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Mark began his involvement with law enforcement in 1971 with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, Olympia, Washington, as a volunteer. In 1978, he was hired as a police officer by the Kent, Washington, Police Department. He graduated as the top academic student of the Seattle Police Academy class #104. In 1982, he was appointed as the department Training Coordinator.

From 1988 to 1997, Mark served with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission beginning as an Assistant Training Coordinator and rising to Division Manager for In-service Training. He was appointed Deputy Director of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Training & Recruiting Division in July 1997. He supervised the day-to-day operations of the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy and was responsible for the licensing and POST compliance of ten satellite law enforcement academies. From 2004 to 2015, Mark was a Deputy Assistant Director at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, where he was responsible for the Continuing Education program.

Mark is a graduate of Highline Community College with an associate degree in Administration of Justice, and from the University of Washington with a bachelor's degree in Society and Justice. He is a graduate of the FBI Northwest Law Enforcement Command College and the Central States LEEDS. He holds Law Enforcement Executive Certifications from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy.

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