

John M. Bowman

Criminal Justice, 1998



John Bowman serves as a role model for today's HACC students. He gives back to his community daily in his work as chief of the East Lampeter Township Police Department in Lancaster County. He is an outstanding leader within his profession, a mentor and community servant.

Bowman has had a successful career in law enforcement, filled with such awards as Officer of the Year and the Police Commendation Award. After graduating from HACC's Police Academy in 1988, he worked as a patrol officer for the Lancaster Police Department. In June 1989, he joined the East Lampeter Township Police Department and worked his way up the ranks until he was named chief of police in January 2006. In 2011 and 2012, he was president of the Lancaster County Chiefs of Police Association and currently serves as co-chair of the Lancaster County Chiefs of Police Hiring Consortium and the Lancaster County Crisis Intervention Team steering committee. He continued his education at HACC, earning an associate degree in criminal justice, and also graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Bowman has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to providing a safer environment for our HACC campuses and those who visit. In 2012, he played a significant role in establishing annual active threat training exercises for the College's Department of Safety and Security. He enabled an East Lampeter Township Police Department detective, who specializes in retail security, to train HACC's bookstore staff collegewide. Each semester, Bowman has worked with a HACC criminal justice instructor to provide tours of the police station, and he willingly serves as a resource for our students.

In his spare time, Bowman has been a coach with the Conestoga Valley Youth Football program, served as a DARE officer who teaches drug and alcohol resistance to middle school students in the Conestoga Valley School District and is an associate member of the Bareville, Leola, Leacock Lions Club.

HACC Impact

"HACC prepared me for a memorable career in law enforcement. I was able to form a close bond with the faculty and students at the Lancaster Campus that continues today!"