

## **Mark Candies**

Capt. Mark Candies is a 34-year veteran of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, Luling, Louisiana. He is currently assigned to the St. Charles Parish Regional P.O.S.T. Academy as the Director of Training. Capt. Candies has previously served as a corrections officer, patrol officer, patrol supervisor and watch commander in the uniform patrol division.

Capt. Candies earned his Criminal Justice degree from Nicholls State University and is a graduate of the F.B.I. Instructor Development Course. He is a Master Instructor for the Louisiana P.O.S.T. Council, TASER Master Instructor for Axon International, Adjunct ALERRT Instructor, a Monadnock Defensive Tactics Senior Instructor for the Safariland Training Group, and has been certified as a Use of Force Analyst by the Force Science Institute. Capt. Candies is a Master Instructor and co-creator of I.M.P.A.S.E., an active shooter planning and response course developed within his agency and presented nationally. His primary areas of expertise are Use of Force, Active Shooter Response, and Officer Survival.

Capt. Candies has been certified in Federal Court as an expert in Police Training Techniques, Police Use of Force, and Police Policy, Procedures, and Protocols. He has trained local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, in addition to nuclear security officers and U.S. Military personnel. Capt. Candies is a 2017 inductee to the Monadnock-Safariland Instructors Hall of Fame, and currently serves as President of the Louisiana Law Enforcement Academy Directors Association.

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