

## Robert L. Spinks, M.A., M.S.

Robert Spinks is Chief of Police at the Parsons (Kansas) Police Department. The agency has 34 employees and serves a population of approximately 12,000 citizens in Southeast Kansas. He is on the Executive Board for the Kansas Combined Anti-Drug Task Force (K-CAT). Robert has four-decades of criminal justice experience.

Chief Spinks has served as a consultant/trainer for over 45 law enforcement agencies in the Pacific NW and is a certified instructor in a multitude of law enforcement specialties. He has served as a Field Training Officer (FTO), FTO Coordinator and Manager for nearly 15 years. In 2018, Robert was awarded the Master Field Officer designation by the National Field Training Officers Association (NAFTO).

He has a Master of Arts in Organizational Management, a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts and an Associate of Arts in Political Science. Robert has post-graduate studies in Clinical Psychology and received a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati in 2005.

Robert currently instructs at Labette Community College and at the University of Arizona Global Campus and was an adjunct instructor at McNeese State University and Ashford University. He has been an adjunct faculty member at Bellevue Community College (WA), Peninsula College in Port Angeles (WA), Blue Mountain Community College (Pendleton, OR), and at Everett Community College (WA). He has facilitated over 5,000 students as an adjunct.

Chief Spinks began his policing career in 1980 at the Eugene (OR) Police Department, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, a Life Saving Medal and was nominated for a second Life Saving Award. In 1983, Robert moved to the Snohomish (WA) Police Department where he headed the Community Relations Unit and was then assigned as a Patrol Supervisor and was the agency's tactical team leader. From 1988 to 1991, He served with the 140-member Port of Seattle Police Department; he was assigned as the Training Officer and then later to gangs and intelligence.

From 1991 to 1993, Robert was Chief of Police in Sedro-Woolley (WA) near Seattle, before moving back to Portland (OR) in 1994. He also served as a Senior Special Agent with the Union Pacific Railroad Police Department (a 500-officer agency) through 1997. Chief Spinks was

Director of Public Safety at Bellevue Community College from 2002 to 2003, when he created a public safety department. He managed the Milton-Freewater (OR) police department serving a city of 7,000 for 4-years as Chief of Police. Prior to that he was Chief of Police for the Sequim (WA) Police for more than a half-decade leaving that post in July 2010. While completing work on his 2nd Master's degree in Criminal Justice through the University of Cincinnati, Robert worked for the Oregon Judicial Department, supervising circuit court operations in a suburb of Portland, Oregon. From 2012 through 2018, Robert served as the Chief of Police at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA.

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