit to his wife of 46 years, Roberta (Robbie). "She has spent a marriage with a husband with no regular hours; one that could very well have to get up and run to an emergency call in the middle of the most important functions. And lucky for me, she has stayed married to me," he said. "She was a great mother and is a wonderful wife and companion."


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A Lifetime of Protecting Others

Prior to joining the Katy Police Department, Chief Frazier served on the Memorial Village Police Department from 1963 to 1983. He was promoted through the ranks. The day after his retirement, he started with the Katy Police Department as a patrolman.

The chief was a member of the first graduating class of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. The class consisted of 660 hours of train-

ing in a wide area of police work. "I was already a Lieutenant when I started the class," Frazier said. Since then, the chief has received 2,342 additional hours of training. In addition, the chief completed training at the FBI National Academy in 1979. Operating out of the police headquarters, located at 5456 Franz Road in Katy, the chief has won accolades from fellow law enforcement officials from throughout the state.

Most Memorable Case

Frazier recalls the Rumsey murder/suicide in 2001 as his most memorable Katy police case. Rumsey, a 42 year old Michigan man had recently moved to Katy with his family. After a fight with his wife, Rumsey shot his four children ages 2-11 then turned the gun on himself. Only the two-year-old survived. "The killing of innocent children is so reprehensible and unnecessary," Frazier said.


Ongoing Training

When asked about the training received by his Katy officers, the chief was firm in stating his belief in the importance of continuous training for his officers. They are required to have a minimum of 40 hours training per year, with additional hours required for those in specialized areas, such as homicide, K-9, criminal investigation and others. "Training and strict discipline is the norm on our force. They go hand-in-hand," said the chief.

Future Plans

The chief sees the day not too far in the future when he will draw the curtain on his many years of serving the public in law enforcement. "Before too many months pass, I'll be 67 years old," he said. It's probably getting close to the time to retire again, but I have no date in mind." Until then, Katyites can rest assured the Chief, along with his police officers, are doing what they do best – uphold the law and protect our community. **KM**

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