

# Chief Richard D. Wiles



Chief Richard D. Wiles was raised and educated in El Paso and graduated from Andress High School in 1979. Chief Wiles was born to a family dedicated to public service. His father retired from the U.S. Army after 21 years of service. Chief Wiles' mother served the community working for the Visiting Nurse Association for years and his brother Robert Wiles retired from the El Paso Police Department in 2005 as a Commander after nearly thirty years of exemplary service. Chief Wiles is extremely proud of his daughter Amanda and son Eric.

Chief Wiles followed these strong examples of selflessness and entered public service as an El Paso Firefighter prior to entering police service on April 16, 1982. Chief Wiles rose naturally and quickly to leadership positions within the department and he served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Interim Chief of Police, and was appointed Chief of Police in 2004.

Similarly, Chief Wiles has excelled academically. He was named Andress High School's Outstanding-Ex in 2004 and he attended the University of Texas at El Paso where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 1995. Chief Wiles continued his pursuit of professionalism by attending and graduating from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy, the National Executive Institute, and the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. These high-level management-training programs are selective and rigorous and graduates are held in high esteem. Chief Wiles subsequently pursued and earned a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Sul Ross State University in 2001 where he was also named Outstanding Criminal Justice Graduate Student. Chief Wiles attained these educational and professional achievements while continuously employed in complex leadership positions within the El Paso Police Department.

Chief Wiles' lasting legacy is his steadfast commitment to the honesty and integrity of every officer that serves the community in the El Paso Police Department. Chief Wiles has implemented a firm organizational and cultural commitment towards these goals that is backed up by action. Chief Wiles has stated emphatically that, "Everything that police officers do is based on honesty and integrity. Those are the very foundations that police officers and the department are built upon."

Chief Wiles' sees a bright and rapidly expanding city in our future. His vision for El Paso and the Police Department is that the Department will keep pace with the rapid growth of the City and be able to provide community leadership and maintain or improve the City's status as the "Second Safest City" in the United States. Chief Wiles credits El Paso's active community and the dedicated efforts of excellent police employees for the City's continued success and safety.

