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GARY LEWIS, JR.



Gary D. Lewis Jr., is the Director of Campus Safety/Chief of Police at Cleveland State University and provides administrative leadership and operational management for the campus safety departments which includes the Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S), Access Control & Safety Systems (ACSS), Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and has been in this role since 2015. The daily functions includes implementing and maintaining a Campus Security Master Plan and while ensuring enforcement of Campus Security Rules and Regulations.

Previously, Lewis served 22 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol as a Commander where he retired from in 2013. The day-to-day responsibilities included data collection and analysis, investigations, human resource management, invoice processing, investigations, fleet management, etc. Lewis also served as the Division's Public Information Officer (PIO) and handled on-scene crisis management, critical incidents, and statewide communications.

From 2013 to 2015, Lewis served as the Senior Director of Media and Public Relations at The Ohio State University where he acted as spokesperson for all University-related matters. His responsibilities included handling the day-to-day operations within Media & Public Relations, strategic planning for senior leadership, and managing all public records requests.

Lewis holds a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University, a Bachelor's degree in Public Safety Management from Franklin University, and an Associate's Degree in Visual Communications, Art Institute of Pittsburgh, and an F.B.I. National Academy graduate. Lewis is the father of four sons, Cameron, Gary III, Nathanael, and Ross.