



Brian Murphy

Lt. Murphy began his career in the law enforcement field beginning in 1980. After joining the United States Marine Corp he was stationed at camp Pendleton California assigned to Correction Battalion. His next years would be assigned to the Marine Security Guard battalion stationed at embassies in Kabul, Afghanistan and Bangkok, Thailand.

Upon leaving the Marine Corp in 1985, Lt. Murphy began his tenure at the United Nations. He worked in various assignments including the control center, fire service and armorer. Additionally, while at the United Nations Lt. Murphy also provided security to visiting heads of state to include Margaret Thatcher, Mikhail Gorbachev as well as President H.W. Bush.

In 1990 Lt. Murphy moved to Jefferson, WI and began at the Sheriff Department there as a jailer. He attended Madison Area Technical College and received certification in Corrections and Law Enforcement before leaving for serve in Oak Creek, WI.

Lt. Murphy served with the Oak Creek Police Department for over 22 years.

Lt. Murphy was a member of the OCPD Emergency Response Unit from 1992- 2009. He was an entry team member, explosive breacher and ERU team leader. He was a member of the OCPD Evidence Technician Unit for 15 years. Lt. Murphy served with the Wisconsin Association for Identification for over 15 years eventually serving on the Board of Directors for 5 years.

He also served working as an adjunct instructor for L.S.U., Texas A&M and New Mexico Tech. Lt. Murphy is an instructor for Waukesha Area Technical College.

Lt. Murphy holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Marian University.

In August 2012, Lt. Murphy was the first responding officer to the Sikh Temple massacre which left 6 dead and another 3 wounded. Lt. Murphy was shot 15 times during the gunfight with the suspect. Lt. Murphy has been recognized on both a state and national level for his actions.

Among many Awards and Commendations:

2005- Unit Citation for role in recovery of a child from an Amber Alert
2005- Distinguished Service Medal for role in the investigation domestic terrorism event
2010- Award of Excellence for dedicated service on the Emergency Response Unit
2013- Oak Creek Police Purple Heart
2013- Oak Creek Police Medal of Valor
2013- Wisconsin Association of SWAT Personnel- SWAT officer of the year
2014- Congressional Badge of Bravery
2015- Presidential Public Safety Medal of Valor