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David Thomas is a veteran police officer specializing in mental health, police and minority relations, active shooters and mass casualties.

Biography

David Thomas is a professor of forensic studies and criminal justice at Florida Gulf Coast University. Before receiving his Ph.D., Thomas served as a police officer, and retired from the Gainesville Police Department after 20 years of service. As a police officer, his assignments included: patrol, detective, street crimes, SWAT, hostage negotiations, as well as community policing and training.

Areas of Expertise

Psychology of School Shooters, Law Enforcement Mental Health, Policing in America, Police Psychology, Use of Force by Police, Police Operations, Police Decision Making, Law Enforcement Training, Psychology of Mass Casualty Incidents

Affiliations

Police Counseling Services, LLC. : CEO, Alachua Police Department : Consultant/Mental Health Service Provider, Santa Fe Police Department : Consultant/Mental Health Service Provider, University of Florida Police Department : Consultant/Mental Health Service Provider

Selected Event Appearances

Fight, Flight or Freeze - The Psychological impact of a Critical Incidents
National Conference on Active School Shooters

Training

21st Century Policing: Professionalism in Policing Series

Confidentiality Agreements & Department Safety Plan

Consult, University of Florida Counseling Center

Education

The Union Institute

Ph.D. Forensic Psychology and Criminology

National Louis University
M.Ed. Education

Mercy College of Detroit
B.A. Clinical Psychology

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