

## **John Combs Instructional Bio**

I have served as a law enforcement officer, law enforcement and criminal justice instructor and trainer, an educator, law enforcement consultant, and expert witness. I have over 38 years of service in the law enforcement profession and have been awarded the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate by the NC Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards Commission in 1995. I have over 31 years of service as a law enforcement trainer.

I have earned a Master of Arts in Health Education and an MPA, and I hold active law enforcement certifications in the states of North Carolina and Georgia. I am currently a sworn reserve Deputy Sheriff in Sampson County, NC, with full arrest powers.

I served as a full-time police officer from 1987-1999. From 1999 until 2001, I was employed by the North Carolina Justice Academy as the School Director and Chief Instructor for the Police Corps/Basic LE Training Program (BLET). In 2001, I took over as the School Director for the Specialized Subject Control and Arrest Techniques Instructor Training Program, and in 2003, as the School Director for the Specialized Physical Fitness Instructor Training Program. I served in this capacity until my retirement in June 2016. While at the Justice Academy, I was the primary liaison to the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. I was involved in a wide variety of duties and responsibilities at the NC Justice Academy including curriculum development, and compliance with Training Standards regulations, and administration of the Academy's educational program for police officers. I have developed and revised or edited training curricula in a variety of coursework since 1999.

I have served as an adjunct faculty member at Campbell University where I have taught a wide variety of criminal justice, homeland security, and police related courses at the baccalaureate level since 2001, and I am currently an adjunct instructor with BLET Training Program at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Since beginning service as a law enforcement practice consultant in 2004, I have been retained as an expert witness in civil and criminal matters in the state and the federal court systems in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, and Virginia. I have served in a broad variety of police and criminal justice related cases involving different aspects of officer conduct, professional standards, use of force, arrest, search and investigative procedures, management and supervision, personnel and employment, physical fitness and medical related issues, legal malpractice and other related matters.