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Cartis R. Stephens started his federal law enforcement career in California in 2009 after working as an Executive Protection Agent for a Billionaire. He was quickly promoted to Patrol Lieutenant, where he additionally served as the department's defensive tactics, firearms, and active shooter response instructor. He was again promoted in 2013 and currently works as a Special Agent in North Little Rock, Arkansas. C. Ryan Stephens manages numerous leadership courses within the Advanced Programs Division at the Law Enforcement Training Center. He specializes use for force concepts, defensive tactics, tactical firearms application, and leadership methodologies.

Mr. Stephens has a broad range of experience, which began with service in the United States Marine Corps in 2001. During his tenure with the Marines, he completed two combat tours supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and received various awards. Mr. Stephens also obtained a 2nd Degree Black Belt Instructor Trainer certification in the USMC Martial Arts Program. He was one of the few individuals to be uniquely certified in the Army, Air Force and Special Operations Combative Instructor Programs. His current hobbies include instructing martial arts, and he possesses a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Black Belt.

Mr. Stephens's career is supported by an Associate of Science Degree in Sociology and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, with a concentration in Advanced Law Enforcement Studies, obtained with honors.

Mr. Stephens's primary focus is to help others become the best version of themselves.

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