

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

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Officer Holmes has been police officer with the Pinellas Park Police Department since 1986 and has served as a field training officer, in-service training instructor and Master Police Officer. He was a police officer in St. Louis County, MO prior to 1986. Officer Holmes retired in October, 2010.

Officer Holmes earned a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration at Central Missouri State University, a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management and four additional associate degrees in various law enforcement related majors.

Officer Holmes is an instructor for the Southeastern Public Safety Institute (SEPSI), the Pinellas County (FL) area police academy, at St. Petersburg College. He is an instructor for the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute (FRCPI) and is certified by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to instruct in many law enforcement related subject matters at the basic recruit and advanced in-service levels.

In 2000, he was presented the "PEACE at HOME" Award from Gov. Jeb Bush. This is the highest award available for law enforcement officers and victim advocates in the area of domestic violence and he was appointed by Gov. Bush to the Florida Human Rights Advocacy Council.

In 1999, he was recognized by FDLE as a "subject matter expert" in domestic violence and was selected to revise, update and rewrite the statewide basic recruit academy curriculum sections in domestic violence and child abuse for the CJSTC (Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission), Curriculum Maintenance System (CMS). He coordinated a statewide training conference, "Terrorism in the Home" for the FRCPI to assess the impact of community policing on domestic violence and assisted with the writing of a proposal that resulted in over \$1,000,000 in federal grant funds to develop the conference and at least three on-going domestic violence-community policing related training programs.

In 1998, Officer Holmes was a co-presenter for two statewide law enforcement training teleconferences on domestic violence for the Harrell Institute for the Study of Domestic Violence at the University of South Florida-Tampa.

In 1997, Officer Holmes received a "Special Tribute" from the Florida Attorney General's Office and was presented with a proclamation from the Florida State Legislature in recognition of his accomplishments in the area of "victim's rights".

Officer Holmes has conducted domestic violence training classes for Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) spouse abuse center in St. Petersburg, FL., The Haven of RCS spouse abuse center in Clearwater, FL., and the Spring of Tampa Bay spouse abuse center in Tampa, FL. Holmes has contributed hundreds of hours of volunteer service to the spouse abuse centers and helped to develop the Supervised Visitation Center, a program of CASA. He has provided domestic violence training programs for the staffs of the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC), Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB), Florida Department of Public Health and many other law enforcement and social welfare agencies. Officer Holmes wrote and designed the domestic violence training program that is required of all paramedics and EMT's in Pinellas County as a part of their continuing medical education (CME) program. He was certified by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) as a Core Competency trainer/instructor in 2011.

Officer Holmes wrote, designed and developed a college level class entitled "Forensic Child Abuse" and assisted in the development of the course entitled "The Psychological, Legal and Social Aspects of Domestic Violence" as three credit hour undergraduate courses for the Forensic Technology associate degree program for St. Petersburg College.

Officer Holmes has been a guest on several television and radio programs where he has been interviewed on various domestic violence related topics and has written numerous articles on domestic violence for law enforcement and related magazines.

Officer Holmes is a domestic violence victim advocate for Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) and is certified as a sexual violence victim advocate by the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence (FCASV). Officer Holmes is also certified as a Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) officer by the Pinellas County Alliance for Mental Health and has served as an instructor for the CIT program. Officer Holmes has completed basic training requirements for Batterers Intervention Program (BIP) counselors.

Officer Holmes has served as co-chairperson of the Pinellas County Domestic Violence Taskforce and is currently active on several of the taskforce's committees.

Holmes currently serves as a member of the City of Pinellas Park Public Library board of directors, a member of the City of Pinellas Park Board of Adjustment, is a former member of the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Pinellas SunCoast Transit Authority (PSTA), and is a member of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Advisory Board and the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) advisory board, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc.

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