

# Adam Oxendine

With over two decades of dedicated service in law enforcement, Dr Oxendine brings a wealth of real-world experience, academic achievement, and leadership to every classroom. Having served 20 years with the Richland County Sheriff's Department, he built a distinguished career grounded in integrity, professionalism, and community commitment.

During his tenure with the department, he gained extensive experience in both K9 operations and criminal investigations. As a K9 handler, he worked closely with highly trained service dogs in patrol functions, tracking, detection, and suspect apprehension, demonstrating the discipline and precision required in high-pressure environments. His investigative experience further strengthened his expertise, involving case development, evidence analysis, interviewing techniques, and collaboration with prosecutorial teams. His dual background in tactical operations and investigative work provides students with practical insight into the multifaceted nature of modern law enforcement.

Beyond active-duty service, Dr Oxendine has been a committed advocate for education and mentorship. As a guest speaker in multiple high school law classes throughout the region, he has shared firsthand knowledge of criminal justice careers, ethical decision-making, and leadership in public service. His engagement with students reflects a passion for guiding young people toward informed career paths and responsible citizenship.

Sr Oxendine's academic accomplishments reinforce his practical experience. He earned a Doctorate in Education and Leadership from Northeastern University, where his studies focused on organizational leadership, instructional effectiveness, and strategic development. This advanced training enables him to bridge theory and practice—integrating research-based teaching methods with real-world law enforcement applications.

In addition to his civilian law enforcement career, Dr Oxendine serves as Provost Marshal and holds the rank of Major in the South Carolina State Guard. In this leadership capacity, he oversees military law enforcement functions, discipline, and security operations while mentoring subordinate officers. This service reflects a continued commitment to public safety, structured leadership, and operational readiness at the state level.

Currently, Dr Oxendine serves as a Law Enforcement Instructor at the Heyward Career Center, where he prepares the next generation of criminal justice professionals. His instruction emphasizes ethics, professionalism, tactical competency, and leadership

development. By combining two decades of field experience, military leadership, and advanced academic scholarship, Dr Oxendine provides students with both practical skills and a strategic understanding of the profession.

Respected as a leader, educator, and public servant, Dr Oxendine exemplifies the values of service, accountability, and lifelong learning. His career reflects not only dedication to protecting the community but also a deep commitment to shaping the future of law enforcement through education and mentorship.