Corporal Robert D. Marshall

Training Corporal, Support Services, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office S.C.

Corporal Robert D. Marshall is a seasoned public safety professional with a remarkable career spanning over 28 years. His journey in public service began in his hometown of Owego, New York, where he became a volunteer firefighter at the age of 16. Driven by a passion for helping others, he furthered his commitment to public safety by obtaining Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification and pursuing an Associate of Science degree in Fire Protection Technology from Erie Community College in Buffalo, New York.

In 1999, Rob relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina, in search of new opportunities. His dedication and skill soon led him to join the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) in 2001. Rob training with narcotics and street crimes, and served on the Field Force 5 crowd control team until 2003 when he married and moved to South Carolina. Over the next 12 years, Rob advanced through the ranks to become a Patrol Sergeant. His tenure was marked by his roles as a Specific Skills Instructor, Field Training Officer (FTO), Driving Instructor, Speed Measuring Device Instructor, and OC Instructor. These roles not only showcased his versatility but also his commitment to training and developing others in the field.

In 2013, Rob joined the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office (LCSO). His transition into the new environment was seamless, and he quickly established himself as a key asset to the department. In 2016, Rob was involved in a heroic rescue during a structure fire, where he and another deputy saved an elderly couple from a burning residence. This act of bravery earned him the South Carolina Sheriff's Association Medal of Valor, a testament to his courage and dedication.

Rob's diverse background in firefighting and law enforcement uniquely positioned him to take on the role of Investigator and Fire Investigator within the LCSO. His expertise in fire investigation was further honed through advanced training at the National Fire Academy in Maryland, where he obtained his Fire Investigation Essentials certification, and furthered himself in this field by obtaining a certification as a Fire Investigation Technician by the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI).

In January 2020, Rob transitioned to the position of Training Corporal within the LCSO. In this role, he has leveraged his extensive experience to enhance the training programs for approximately 140 sworn deputies. His dedication to professional development is reflected in the numerous instructor certifications he has obtained, including those for Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Ground Defense, FTO Manager, Simunition, Pepper Ball, Taser, Glock Armorer, Colt AR-15 Armorer, C.R.A.Z.E, G.L.O.V.E., Advanced Active Shooter Incident Management, Stop the Bleed, and ABLE instructor.

Rob's commitment to excellence is further demonstrated by his recent completion of the FBI-LEEDA trilogy leadership training in 2023. His pursuit of continuous learning and professional growth underscores his dedication to the field of public safety and law enforcement.

Outside of his professional life, Rob is an accomplished martial artist, holding a black belt in USA Karate under Judan Ricky Taylor. He enjoys spending quality time with his family, woodworking, and tinkering.