

Dr. Thomas D. Leasor

Dr. Thomas D. Leasor assumed the role of Executive Director at the Eastern Missouri Police Academy in January 2015 and oversees the curriculum and training of police recruit officers and continued education courses for current police officers, including courses he created such as Instructor Development and First Line Supervision, and the Police Leadership and Command Preparatory Academy. Additionally, Dr. Leasor oversees the training and licensing of all security officers in St. Charles County. Dr. Leasor is also a Subject Matter Expert for the Missouri Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Commission and was appointed to the Commission by Governor Mike Kehoe in 2025.

Prior to his retirement in 2015, Dr. Leasor attained the rank of Field Operations Lieutenant for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in Union, MO. While serving the citizens of Franklin County, Dr. Leasor assisted in the development of the public relations unit and was assigned to SWAT as a Crisis Negotiator, Operator, Team Leader and eventually Commander. Dr. Leasor created the agency's first Crisis Negotiator Team. Also, as a Patrol Division Sergeant, Dr. Leasor obtained grant funding to create the Traffic Safety/DWI Unit for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, making it the first multi-deputy traffic unit in Franklin County. Dr. Leasor received the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Deputy of the Year Award in 2002 and 2003. He also received the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Supervisor of the Year Award as a Sergeant in 2008 and as a Lieutenant in 2013. He was also recognized as the Deputy Sheriff of the Year by the Missouri Deputy Sheriff's Association in 2003.

He began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Patrol Officer for the City of Sullivan, MO in 1990, transitioning to a full-time position in 1991. While serving the residents of Sullivan he was a traffic crash investigator, D.A.R.E. officer, and field training officer. Dr. Leasor left the Sullivan Police Department for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in 1997 where he served until 2015. Additionally, from 2011 to 2015 Dr. Leasor served as the Mayor for the City of Sullivan, along with serving as an Alderman and President of the Board of Alderman from 2008 through 2011. Dr. Leasor served on the Franklin County Transportation Commission and is a prior president of the Franklin County Municipal League.

Dr. Leasor has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Lindenwood University. He began teaching as an adjunct graduate professor for Lindenwood University in 2010 and has created and taught multiple courses in the Criminal Justice Program since. Dr. Leasor serves on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board and works with the University as a Curriculum Advisor/Writer. Dr. Leasor earned his Doctoral Degree in Higher Education Administration Leadership from Maryville University in 2017 where he researched whether chief law enforcement administrators of the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) were receiving the resources they need to prepare for acts of terrorism

or violence at their respective football stadiums. Dr. Leasor's research was published in the 2017 July/August issue of *Campus Law Enforcement Journal*.

Spending time and travelling with his beautiful wife Erica Nicole, besides enjoying time with his six children and three grandchildren are among his most favorite things to do. Dr. Leasor is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys golf.