

Brian C. Smith

Brian began his law enforcement career in 1978 at the Chicago Heights Police Department in Illinois. He retired at the rank of Captain with 30 years of service, serving in patrol, investigations, Range Master, ending his career as Commander of Special Operations and Training. Immediately after retirement in 2008, he accepted a Chief of Police position with the Village of Glenwood where he served for three years. Currently, Brian is a full-time patrolman at Prairie State College PD and a part-time patrolman at the Village of Steger. At both agencies, he serves as a range officer and conducts in-service training.

His firearms background includes 14 firearms instructor certifications from the State of Illinois, NRA, and other entities. He was appointed an NRA Firearms Training Counselor in 2012. For the last 45 years, Brian has been a disciple of the martial arts where he has earned the rank of 10th Dan in Juko Ryu Aiki Inyo Goshin Jutsu, 3rd Dan in Hakko Ryu Ju-Jitsu, and 1st Dan in Judo. He has also acquired eight defensive tactics instructor certifications and was inducted into the Illinois Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2007.

In 1981, Brian founded the Metropolitan Police Self-Defense Institute, a private training group formed to teach law enforcement and civilians on topics of firearms, defensive tactics, active shooter response, and tactical team operations. This training group was presented the “Public Service Award” for 2012 and 2013 by the National Rifle Association. He assists several surrounding agencies in his area with firearms and defensive tactics training certifications. From 2002 – present, he has served as an adjunct instructor at the annual SWAT Academy hosted the South Suburban Emergency Response Team.

In recognition of Brian’s training services, he was named “1993 Outstanding Trainer” by the Midwest Tactical Training Institute, “2014 Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor of the Year” by the NRA Law Enforcement Activities Division, and “2016 Trainer of the Year” by ILEETA.

He has an Associate’s degree in Law Enforcement and a graduate of the FBI National Academy 184th session. He’s active in several associations such as President of the American Federation of Police & Concerned Citizens, Vice President of the National Association of Chiefs of Police, and Board of Directors at IALEFI.

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