



# March 21, 1993 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Noel C. Bufe  
Class of 1952

Noel C. Bufe, Ph.D., distinguished himself in the fields of National Highway Safety and Criminal Justice Systems.

In 1952, this All-State athlete accepted an athletic scholarship to play football for Michigan State University. He played in the Spartan Rose Bowl victory over UCLA in 1956. While at MSU, he earned his BS in Police Administration, MS in Criminal Justice and his Ph.D. in Education.

After serving as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 through 1960, Noel began his long and illustrious career as a Research Investigator at Wayne State University for the Ford Foundation. In 1964, Noel served as Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for the Metropolitan Police of St. Louis, Missouri. He directed the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council, Office of Highway Safety Planning for the State of Michigan, Office of Criminal Justice Programs of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, and was Deputy Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

In 1978, he was appointed Director of the Traffic Institute at Northwestern University, with a coterminous appointment as professor in the Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Noel has written extensively on the subjects of Police Science and Management, and Traffic Safety and Criminal Justice.

He has been the recipient of many awards, including the Award of Appreciation for Outstanding Service as General Chairman of the Highway Traffic Safety Division, Law Enforcement Award, Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, and the National Safety Council's Distinguished Service to Safety Award, which is the

highest honor bestowed on an individual by the NSC for outstanding service in the field of highway safety.

Most recently, Noel was inducted into the Roosevelt High School Football Hall of Fame.