

Justin B. Elliott

Lieutenant, Spokane County Sheriff's Office

IADLEST Nationally Certified Instructor

Lieutenant Justin B. Elliott has dedicated over twenty-six years to law enforcement, bringing a wealth of experience in patrol, investigations, and training. Holding a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice Management, his career spans multiple agencies, where he has worked in uniformed patrol, specialized enforcement units, and leadership roles as a patrol corporal and sergeant. His investigative experience includes assignments as a general detective, major narcotics investigator (Cal-MMET), and major crimes investigator, serving with both the Galt Police Department (CA) and the Spokane County Sheriff's Office (WA). Additionally, Lieutenant Elliott has been an active IADLEST certified national instructor since 2019.

Beginning as a Sergeant in 2015, Lieutenant Elliott has served a vital role in law enforcement training and leadership, leading the Spokane Regional Air Support Unit and managing the Sheriff's Field Training & Evaluation Program during a critical period of hiring and staffing growth. Since 2009, he has instructed at the FTO Academy through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) and has served as both a PTO and FTO since 2006. His expertise extends to national instruction with the National Association of Field Training Officers (NAFTO), where he facilitates Basic FTO, Beyond-the-Basics, and Managing the FTO Unit courses.

Lieutenant Elliott is experienced in the development of training programs, participating in the crafting of curriculums and lesson plans for the Sheriff's Basic Academy, Patrol Procedures, and Criminal Procedures at both the Spokane County Sheriff's Office and the WSCJTC. Recognized for his leadership in law enforcement training, he earned the Master FTO Certification from NAFTO in 2018.

As Vice Director of the Washington Chapter of NAFTO, he assists agencies in refining their training structures and advancing instruction standards. In 2022, he collaborated with NAFTO and the BJA Valor Program, focusing on Officer Safety & Wellness within FTO programs.

Beyond instruction, Lieutenant Elliott provides expert opinions on law enforcement practices, contributing after-action reports and testimony on training procedures. His expertise has led him to testify in Federal Court as a subject matter expert on Field Training Programs, further solidifying his impact on national law enforcement standards.

Currently, Lieutenant Elliott serves as the Commander of the Investigative Intelligence, Crime Analysis, and the newly established Regional Real-Time Crime Center that he established at the Spokane County Sheriff's Office in 2022. His leadership continues to drive innovation and excellence in training and law enforcement operations.

Education & Certifications:

B.A., Criminal Justice Management, Union Univ.- 2007

IADLEST National Instructor Certification- 2019

Washington State General Instructor Certification- 2010

Master FTO Certification- NAFTO- 2018

FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award- 2015

Force Science Institute Certification- 2014

CA Criminal Investigator Certification, Robert Presley Institute (ICI)- 2003

