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John Burke - President



**Commander, Greater Warren County, Ohio, Drug Task Force (1999-2015)**  
**Commander Southern Ohio HIDTA, Major Case & Interdiction Initiatives (2004-2015)**  
**Co-Commander, Miami Valley Bulk Currency Task Force (2013-2015)**  
**Cincinnati Police Department (1968-1999)**  
**Commander, Cincinnati Police Pharmaceutical Diversion Squad (1990-1999)**  
**President, National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (2005-2014)**  
**Past President, National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (2014- Present)**  
**President, Pharmaceutical Diversion Education, Inc. (1995-Present)**  
**President, International Health Facility Diversion Association (2015-Present)**

Commander Burke has been a law enforcement officer for almost 48 years. He spent 32 years with the Cincinnati Police Department, working in uniform patrol until he was promoted to detective. He then spent several years investigating homicides, rapes, and child sexual assaults and abuses. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was ultimately assigned to the Internal Investigations Section. In 1990, he was asked to form and institute the department's Pharmaceutical Diversion Squad (PDS).

The PDS, made up himself, six investigators, and a secretary, soon accrued considerable notoriety in the law enforcement world. The office was first featured in the FBI monthly magazine, and then spotlighted on NBC's Dateline for their work on the investigation of drug diversion in health facilities.

After retiring from the Cincinnati Police Department, Commander Burke accepted a new position late in 1999, and continued as the head of the Greater Warren County Drug Task Force in southwest Ohio until his retirement in October 2015. The drug task force investigates the illegal distribution of both licit and illicit drugs. In 2004, he was named as the co-commander for the Southern Ohio High Intensity Drug Traffic Area (HIDTA) for major drug case initiatives and interdiction.

Commander Burke has provided education and lectured across the United States to law enforcement and health professionals on the topic of prescription drug abuse. He has published numerous articles on the topic, and has written a monthly column for the past 10 years in *Pharmacy Times* magazine on pharmaceutical diversion.

He is the past president of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, and is the owner and president of Pharmaceutical Diversion Education Inc., a company which provides education and consulting work on a wide variety of prescription drug abuse issues to law enforcement, health professionals, and the pharmaceutical industry ([www.rxdiversion.com](http://www.rxdiversion.com)).