



West Des Moines Police Department

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Greetings to everyone and hello from West Des Moines, Iowa. First, I wanted to extend my thanks to all the Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) members and especially Iowa City for making the 2023 ISPA conference a success. With the holidays coming upon us, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and will have a Merry Christmas. This is a special time of year where we can spend extra time with our loved ones.

I was recently elected to the ISPA Director position, in October, at the Annual ISPA Conference in Iowa City. Let me share a little about me. I was born and raised in Des Moines where I graduated from Lincoln High School in 2001. I have been married to my wonderful wife Kate for 15 years, and we have two boys, Gavin (11) and Axel (8), who keep us busy with hockey and Tae Kwon Do.

In 2003, I was hired as a police officer in Carlisle, Iowa. I worked in Carlisle for 7 years with most of that time as a K-9 Officer. Working in a small town provided me with a lot of different views of government work, compared to a larger agency.

In April 2010, the West Des Moines Police Department (WDMPD) gave me a chance. While working patrol, I attended Columbia Southern University where I received my Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and later furthered my education with my Master's in Public Administration. While working for the WDMPD, I have worked in Patrol and our Community Response Unit (CRU), before being promoted to Sergeant in 2016 and Lieutenant in 2022. I have served as a Defensive Tactics Instructor, ASP Baton Instructor, and a Taser Instructor. I was also the Vice President of our Benevolent Association from 2014-2016 and the President from 2016-2018.

I like to spend my free time with my family traveling to Mexico and Costa Rica. In the winter I enjoy playing in an old man's hockey league and beating the fire department in the yearly Guns-N-Hoses charity game.

I look forward to all the opportunity of serving on the ISPA Board. Please let me know if you need anything or would like to voice your thoughts or concerns. Please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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