



Bruce Townshend

Front Royal-Warren County Economic Development Authority

Bruce Townshend moved to Warren County in 2019, after taking a job with the Department of Defense in 2017. Bruce is a native of Lowell, Massachusetts, where he enlisted in the Army in 1981 as a military policeman and earned a commission in 1987. He served a combined total of 28 years in the Army and Army Reserve, with assignments in Alabama, Virginia and Washington, and overseas assignments in Panama and Germany. He has also served in Korea and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. For the final three years of his career, he mobilized with the Army Reserve and was a primary developer of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) as a project manager up to his retirement in 2011. He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University in Boston, graduating in 1987.

Bruce is a strong believer in giving back to the community as much as possible. In that vein he was a charter member of the Warren County Sheriff's Office (WCSCO) Community Advisory Council (CAC) when it was formed in June, 2020. He served as its first chairman until June, 2022, and has remained an active member since that time. The CAC is responsible for increasing open information flow from the WCSCO to the community and for expressing the desires, needs and concerns of the citizens of Warren County to the WCSCO. Bruce was appointed to the EDA in February, 2023.

Bruce and his wife, Robin, have five grown children and seven grandchildren. They reside in Linden. He is an avid poker player, and is fiercely proud of his Scottish and Irish heritages. He has been to all 50 states, choosing to live in Warren County because of its rural beauty and welcoming communities.