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Education

- **M.S., Criminal Justice Leadership and Management**, Sam Houston State University, 2009
 - **B.S., Business Management**, LeTourneau University, 1998
 - **A.S., General Studies**, Panola College, 1985
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Teaching Experience

- **Adjunct Instructor**, East Texas Baptist University
Spring 2017; Academic Year 2024–2025
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Professional Experience

Elysian Fields Independent School District

- **Operations Director / Chief of Police**, 2023–2024

Marshall Police Department

- **Assistant Chief, Patrol Division**, 2022–2023
- **Captain, Patrol Division**, 2021–2022
- **Captain, Criminal Investigations Division**, 2016–2021
- **Captain, Patrol Division**, 2011–2016
- **Captain, Criminal Investigations Division**, 2006–2011
- **Captain, Patrol Division**, 2004–2006
- **Lieutenant, Patrol Division**, 2001–2004
- **Sergeant, K-9 Division**, 1999–2001
- **Police Officer, K-9 Division**, 1992–1999
- **Police Officer, Patrol Division**, 1990–1992

Professional Development

- **Master Peace Officer License**, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)
 - **FBI National Academy**, Class 224, 2006
 - **Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT)**, Class 48, 2004
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Professional Service and Recognition

- **Bayou River Run HOA**, Vice President, 2014–2016
- **Greater Marshall Chamber of Commerce**, Law Enforcement Merit Award, 1997, 2011
- **Marshall Pro Rodeo / Justin Boots Rodeo**, Committee Person of the Year, 2009
- **Marshall Crime Stoppers Board**, Law Enforcement Coordinator, 2006–2011
- **Marshall Pro Rodeo Committee**, Director, 2003–2016
- **Marshall Police Department**
 - Certificate of Commendation – Outstanding Leadership, 2002
 - Certificate of Commendation – Meritorious Achievement, 2002
- **Ducks Unlimited**
 - Area Chairman, 2001–2005
 - District Chairman, 1998–2001
- **Marshall Police Officers Association**, Officer of the Year, 1996
- **United States Police Canine Association, Region 10**, Top Rookie Patrol Team, 1996
- **Marshall Crime Stoppers / D.A.R.E. Telethon**, Committee Member, 1994–2006