

Michael D. Foltz

You may not have paid attention to the name tag on one of the most frequently working officers patrolling Hoover football games and helping to manage its traffic. If you had, you would have read the name Michael D. Foltz. For literally decades, North Canton has relied on Mike to serve and protect its citizens, and he has served admirably.

Mike was born in North Canton to William and Leanna Foltz. At the time his family lived on Pittsburg Rd. In 1964, the family moved to Schneider Street. He attended Clearmount Elementary from kindergarten through sixth grade except for fifth grade when Clearmount was experiencing construction and he attended Orchard Hill. He attended Portage School and the junior high before graduating from Hoover High School in 1978.

During high school, Mike began working at various jobs before finding work at Bill's Import Auto Sales. He stayed

there until he took a job at John Edwards Pontiac and later at Willis Motors in 1981. He attended the Canton Police Academy and graduated in 1982 with an Ohio Peace Officers Certificate. At that time he began working with the North Canton Police Auxiliary as an unpaid part-time officer. In 1986, Mike was hired as a Special Patrolman part-time. He continued at Willis and in those roles until 1992 when he was hired as a full-time officer with North Canton Police Department.

During his years in North Canton, Mike served in a variety of roles. He served multiple years as the department's DARE officer. He participated in the GREAT Summer camp with the Jackson Township Police to educate children about gang resistance before running North Canton's own GREAT Summer camp from 1999 to 2009. Mike received extra training in Radar, Crash investigation, Alcohol Detection and Prevention, and received Community Engagement Training. He was part of the Special Response

Team, served as a negotiator, and was a Field Training officer. Mike retired from the department on February 14, 2026 after over 40 years of service.

In addition to his police work, Mike has served the community in other capacities. He was a member of the North Canton Jaycees and served as Vice President and President for the organization. He chaired many of the Jaycees programs such as socials, Safety Town, and the craft show. He also ran the North Canton Police Department's Bicycle Rodeo.

Mike has been honored for his service. He received the Jaycee Brownfield Award in 1990 and the North Canton Jaycees Honorary Lifetime Member Award in 2013. He has been named Outstanding Officer of the Year by the North Canton Jaycees. He has been awarded the North Canton Knights of Columbus Blue Coat for Law Enforcement and the State of Ohio Elks Robert E. Powell Drug Prevention Officer of the Year Award. In 2025, he was honored for

bravery in an active shooter incident by the North Canton Police Medal of Valor, and, in 2026, he earned the Blue Line Unlimited Medal of Valor.

Mike and his wife, Lori, are members of Grace United Methodist Church. He has served as Youth Fellowship Leader there. His daughter, Stephanie, is married to Richie Garrott and has given Mike a granddaughter and grandson.

Mike has hobbies that don't involve serving North Canton. He golfs, spends time with his family, and works on his yard and his MG. He and Lori look forward to travelling now that he is retired.