

Lieutenant John David Morris

Lieutenant John Morris is an active sworn law enforcement officer with over 24 years of experience. He currently serves as a Lieutenant in the Special Operations Division, as well as serving as a SWAT Team Leader/ Asst. Team Commander. Lt. Morris serves on his Department's Use of Force Review Committee, and has served his agency as an academy and in-service instructor for over 20 years. Previous assignments include Patrol Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant (Field Commander), Full Time SWAT Operator, Lead Use of Force Instructor, Basic Academy Sergeant and Chief Staff Liaison/ Public Information Lieutenant.

Lt. Morris holds a General Instructor Certification through the North Carolina Justice Training and Standards Bureau, with additional Specialized Certificates in Subject Control/ Arrest techniques, Basic and Advanced Ground Defense, Physical Fitness and Rapid Deployment. He also serves as a SWAT instructor for his and surrounding agencies. Lt. Morris is considered an expert in Excited Delirium and in-custody death.

Lt. Morris has developed numerous in-service training outlines and developed curriculum for an agency-specific training course targeted at new sergeants and corporals. This course was featured in an article he wrote for Police Chief Magazine. It was published in the January 2019 online edition (John D. Morris, "Taking the Lead: The Implementation of Agency-Specific Leadership Training," *Police Chief online*, January 30, 2019.)

Lt. Morris has earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice for Western Carolina University and is a graduate of the 80th Session of the Administrative Officers Management Program at North Carolina State University. Lt. Morris is active in endurance sports having competed in over 70 triathlons to include seven Ironman finishes.

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