
William D. Puett

EDUCATION

- 2007** **Masters of Science – Criminal Justice Administration**
University of Central Missouri – Warrensburg, MO
- 1993** **Bachelor of Science – Criminal Justice**
Missouri Western State College – St. Joseph, MO
- 1983** **High School Diploma – Central High School**
St. Joseph, MO

WORK EXPERIENCE

03/1987 – Present Buchanan County Sheriff's Department

- 2/2010 – Present **Lt. Colonel – Undersheriff**
- 7/2007 – 2/2010 **Captain – Administration Division/Major Incident Management**
- Function and perform duties and responsibilities of Sheriff when absence
 - Direct personnel, functions, resources at major criminal incidents
 - Primary death scene investigator
 - Research, draft, and implement all departmental policies
 - Oversight of departmental professional standards including; employment testing/hiring, complaints, use of force and pursuit review
 - Supervision of training and establishment of training priorities
 - Research, prepare, defend, and administer departmental budget
 - Interpret new laws, issues, or regulations and issue policy statements
 - Represent and liaison with various groups and organizations
- 1/2005 – 7/2007 **Captain – Criminal Investigations/Administration Division**
- Function and perform duties and responsibilities of Sheriff when absent
 - Manage and conduct major criminal incident investigations
 - Collect, process, analyze, and document crime scenes and physical evidence
 - Prepare and execute search warrants
 - Prepare complete and thorough case files for prosecution
 - Complete oversight of all criminal investigations and case assignments of investigators
 - Direct, evaluate, supervise, perform law enforcement training
 - Performed delineated administrative duties
- 4/1996 – 1/2005 **Lieutenant – Administration/Training and Major Incident**
- Manage and conduct major criminal incident investigations

- Collect, process, analyze, and document crime scenes and physical evidence
- Prepare and execute search warrants
- Prepare complete and thorough case files for prosecution
- Direct, evaluate, supervise, perform law enforcement training
- Collect and disseminate criminal intelligence information
- Conduct professional standards investigations
- Supervision of departmental computer system
- Research, draft, and implement all departmental policies
- Interpret new laws or regulations and issue policy statements
- Represent and liaison with various groups and organizations
- Prepare and administer departmental budget

7/1990 – Present **Crime Scene Specialist – Crime Scene Investigator**

2/1993 – 4/1996 **Shift Commander/Sergeant – Patrol Division**

7/1988 – 2/1993 **Deputy Sheriff – Patrol Division**

3/1987 – 7/1988 **Deputy Sheriff – Corrections Division**

06/2004 – Present Case Agent – NOMIS Initial Response Team

The Initial Response Team (IRT) is a selected group of specialized investigators of the Northwest Missouri Major Investigation Squad (NOMIS) working on an “on-call” basis to respond to, and investigate, major criminal incidents in a 15 county area.

- Supervise and direct multi-jurisdictional major criminal incident investigation squad
- Conduct all aspects of complex criminal investigations as a case agent or lead investigator

05/2003 – Present Subject Matter Expert – Criminal Investigation

The Subject Matter Expert (SME) is a position with the Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission and is responsible for continually reviewing legal or procedural changes in the subject matter and establishing/updating training objectives for new officer curriculum statewide

06/2002 – Present Executive Committee – LECC US Attorney’s Office

The Law Enforcement Coordination Committee (LECC) with the United States Attorney’s Office – Western District of Missouri is responsible for; coordinating, facilitating, and disseminating criminal intelligence and officer safety information and conducting law enforcement training for certified law enforcement officers.

06/2002 – Present Site Coordinator – Missouri Sheriff’s Association

Missouri Sheriff’s Association Training Academy

- Supervise, select, and coordinate trainers and schedules
- Oversee student performance and adherence to guidelines
- Deliver recruit and certified officer training

08/1995 – Present Senior Instructor – Law Enforcement Academy

Missouri Western State University Law Enforcement Academy

- Provide quality instruction to law enforcement recruits
- Research, develop, and instruct training seminars
- Contribute to the structure and organization of the academy
- Monitor and evaluate the progress of recruits
- Develop and train other instructors
- Provide training for certified law enforcement officers

08/1995 – Present Adjunct Faculty – Criminal Justice Instructor

Missouri Western State University – Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies

- Instruct upper and lower level undergraduate courses
- Prepare and develop instruction and evaluation plans
- Research current topics in the field of criminal justice

01/1996 – Present Child Fatality Review Board Law Enforcement Member

The Child Fatality Review Board is a multi-disciplinary group that reviews and makes recommendations on the deaths of children in Buchanan County.

- Review all child fatalities to ensure a proper investigation was conducted
- Provide prevention recommendations on child deaths

04/1991 – Present Investigator – NW MO Major Investigation Squad

The Northwest Missouri Investigation Squad (NOMIS) is a selected group of criminal investigators that work on an “on-call” basis on major criminal incidents in other jurisdictions when requested by the chief law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction – IRT replaced the squad

- Perform all aspects of in-depth and complex criminal investigations

08/1996 – 06/2005 Executive Committee – MO RCPI

The Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI) funded by Department of Justice COPS funding is responsible for delivering community policing training to certified officers and community members, and providing technical resources to law enforcement agencies and community organizations.

- Participate in oversight and direction of the Institute
- Provide assistance to other law enforcement agencies

5/1998 – 11/1999 Primary Instructor – Friends University

- Program coordinator and primary instructor for Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice program

6/1997 – 12/1998 Instructor – MO Department of Corrections

- Delivery quality supervisory level training seminars

QUALIFICATIONS

Job-Related Certificates and Licenses

- Member – International Association of Bloodstain Patter Analyst
- Diplomate Medicolegal Death Investigator – Registry Number 673
- Missouri Class B Peace Officer Certification
- Generalist Instructor – Missouri Department of Public Safety

Job-Related Honors, Awards, and Special Accomplishments

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| ❖ Phi Kappa Phi – Honor Society | University of Central Missouri |
| ❖ 2 Bronze Awards for Valor | NW Missouri Awards for Valor |
| ❖ Certificate of Commendation | Fraternal Order of Police |
| ❖ Certificate of Appreciation | Fallen Officer's Memorial Committee |
| ❖ Certificate of Appreciation | Regional Community Policing Institute |
| ❖ Certificate of Merit | Missouri Association of Counties |
| ❖ 1999 POST Instructor of the Year | Missouri Department of Public Safety |
| ❖ Certificate of Appreciation | Buchanan County Juvenile Detention |
| ❖ 1 st Annual Instructor Excellence | MWRLEA |
| ❖ Alpha Phi Sigma – Honor Society | CMSU – Gamma Chapter |
| ❖ Outstanding Victim/Witness Rights | Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney |

Relevant Job-Related Training Courses (1996 – Present)

2009 Masters 13 Conference for Advanced Death Investigation

2009 7th Annual Law Enforcement Coordination Committee Seminar
2008 ICS 300
2008 ICS 400
2008 Child Fatality Review & Investigation
2008 The Bullet Proof Mind
2007 Cold Case Investigation
2007 Masters 12 Conference for Advanced Death Investigation
2007 5th Annual Law Enforcement Coordination Committee Seminar
2006 WMD AWR-160 T-t-T
2006 ICS 100/200/700/800
2006 5th Annual Law Enforcement Coordination Committee Seminar
2005 Masters 11 Conference for Advanced Death Investigation
2005 3rd Annual Law Enforcement Coordination Committee Seminar
2004 National Homicide Seminar
2004 2nd Annual Law Enforcement Coordination Committee Seminar
2004 Human Skeletal Remains for Death Investigators
2003 1st Annual Law Enforcement Coordination Committee Seminar
2003 Masters 10 Conference for Advanced Death Investigation
2003 Bloodstain Pattern Analysis in Violent Crimes
2002 Criminal Co-Investigation of Child Abuse
2002 Child Fatality Review Program Annual Training 2002
2001 Child Fatality Review Panel Training 2001
2001 Officer Survival
2001 Masters 9 Conference for Advanced Death Investigation
2001 2001 KC Regional Homicide Seminar
2000 2000 Child Fatality Review
1999 Internal Affairs, Professional Standards, and Ethics Course
1999 1999 Child Fatality Review Panel Training
1999 Masters 8 Conference for Advanced Death Investigation
1998 Due Process and Just Cause – Internal Affairs
1998 Performance Appraisal - IACP
1998 Crime Scene Reconstruction
1997 FBI – Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted
1997 ABA – Child Fatality Review Teams: Training for the Future
1997 Child Abuse Investigation
1997 Masters 7 Conference for Advanced Death Investigation
1997 Law Enforcement for Domestic Violence
1997 1997 Child Fatality Review Training Program
1996 Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course
1996 Due Process and Just Cause – Employer/Employee Rights
1996 Instructor Development Course
1996 Practical Homicide Investigation

References Available Upon Request