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Captain Howard Rahtz retired from the Cincinnati Police Department as Commander of the Central Vice Control Unit with responsibility for city-wide drug enforcement. Prior to joining the C.P.D., Rahtz served as a counselor in one of the earliest methadone programs in the country as well as Executive Director of the Addiction Services Council, which provides education, treatment, prevention, and intervention services. He is one of the few people in the country with direct experience in both law enforcement and addiction treatment.

During his career with the C.P.D., Howard worked in Community Policing as well as serving as Commander of the Police Academy. He was also the Coordinator for the S.W.A.T. Hostage Negotiation Team which worked to resolve hostage and barricade situations.

Rahtz's expertise also focuses on community policing and police use of force. He's the author of four books on policing issues, including *Understanding Police Use of Force* (2004) and *Race, Riots and the Police* (2016). Foreword Magazine recently awarded *Race, Riots and the Police* an Honorable Mention in the category Best Social Science Indie Books for 2016.

Rahtz is a strong advocate for community engagement and problem-solving as key elements of improving police-community relations.

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