

Nicole Florisi started her public safety career in 1999 as a communications specialist. In 2002, she became a certified peace officer in Arizona and has been a law enforcement trainer for the past 13 years. AZPOST has recognized Nicole as an expert in the area of Drug Recognition, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, and Domestic Violence. She has additional specialized training in non-violent crisis de-escalation, crisis negotiations, child abduction response, forensic interviewing, and forensic phlebotomy.

Nicole is currently employed with the Clarkdale Police Department as a patrol sergeant. She is the lead training coordinator/FTO sergeant for both her home agency and a neighboring department. She served on the Verde Valley Regional SWAT Team for 11 years as their lead negotiator. She is certified through CPI as an instructor for non-violent crisis de-escalation. She was instrumental in implementing victim impact panels for impaired drivers at the magistrate court levels as well as bringing drug and alcohol education into the local schools. Nicole developed a law enforcement activity program for 10-13 year olds in conjunction with the local Explorer program to cultivate mentoring and leadership skill sets for adolescents. She has previously served on the IACP DRE steering committee.

Nicole graduated with a Master's of Science in Professional Counseling from Grand Canyon University. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Public Safety Administration/Emergency Management from there as well. She is in the process of obtaining a post-master's certification in trauma counseling. She works part-time as a therapist on the Adult Mental Health and Substance Use team for an integrated community healthcare agency. She is also the Vice President on the Board of Directors for the Verde Valley Sanctuary, a local domestic violence shelter.

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