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Department of Public Safety Alaska State Troopers
Recruitment/Background Unit

PROFILE/HISTORY

In July, 1988, upon graduation from Franklin K. Lane High School, Brooklyn, N.Y., I enlisted in the United States Navy. I served in the United States Navy from July, 1988 until July, 1992. During this enlistment, I served as an Operations Specialist Third Class (E-4), aboard Aegis Cruiser U. S. S. Vincennes (CG-49), deploying throughout the Western Pacific and the Persian Gulf in support of National Security, United Nations, and Maritime Interdiction missions.

Upon completion of my active military duty obligations, I was hired as a Security/Police Officer at the San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA. I served as a member of the Convention Center Security staff until September, 1995, when I enlisted in the United States Coast Guard. While in the United States Coast Guard, I served as a Search and Rescue Boat Operator (small boat coxswain), Maritime Interdiction Boat Operator (38' Fountain Interceptor), Law Enforcement Boarding Officer, Deployable Team Leader, Maritime Law Enforcement Instructor, Explorer Post Supervisor (founder of first U. S. Coast Guard Explorer Post E-198), Training Petty Officer, and Chief Petty Officer (E-7, Boatswains Mate Chief Petty Officer). During my time in the U. S. Coast Guard, I served aboard U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Vigilant, Cape Canaveral, FL; Coast Guard Station, South Padre Island, TX; Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team, San Diego, CA; and Maritime Safety and Security Team 91111, Anchorage, AK. My military/law enforcement duties, required my deployment away from home, which averaged approximately 270 days a year (away from home). I was responsible for the training, evaluation, and supervision of over 100 personnel during my time as a Petty Officer in the U. S. Coast Guard. I provided training to foreign law enforcement agencies, most notably, the Mexican Federal Police, which at the time, was the Mexican government's response to wide spread corruption among their state police departments. As a fluent Spanish speaker, I was also tasked with providing training in Spanish for law enforcement. I also provided training to foreign maritime interdiction organizations, in support of U. S. Embassy interests/operations. This training was provided in Spanish, within Panama and Mexico.

While on active duty, in July, 2006, I completed my college education, receiving a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice from American Intercontinental University, GA.

In August, 2006, I exited the U. S. Coast Guard, after 16 years of active duty service, to join the ranks of the Alaska State Troopers.

EXPERIENCE

Sergeant, DPS-Recruitment/Background Unit; Anchorage, AK 2012-Present
Supervisor/Recruiter for the Department of Public Safety/Alaska State Troopers Recruitment/Background Unit. Supervising 7 background investigators and 2 civilian staff personnel during hiring processes for the positions of Alaska State Trooper/Wildlife Trooper Recruit, Trooper Lateral, Court Service Officer, and Deputy Fire Marshal, in accordance with Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) and Department of

Administration standards and procedures. I also act as an agency representative at memorial services for fallen Troopers throughout the United States.

Trooper, Alaska State Troopers; Palmer/Kotzebue, AK 2006-2012

While an Alaska State Trooper, I served as a Patrol Trooper in B Detachment; Trooper in the South Central DUI Enforcement Team; Investigator in the Alaska Bureau of Investigations Child Abuse Investigations Unit; and Patrol Trooper in C Detachment, Kotzebue Post, where I was previously assigned as the Village Oversight Trooper for the Village of Selawik, AK. During my time as an Alaska State Trooper, I have performed the duties of conducting felony investigations, to include officer involved shootings (as the primary case officer); investigated sexual assaults and sexual abuse of minors;

Regional School Resource Officer; Crisis Negotiator; Village Oversight Trooper for Village Public Safety Officers and Village Police Officers.

During my time as a Patrol Trooper, Kotzebue Post, I revitalized cooperation between the School District and the Alaska State Troopers, conducting training at the beginning of each school year for principals, teachers, and counselors, on the subjects of School Resource Officers, crime prevention, current threats to school safety, school lock down procedures, and alcohol/drug awareness. As the Regional School Resource Officer, I also produce and distribute a monthly Alaska State Trooper School Resource Officer Newsletter, which provides principals and counselors with information on upcoming training opportunities, Trooper contact information, and tips on dealing with community problems. I also attended monthly meetings with the local Native Village Tribal and City Government to brief them on public safety issues and to receive feedback on our agency's response to these issues. Issues from drug/alcohol smuggling to truancy were discussed and "trouble shooted" at these meetings.

EDUCATION

American Intercontinental University, Georgia Bachelors of Science Criminal Justice, 2006

QUALIFICATIONS/AWARDS

During my time as an Investigator with the Alaska Bureau of Investigations, Child Abuse Investigations Unit, I acted as the Law Enforcement Liaison for the Mat-Su Crime Stoppers. As the liaison for this vital public safety program, I modernized the Crime Stoppers website and software in support of better collection and secure distribution of crime tips to law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Alaska. I also began the first regular "radio spot" in support of this program, by participating in a live broadcast, every Monday morning, at the Country Legends Radio Station. The broadcast was entitled "The Crime of the Week", in which I read the press release for an unsolved crime requiring community assistance. I was also recognized for my duties as a Forensic Child Interviewer, receiving the 2009 6th Annual Light of Hope Award, Mat-Su Valley, AK.

While serving as an Alaska State Trooper/Investigator, I have received formal training in Reid Interview and Interrogation, Specialized Techniques for Investigating Sex Crimes and Special Officer Populations, Specialized Advanced Intensive Sexual Abuse Interviewing Skills, Crisis Intervention Team Training, Hostage Negotiator, Homicide Investigator, and Documenting Snow Shoe Impressions.

I am a DPS Certified Small Boat Operator, and APSC Certified Instructor (#2374). I currently hold an APSC Advanced Police Certificate and Certified Breath Test Supervisor.

While serving in the U. S. Coast Guard, I received formal training in Instructor Development Course, Leadership and Management Course, Maritime Safety and Security Initial Stand-Up, Counter Drug Investigations Course, Tactical Maritime Law Enforcement Training Program (Boat Operator), Gulf of Mexico Basic Fisheries Course, and Maritime Law Enforcement Boarding Officer Course. My highest personal awards received, while on active duty, were the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal.