

Benjamin Hunter

Director of Public Safety/ Chief of Police

Ben moved to Indianapolis in 1994 to attend IUPUI, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. He worked for the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) from 1998 to 2008, serving with the Indiana University Police Department prior to that. He currently is the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police for Butler University.

Ben attended IUPUI and worked with eleven other students to embrace community service by forming an organization called the Indiana Consortium for Volunteer Service. He later served as the co-chair to the Advisory Board of the Indiana Campus Compact (ICC) along with then current president Dick Wood of Earlham College. ICC is an organization dedicated to the movement of community service and volunteerism. Ben was also the recipient of the IUPUI "Spirit of Philanthropy" award 1997.

While working for the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) he was assigned to the area of Butler-Tarkington on the north side of Indianapolis. He quickly made a positive impact using community-policing techniques to solve many problems as a patrol officer. While serving as the IPD Community Liaison he assisted over twenty-seven neighborhoods with crime problems and other quality of life issues on a daily basis. He has received several department and community honors including the IPD Medal of Bravery. Ben was promoted to the rank of Sergeant for the Indianapolis Police Department in September 2005 and was tasked with overseeing incumbent training.

Ben was also elected to office in November 2007 and represents the eastside of Indianapolis on the Marion County/Indianapolis City County Council. His district runs from Historic Irvington to Cumberland, 10th Street to parts of Troy Avenue. The City/County Council is the chief legislative body for the City of Indianapolis.



Elizabeth, Keri, and Emily Hunter

In November 2008 he was given the opportunity to work for Butler University as their Public Safety Director. Ben oversees the University Police Department, Parking Services, Environmental Programs, and Emergency Preparedness for the University. He also participates in the risk management oversight committee for the University.

Ben served on the Board of Directors for the Peace Learning Center from 2004 to 2010, and was Chairman of the Board in 2006. PLC is a not-for-profit/non-political organization that teaches conflict resolution to IPS and Warren Township 4th and 5th graders. Past board service includes the Advisory Board to the Indiana Partnership to Prevent Violent Injury and Death and the Advisory Board to the Butler University Center on Citizenship and Community. In 2011 he was nominated and agreed to serve on the National Education Committee for the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA).

As a City-County Councilor he chairs the Public Safety Committee and serves on the Public Works Committee. As Chair of the Public Safety committee he oversees the largest budget in the city-county government of Indianapolis and works closely on public policy issues with other elected officials.

Ben and his wife Keri, a lifelong Warren Township resident, live in Grassy Creek on the far eastside with their two daughters Emily and Elizabeth. They attend East 91st Street Christian Church on the north side of Indianapolis.

