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Dirk Van Nuffel

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Last name : VAN NUFFEL
First name : Dirk
Title : Chief of Police
Rank : Chief Superintendent
Name organisation : Damme/Knokke-Heist Police Department
Place : Knokke-Heist
Country : Belgium

Short description of his career and the interest in police work:

During eight years, from 1983 till 1991 Dirk Van Nuffel was member of the town council of the city of Bruges and worked as a civil servant at the Belgian Ministry of Interior where he assumed responsibilities in various fields such as municipal police training, prevention of hooliganism and safety on the footballgrounds, logistics and informatisation programs for the municipal police... In 1992 he was appointed chief of the municipal police with the rank of chief superintendant in the coastal town Knokke-Heist. In 2001, after the overall Belgian police reform, he became the first chief of the new established local police department for the towns Damme and Knokke-Heist.

Short description of his activities and/or publications:

Dirk Van Nuffel participated on a high level in the last 20 years in almost all working groups and reform programs towards the new Belgian police organization. Since 2001 he chairs the Standing Committee of the Local Police, an advisory board representing on a national level the 196 local police departments and their chiefs . In may 2007 he is reappointed in this chair. As the only representative for the local police he is also member of the Federal Police Board. He is an active member of IACP-International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Educational background:

Bachelor Law Degree, Master in Criminology, Master in Media and Communication Sciences