



ANGEL CORTES

Angel Cortes was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a product of Max Hayes High School where he graduated in 1982. He obtained an Associate Degree in Business from Northwestern Business College (now known as the University of Northwestern Ohio) in 1985, along with a diploma for Auto/diesel Repair. Angel worked as an automotive technician prior to becoming a police officer.

Angel Cortes was appointed to the Lima Police Department on August 12, 1991. He was promoted to police sergeant on August 23, 1997, to police lieutenant on June 21, 2003, and then to police major on April 23, 2012--all as a result of the competitive civil service examinations.

As a sergeant, Cortes was instrumental during community policing, supervising in the neighborhoods of Midway East, RR&OR, Southside and Martin Luther King from 2000-2001. He was assigned to supervise our PACE (Pro Active Crime Enforcement) Unit in March of 2002. He was instrumental in organizing the PACE Team. He also supervised our Hostage Negotiations Team and our Bike Team.

Lt. Cortes was re-assigned to Patrol Services to supervise third shift. Since his promotion to Major, he was commander of the Administrative Division and Investigative Division. On June 2, 2022, Major Angel Cortes was appointed by Mayor Sharetta Smith to the position of Chief of Police. We wish him much success in his new position with the Lima Police Department.