

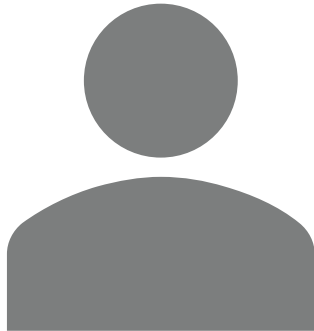


Sergeant Thomas Porto
Fort Lee Police Department, NJ

LEAC Chairperson

Sgt. Thomas Porto was hired in January 2002 and is a 17 years veteran of the Fort Lee Police Department located in New Jersey. Fort Lee is the host Borough to the George Washington Bridge, which is known as one of the world's busiest bridges and connects New Jersey to New York City. He has been the Director of Information Technology for the past 10 years and holds a certificate from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill as a Certified Government Chief Information Officer. He sits on the board of the New Jersey Chapter of GMIS International as the liaison to Law Enforcement and serves as our department's TAC Officer. The Division of Information Technology oversees a deployment of 40 Panasonic Toughbook CF-54's as well as many other assets.

Sgt. Porto has been instrumental in many Law Enforcement Technology Projects as well as many infrastructure upgrades to ensure our systems are highly available. Some important projects include the migration of the Police Department's Infrastructure from a physical environment to a highly redundant virtual infrastructure with multiple hosts running VMWare as the hypervisor. He has led the implementation of Network, Firewall and Storage Upgrades. He led with the design, planning and implementation of redundant Generators for backup power. He led with the design, planning and implementation of the removal of wet sprinkler systems and installation of Pre-Action Dry Sprinkler Systems and FM-200 Systems in our MDF and IDF. He led with the design, planning and implementation of Committee and transitioned our Department to our new systems flawlessly. Our state-of-the-art Dispatch Center and E-911 Systems. He was an instrumental member of our recent CAD/RMS Upgrade are notable projects he has led include the implementation of Electronic Ticketing, City-Wide Fixed License Plate Readers, Electronic Police Officer Scheduling, IP CCTV Upgrades and Telephone System Upgrades. He manages our City owned and operated fiber WAN, which our active IP Traffic Camera System operates. He holds certifications in A+, Network+ and Security+.



Sergeant Christian Dorton
Houston Police Department, TX

LEAC Vice Chairperson

Sergeant Christian Dorton was born and raised in Texas. Dorton graduated from Sam Houston State University with a BA in Criminal Justice. In 2008, Dorton graduated from the Houston Police Department's Academy Class 198 and started his career working night shift at the Northeast Division patrol station.

After approximately four years on patrol and a rotation with Homicide Division, Dorton transferred to the Northeast Division's Gang Unit. Dorton then moved to the Northeast Division's Tactical Unit. In this role, Dorton and his colleagues primarily focused on serial robbery, burglary, and organized crime investigations. After a rotation with the Narcotics Division in 2020, Dorton took a special assignment with the Houston Police Officers' Union and later promoted to Sergeant out of that position. In 2021, after a short period as a patrol supervisor, Sergeant Dorton was given an opportunity to build and lead a new unit within the Crime Analysis and Command Center Division - where he is currently assigned. The new position is technology focused, with a goal of facilitating public safety for law enforcement officers in the Houston area.

Sergeant Dorton is a TCOLE Certified Master Peace Officer and Instructor; teaching courses involving complex gang and career criminal investigations throughout the state. Dorton is a member of the Texas Gang Investigators' Association, National Technical Investigators' Association, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Panasonic's Law Enforcement Advisory Council and a Lifetime Member of The 100 Club. Dorton has also served as a Director for the Houston Police Officer's Union - one of the largest police unions in the United States. When not working, Dorton enjoys spending time with his family, hunting and fishing.



Sergeant Aleksandar Lazic
Sandy Springs Police Department, GA

LEAC Secretary

Sergeant A. Lazic is currently assigned as the Technology and Innovation Sergeant. The Sandy Springs Police Technology Innovation position plans, directs, and guides technology decisions for the department to ensure current technologies continue to work properly while at the same time looking forward to identify technologies on the horizon that can help front line officers and the department to carry out its mission. Sgt. Lazic assists with technology needs in the department and acts as a liaison between the police department, the I.T. Department, and technology vendors. In addition, Sgt. Lazic oversees technical projects to include body cameras, dash cameras, license plate readers, RMS, laptops, mobile and portable radios.

Sgt. Lazic began his law enforcement career with the Fulton County Police Department in 2009. He started with the Sandy Springs Police Department in 2015. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2018 and was assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division. The department created a Technology Innovation position in 2019 and Sgt. Lazic was assigned to this newly created position. Sgt. Lazic received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from Saint Leo University.



Chief Robbie Blish
Woodstock Police Department, VT

Chief Blish is a United States Marine Corps veteran and a graduate of Norwich University.

He began his policing career in 1988 with the Springfield VT Police Department serving the Springfield community until 1995.

He served 16 years with the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department serving in various units and in various supervisory roles before retiring in 2011 and becoming Chief of Police of the Woodstock VT police Department.

Since becoming Chief of Police of the Woodstock Police Dept. in 2011 Chief Blish has served as President of the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police and continues to sit on the VACOP's executive board. He also represents VT on the New England Association of Chiefs of Police Executive Board. He currently sits on the VT Criminal Justice Training Council's Use of Force Committee, Domestic Violence Training Committee and the Vermont Assoc. of Chiefs of Police Representative on the State of Vermont's Domestic Violence Council.

Chief Blish is married and has two teenage children.



Capt. Matt Bolger
Michigan State Police, MI

Capt. Bolger holds a Juris Doctor from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan. He began his career as a police officer for the City of Mackinac Island and the City of Jonesville before enlisting in the Michigan State Police (MSP) in 1995. He has worked as a trooper at the Paw Paw Post; a sergeant in the Executive Resource Section where he was the Governmental Affairs Officer (lobbyist) for the department; a first lieutenant in the Director's Office serving as in-house legal counsel and later he was the post commander for the Flint Post; as inspector, he served as the Assistant Division Commander for the Special Operations Division and Intelligence Operations Division, and he later served as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and labor relations manager for all enlisted personnel in the MSP in the Human Resources Division. He currently is the commander of the Information Technology Division.



Sergeant David Chi
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, CA

David Z Chi attended the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Academy in 2005. His law enforcement career began as a new deputy with assignment to Men's Central Jail (MCJ) in Custody Division. After working various custody assignments at MCJ, he transferred to work as a patrol deputy at Carson and Lomita stations.

After working patrol, due to Deputy Chi's previous experience as a software consultant prior to starting a career in law enforcement, he was assigned to work on the project to transition LASD from Mobile Digital Terminals (MDTs) to Mobile Digital Computers (MDCs). The Department successfully upgraded approximately 3,000 vehicles, now equipped with modern ruggedized laptop computers with the latest encryption and patrol related software.

Subsequent to the successful implementation of MDCs in all of LASD's fleet of patrol vehicles, Deputy Chi took coveted tests and promoted to Bonus-1 Deputy to work in Field Operations Support Services unit under Risk Management Bureau. Later, he transferred to Civil Litigation Unit as a Detective and worked cases related to defending the Department and Deputies against civil lawsuits.

In 2020, he was promoted to sergeant and returned to Mobile Solutions as well as the Advanced Surveillance and Protection (ASAP) units, in the Communications and Fleet Management Bureau of the Technology and Support Division. Here he oversaw the

MDCs, data applications and technology related to patrol operations in a highly mobile field environment. He also assisted with planning, research, policy development, mobile communications, technology evaluations and implementations. Currently, Sgt Chi is tasked with planning and continuous development and improvement of technology related to a mobile patrol environment.

David is a graduate of University of California Los Angeles. He is a current member of the National Association of Technical Investigators of America (NATIA), a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and recently joined the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee of Panasonic Corp.



Chief Eric Clifford
Schenectady Police Department, NY

Over the course of his twenty-year career Chief Clifford has worked in both the patrol division and Investigative Services division, developing a solid understanding of the roles police play in keeping communities safe. He has served as the department spokesman, leadership development coordinator, and call-out coordinator for the Peer Support team, in addition to commanding uniform platoons and detective division.

Promoted to Chief in 2016, he has lead with a focus on leadership, community engagement, data analytics and intelligence gathering. During his tenure the Schenectady Police Department has implemented a body worn camera program, become a New York State Law Enforcement Accredited Agency, and leveraged technology to improve departmental communications, personnel management, and data analytics. Chief Clifford is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Session #274 and FBI-LEEDS Session #79. He is active in leadership roles within the Northeastern New York Chiefs of Police Association and the NYS Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Chief Clifford resides in Schenectady New York with his wife Jennifer and enjoys spending his summers at the Great Sacandaga Lake in the Adirondack Mountains.



Crystal Combs (Cody)
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, NC

Crystal Combs is the Public Safety Technology Director for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

She has been with the Department for nineteen years. She is responsible for the selection, design, implementation, and management of all technology solutions used by the Department and oversees the Crime Analysis functions for the Department.

During her time at CMPD, she has managed or participated in the implementation of CMPD's custom Records Management System, Computer Aided Dispatch system, the CRISS NC-LInX regional information sharing system, Digital Mobile Video Recording solution, Early Intervention System, Body Worn Camera Program, Video Management Platform, and Predictive Analytics Business Intelligence Dashboards; along with a myriad of technology projects supporting the daily operations for the CMPD.



Lieutenant Casey Collins
South Dakota Highway Patrol, SD

Lieutenant Casey Collins joined the South Dakota Highway Patrol in 2009. In 2016, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant assigned to Division Headquarters with duties that include overseeing agency equipment, fleet operations, and state radio dispatch. His position duties include procurement, installation, and decommissioning of all vehicles and equipment for the agency. Lieutenant Collins also supervises the Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) for the SD Highway Patrol. Prior to his current assignment he has previously been a squad sergeant, drug recognition expert, and field training officer.



Chief Chris Gore
Harris County Constable's Office, TX

Assistant Chief Chris Gore began his law enforcement career in 1992 with the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the third largest sheriff's office in the country. At the time he saw the ever-evolving need for digital progression in law enforcement. One of his greatest achievements at the Sheriff's Office was designing and implementing the first mobile computer system and in-car video system ever in Harris County. This program has grown annually and is now the county-wide standard.

During his tenure, he was promoted to Director of Law Enforcement Operations Support. He managed law enforcement applications, LAN network and administration, mobile technology, in-car digital video and fixed video, hardware infrastructure, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR), the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), and Fleet Management of more than 2500 vehicles.

Since 2013, Chris Gore has been working at the Precinct One Harris County Constable's Office, the second largest Constable's Office in the United States. He is Assistant Chief over Operations which includes Training, Flood and Swift Water Rescue, Fleet Management, Human Resources, Recruiting and Backgrounds, Environmental Crimes Unit, Law Enforcement Technologies, Budget Management, Property and Evidence, Human Trafficking and the Precinct One Dispatch Center.

He is a Master Peace Officer. Additionally, Chief Gore chairs the Harris County Law Enforcement Technical Committee, which is tasked with vetting, testing and evaluating enterprise technology across the entire county for the Harris County law enforcement community. He also sits on the Harris County Law Enforcement Vehicle Standards Committee, which standardizes the equipment installed into all law enforcement emergency response vehicles, and the Information Governance Technology Committee (IGTC) which identifies and implements solutions for information challenges across county agencies and departments.



Captain Craig Kreiling
Hopkins Police Department, MN

Captain Craig Kreiling is the Operations Captain with the Hopkins Police Department in Minnesota. The agency has 30 sworn officers, 7 non-sworn uniformed staff, and 4 civilian staff.

His administrative duties include oversight of the uniformed patrol staff, vehicle fleet management, and technological resources. He has worked for the Hopkins Police Department for twenty years. His duties have included being a patrol officer; SWAT operator; investigator; narcotics task force investigator; patrol sergeant; administrative sergeant; and captain. He has also held numerous training roles as a firearms instructor, Taser instructor, and field training officer. He is also a veteran of the United States Army where he served as an Infantryman, including a deployment to Iraq and Kuwait.



Officer Keith Don Cartwright (Larsen) Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake, UT

After high school I began to pursue a degree in architectural engineering. My love of cars drove me to work for Discount Tire Company, to help pay for college. I quickly learned the love for cars was stronger than the love of clicking a mouse in computer aided drafting. So I left school and became a full time assistant manager. I thought this would be my lifetime career.

At Discount Tire I quickly rose to manager, I was transferred to the Las Vegas area to manage a struggling store. For 2 years I managed a successful store in the Henderson area of Las Vegas, then 9-11 happened. The look of despair on the faces of the customers entering my store the morning of 9-11 had a profound effect on me. I felt after 9-11 there was something else I could do in my life to help minimize the despair of people in a time like 9-11. I struggled with these feelings for nearly a year, almost a year to the day of 9-11 I quit Discount Tire and moved back home to Salt Lake City.

While driving back to Utah I decided I was going to pursue a career law enforcement, this was my way of honoring those first responders and civilians who lost their lives on 9-11. This was also my way of helping people in time of despair.

I began to apply with multiple agencies in the Salt Lake City area, having no background or experience in law enforcement I found myself at a disadvantage. I decided to apply at the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office for the Corrections Bureau, by doing this I hoped to gain the experience and knowledge I was lacking. In August 2003 I was hired as a Corrections Officer and spent 4 years in the Salt Lake County jail.

After 3 years in the jail I felt it was time to move on and go to the "Road", my heart wanted to be loyal to the Office who first gave me my start so I only want to be a Deputy for the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. In January of 2008 I was given my opportunity and hired as a Deputy.

As a Deputy I served in the Millcreek and Holladay area of Salt Lake County for over two years. During that time I received several honors including the "Sheriff's Star" for my hundreds of DUI arrest and the "Metal of Distinction" for saving 3 small children from a house fire.

In January of 2010 the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Bureau transitioned into the Unified Police Department. I was part of this transition and went from being Deputy Larsen to Officer Larsen.

In late 2010 an opportunity opened in the Canyon Unit of the office, this unit's responsibilities is to patrol the canyon areas of Salt Lake County. This unit interested me because of the opportunities to be more proactive vs. reactive. It also broadened the scope of good in which I could help good people, with activities such as Search and Rescues. Once Assigned to the unit I quickly became involved in Search and Rescue and was placed on the team as a secondary assignment to my regular duties. I was able to do so much good in a collaborated effort with many agencies like the U.S. Forest Service, Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Department of Public Safety, Department of Natural Resources, AirMed, LifeFlight and the 4 major ski resorts located in our canyons.

In October of 2014 I was asked to leave my fulltime Canyon Patrol position and take over as the fulltime Search and Rescue Coordinator for the office. I gladly accepted and enjoyed working in this capacity with great volunteer members of the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team.

In August of 2016 the officer position of Fleet Manager became available, I applied and was offered the position. I saw this as an opportunity to merge the two things I had loved doing as an adult, law enforcement and cars.

I am looking forward to many years of working in this capacity as Fleet Manager for the Unified Police Department/Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office.



Curtis Pion
Polk County Sheriff's Office, IA

Curtis is currently a Senior Project Manager for the Polk County Sheriff's Office (Iowa) where he is responsible for managing the Office operating budget & financial staff. He also manages the implementation of all large-scale projects for the Office and have been focused on identifying new technologies to expand the use and impact of information to meet operational needs.

He successfully guided the upgrade of the Sheriff's Office radio communications system, which involved working with over 30 public safety and public service partners in central Iowa. His work in this area continues as opportunities for agency interoperability are still evolving.

He believes that his life and career have been guided and supported by these words: "On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my county", to be "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent".

He is blessed to be married to Cindy Pion, and they have three daughters they could not be more proud of. He plays the guitar and sings for The Highway 44 Revelers, enjoys live music events, cycling and generally being outdoors with friends and family. A lifelong Iowan, he likes to travel but loves coming back home.

He stood in line for coffee once with Huey Lewis after what was clearly a long night for both of us, but am still waiting for my own Bill Murray story.



Captain Don Redmond
Chula Vista Police Department, CA

Captain Don Redmond began his law enforcement career in 1996 and has worked various assignments including Patrol Watch Commander, Community Policing Commander, Professional Standards Lieutenant, Jail Commander, Dispatch Manager, and UAS Manager until his promotion to captain. Currently, Capt. Redmond oversees Support Operations consisting of the 9-1-1 Police Communications Center, Technology, the City Jail, the Professional Standards Unit, and UAS Operations.

Captain Redmond holds a Master of Arts Degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from San Diego State University. He is a graduate of California P.O.S.T. Command College (Class 64) and the FBI National Academy (Class 263). He is a published author in Police1 Magazine, FBINAA Magazine and was a contributing writer for the California P.O.S.T. De-Escalation Strategies and Techniques publication.



Shawn Romanowski
Boston Police Department, MA

Mr. Shawn Romanoski, is a Telecommunications Director with the Boston Police Department. With a career spanning over twenty five years, Shawn Romanoski has worked within the aviation and telecommunications communities, commencing in 1991 at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics division with a distinguished international career in airborne and ground based communications and navigation. In 2003, Mr. Romanoski was tasked with building a statewide land mobile radio communication system for the state of Maine. This project involved construction/upgrade of over seventy towers and encompassing eight thousand end users.

In 2011, Shawn accepted the position of Telecommunications Director of the City of Boston Police Department. In this capacity he is responsible for the planning, design, installation and maintenance of the Department's radio systems, Mobile Data Systems, telephone systems, Enhanced 9-1-1 systems, Information support systems and video surveillance systems.



Art Thompson
City of Detroit, MI

Art Thompson is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the City of Detroit, Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Prior to this appointment, Art served as the Director of Public Safety and Cyber Security for DoIT. Art is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Supply Chain Management. He has over twelve (12) years of technical experience with the public safety environment and managing public safety personnel. His technical skills include radio and desktop installation, as well as software and hardware maintenance. His responsibilities included, but were not limited to, managing Desktop Support, Mobility Support, Network Administration and Cyber Security Teams all of which he confidently championed. Art began his career with DoIT as the Manager for Mobility Support. His accomplishments as Manager further revealed his advanced technical skills and managerial abilities, which lead to his promotion to Director. After serving nearly three (3) years as Director, he further excelled in management and in handling budgetary issues. Art's vision, dedication, motivation and commitment to the City of Detroit, ultimately lead to his appointed as CIO.

CIO Thompson is a result-driven, motivated and efficient technology professional. He is an effective communicator and presenter recommending solutions for top-level management. He is a resourceful big-picture thinker who confidently accomplishes business objectives through outstanding technical direction. Art is a proactive and committed individual recognized for his multi-tasking ability and getting the job done!



Lieutenant Robert B. Whitehead Jr.,
Gwinnett County Police Department, GA

I began my career with the Police Department on March 2, 2002. I graduated from the 53rd Police Academy. I have served in numerous units within the Police Department to include: The Uniform Division (Uniform Patrol), The Criminal Investigations Division (Detectives), The Office of Professional Standards (Background & Recruiting), the Uniform Division Office (Administrative Aide), the Training Section (In-Service Training) and as a member of SWAT (Crisis Negotiations). Currently I am assigned to the Administrative Division (Aide to the Division Commander).



Sergeant Frailan Young, Jr.
Mesa Police Department, AZ

Sergeant Frailan Young, Jr. is currently assigned to the Technical Services Division for the Mesa Police Department. In this role, he is responsible for the evaluation, implementation and support of field technology in use by the Mesa Police Department. This includes oversight of the On-Body Camera program, smart phone deployment and oversight/implementation of other police technology programs/equipment. Frailan is a 23 year veteran of the Mesa Police Department and has served in Patrol, Special Investigations (Narcotic Enforcement, Gang Enforcement and Intelligence), Media Relations and as an Adjutant to the Police Chief.



Nick Zajchowski
Seattle Police Department, WA

Nick is a Strategic Advisor for the Seattle Police Department. He is currently the Program Manager for the SPD Body-Worn Video program, as well as the Project Manager for video and mobile initiatives. Prior to the Police Department, Nick ran the Research, Planning, and Evaluation Group at the Municipal Court of Seattle, as well as worked at the King County Office of Management and Budget as a Budget and Policy Analyst focused on the County's criminal justice system. Nick holds a B.A. from the University of California at Santa Cruz and an M.P.A. from the University of Washington.