

CORPORATE BIOGRAPHY

TONY MONTANARELLA – VIRTRA TRAINING COORDINATOR/CRM

Tony has been with VirTra since March 2018. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1982 to 1990. His military occupational specialties were in artillery, infantry as a machine gunner and light armored vehicle (LAV) crewman with secondary specialties as a primary marksmanship instructor, battalion training chief and armorer. After his military service, he was a police officer from 1989 to 2016 with a municipal agency in Orange County, California. During his law enforcement career, he served in patrol, community policing, vice, narcotics, criminal intelligence, SWAT and his department's crisis/hostage negotiations unit. He had secondary positions as a field training officer, bike patrol officer, firearms and tactics trainer and was part of the training staff at the Orange County Sheriff's academy. After his promotion to sergeant of police, he supervised his department's field training officer program and crisis/hostage negotiations unit.

He has participated in hundreds of critical incidents and major investigations and has over 4000 hours of advanced officer training over a wide spectrum of the police profession. He is the recipient of numerous awards including his department's officer of the year, investigator of the year, meritorious service, distinguished service and life saving award. He has been recognized by government officials and representatives in the California legislature and United States congress for his achievements and service to the community as well as by local community groups and organizations.

As a strong believer in police officer training and current trends and best practices, Tony looks forward to working with VirTra customers and end users to assist them in maximizing the power of VirTra to enhance officer safety, save lives and make communities safer for all.

Tony's life motto is, 'Respect all. Fear no one.'

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