

William “Bill” Powell

William “Bill” Powell is a Sergeant with the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office in Alabama. He retired from the United States Air Force and served as a law Enforcement officer for over twenty-one years. He has a B.A. in Criminal Justice from American Military University and an M.A. in Organizational Leadership/Public Administration from Waldorf University. Bill received his Instructor Development Certificate from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2010. He was a specialized instructor at the academy. His areas of focus were in Laws of Corrections & Custody, Jail Management, Gangs and Emergency Vehicle Operations.

He is currently assigned to the Academy & Training Center where he serves as the training coordinator and senior academy instructor. He is a certified firearms instructor, Taser/CEW Instructor, APOSTC General Instructor, and holds instructor-level credentials in other specialized fields. He has been a law enforcement officer for 20 years. He has worked in corrections, patrol and investigations. He served as a field training officer while assigned to the patrol division.

Mr. Powell received the 2019 Outstanding Law Enforcement Professional Runner-Up Award from Columbia Southern University. He has numerous commendations and is also a recipient of the “Director’s Award for Leadership” for his academy class in 2001. He enjoys mentoring and tutoring deputies as they work towards completing their educational goals.

Teaching Philosophy: Students are responsible for learning; my role as an instructor is to meet students where they are, challenge them to actively engage in the pursuit of knowledge, and encourage critical thinking and ownership of advancing their knowledge and skillset in a safe learning environment.

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