

# Dane Evan Nutty

Executive Director, Indy Public Safety Foundation



Passionate about the city of Indianapolis and dedicated to improving it.

## Biography

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Dane's parents instilled in him a healthy respect and admiration of those who serve our community, especially through public safety. Dane's family has a long history of serving as both paid and volunteer firefighters and until his death, his grandfather was the oldest living retiree of the Indiana State Police. Early on, Dane engaged highly in community service organizations and knew that service would always play a significant role in his life.

Dane received his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from Wabash College, with the goal of becoming a physician. After an administrative fellowship at IU Health (then Clarian Health), he discovered his passion for the business side of health care. Changing course, Dane pursued his Master in Health Administration degree from the Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI, graduating in 2012.

Dane then turned his love of volunteer work into a career in nonprofit development and advocacy. From launching and building the Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank to re-focusing the efforts of Indianapolis Healthy Start, a federal grant funded program for at-risk mothers and infants, to time spent managing community benefit investments of Indiana University Health, Dane gained experience in all levels of starting and maintaining nonprofit organizations.

Dane then married a police officer and thus joined the relatively small group of people who know intimately the dangerous and often unrecognized sacrifices our local first responders make to keep the community safe. As a supportive spouse, he quickly realized the relatively untapped resource in family and friends of first responders who want to help, but do not know how to best engage.

Following his first experience with a line of duty death in 2011, Dane felt a sense of failure in realizing that our community did not do enough to support the work of the brave men and women who serve our city. He began dedicating his time and talents to raising awareness about a new angle on public safety: public safety as a public health epidemic. He accepted the challenge of launching the Indianapolis Police Foundation (now Central Indiana Police Foundation), helping build an organization focused on leveraging community investments and resources to ensure the safety and efficacy of our local police officers.

Believing in the power of connecting resources, Dane was excited to accept the exciting challenge of serving as the Executive Director of the Indy Public Safety Foundation (IPSF). Now, more than ever, Dane believes we must unite as a community to support first responders and develop solutions to public safety issues we face. Dane is excited to lead the effort in engaging businesses and individuals to support the great work of the 3,200 women and men who serve in the City of Indianapolis public safety agencies.

In addition to his role at IPSF, Dane was a graduate of Class XLI of the Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series and currently serves on the program's Advisory Board. He is involved in the Indianapolis community, serving on the advisory boards for the IUPUI Community Library and the Center for Research on Inclusion & Social Policy.

