

Joshin Smith Biography

Joshin Smith started his law enforcement career with the Essex County Department of Corrections in 1996. While there he was assigned to various inmate custodial positions including working several years in a gang unit. Josh was also part of the Cell Extraction Team and Supervised Labor Assistance Program (SLAP) while employed with the Essex County DOC. Josh later joined the Clifton Police Department in 2003.

As a former enlisted man and lieutenant of the New Jersey Army National Guard, Josh has used various leadership skills gained through his ten-year career with the military to aid his department in training. Joshin has primarily been in the patrol division while at the police department, but has spent a total of three years as a Juvenile Detective, School Resource Officer (SRO), and Training Officer.

During the last ten (10) years Joshin has trained and supervised numerous officers within the department's Field Training Program. In 2015 Josh became the Vice President of the New Jersey National Association of Field Training Officers (NJ NAFTO) and now currently instructs for the organization. Joshin has various police related credentials and a B.A. Degree in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Joshin recently (2019) began teaching criminal justice courses as an Adjunct Professor at Berkeley College (Woodland Park, NJ).