

Lieutenant Shirley Green

Shirley L. (Swan) Green was appointed to the department on July 12, 1976, retiring in February 2003 at the rank of lieutenant. She was gifted with a love of history from her father, Marshall O. Swan, who was also a Toledo Police officer, serving over 25 years with the force. It was Officer Ken Deck who helped Shirley develop a love for Toledo Police history. As a young sergeant assigned to the Planning and Research Section, she had the privilege of working with Officer Deck and others in creating the first Police Museum in 1987. After retiring from the Department, Shirley went on to obtain a PhD in history and served as Deputy Mayor and Safety Director under Mayor Michael Bell. Currently, she is putting her police experience and education to use as Director of the Toledo Police Museum, which she was also instrumental in reopening in 2011.

Shirley believes that understanding one's history is significant because it fosters pride. Her research on African American history within the Toledo Police Department is highlighted at the Toledo Police Museum in the "Black and Blue" story. Her humble spirit, however, excluded herself from her own research as the first African American woman to reach the rank of lieutenant on the Toledo Police Department.

**Career Information for
SHIRLEY L. GREEN**

EDUCATION

- PhD History, Bowling Green State University, May 2011
Dissertation: "The Ties That Bind and Set Loose:
The Francks, a Free Family of Color in Early America"
Dates attended: Fall 2006 to May 2011
- MA History, University of Toledo, May, 2005.
Thesis: "The Ties That Bind and Set Loose:
The Story of the Franck Brothers in the
Era of the American Revolution"
Dates attended: Fall 2003 to Spring 2006
- BA *magna cum laude*, History, University of Toledo, August, 2003
Dates attended: Fall 1980 to Spring 2003 (part-time student)
- H.S. Notre Dame Academy, September 1968 to June 1972

WORK EXPERIENCE

- July, 1976 – February, 2003 Toledo Police Department, Lieutenant, promoted
1989
Field Operations Division, 1996 – 2003
Community Services, 1995 – 1996
Juvenile Investigations, 1989 – 1995
- Fall 2007- Spring 2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant
Bowling Green State University
Courses: Early America to 1865
- Spring 2008 – present Adjunct Instructor
Bowling Green State University
University of Toledo
Courses: Early America, Modern America, African
American history and Criminal Justice
- January 2010 – January 2014 Safety Director, City of Toledo
Managed police and fire operations