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Eric Waldt is currently the learning and development specialist for the United States Park Police Employee Development Office.

Eric Waldt began his law enforcement career with the U.S. Army as a military policeman and canine handler. He proudly served from 1974-1978. In September 1978 he was hired a police officer with the Rockville City Police Department, Rockville Maryland and attended the Prince Georges Police Academy in Maryland. During his tenure he received numerous commendations and a meritorious award for saving a life.

Eric Waldt began his career as a fulltime law enforcement instructor in September 1997 with the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. In that capacity he was the program coordinator and lead instructor for the following mandated POST courses; Basic Instructor Program, First-Line Supervisor Program, Mid-Level Executive Program and the Field Training Instructor Program. During his tenure there he oversaw a complete revision of all those programs. He was also the certifying authority for all MD POST basic training instructors. In 2007 he was appointed the Maryland POST Police Academy Director until 2009.

In 2009 he took a position with the Metropolitan Police Department Washington, D.C. where he served as Director of Continuing Studies. In that capacity he used his knowledge to design, develop, and deliver Professional Development curriculum, especially on the following topics; LGBTQIA, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Domestic Violence (Lethality Assessment Tool), Asian Pacific Islander and Latino cultural training, Instructor, Field Training, Supervisor and Executive/Command level training. He managed the Crisis Intervention Training for the Metropolitan Police Department. He also managed the agency's online Learning Management System.

He has taught, coordinated, and managed in a variety of environments; sworn in-service, recruit training, civilian staff, and foreign dignitaries. He has lead training initiatives for the following delegations; Dubai, Vietnam, the Netherlands, and Tunisia. He taught at the U.S. Institute of Peace. He assisted in the development of the curriculum for the African American Museum for the Metropolitan Police Department.

In 2018 he was hired as a senior advisor to the Deputy Director, Federal Protective Service U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In that capacity he worked on several training initiatives and served as the liaison for the agency's Protective Agency Comparison Group, that benchmarks best practices in federal law enforcement. Some of the members of the PAC group included, the US Secret Service, US Capitol Police, US Park Police, Pentagon Force Protective Agency, Amtrak Police and the DC Metro Police. He co-lead the DHS Interagency Security Committee-Training Committee to develop the career progression program for 0080 GS series.

In December of 2020 Eric Waldt became the learning development specialist for the United States Park Police. He is also the current accreditation manager for the FLETA process.