



Brian C. Smith

Brian retired from the Chicago Heights Police Department with the rank of Captain completing 30 years of service. During his tenure with CHPD, he served as Director of Training, Commander of Special Operations, Range Master, and Coordinator of the Police Cadet Explorer Post. After retiring, he immediately accepted a 3-year contract Chief of Police position with the Village of Glenwood (IL). He later moved on to Steger PD part-time for the last 13 years along with full-time at Prairie State College PD. Brian retired from Prairie State with 8 years of service but remains active at Steger PD.

Brian has an extensive background in firearms and martial arts training, where he shares these skills with the public. He founded the Metropolitan Police Self-Defense Institute and the Chicago Heights Ju-Jitsu Academy in 1981. Teaching law enforcement personnel and civilians, the institute also provides firearms training classes to youths 12 - 16 years old.

On the martial arts side of training, he has been teaching martial arts to children, catering to ages 11 years old to adults. Classes are currently held at the Chicago Heights Recreation Center. Brian was recently recruited back to CHPD to serve as an advisor to the newly formed Cadet program. Brian's mission has been to conduct self-protection classes for youths in the community, particularly for young women returning to school.

Brian is an NRA firearms counselor, NRA Law Enforcement Firearms instructor, Illinois Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor, several defensive tactics certifications, and 3 martial arts black belts. He was named "Instructor of the Year" by five different training associations.

Brian is a graduate of the Chicago Basic Police Academy, an Associate in Criminal Justice, and a graduate of the FBI National Academy's 184th session.

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