



Hamlet E. Hood, Jr. - Biography

Lieutenant (Ret.) Hamlet E. Hood, Jr. is a retired Police Officer from the Richmond, Va. Police Department (RPD) where he served for over 29 years; from 1982 to 2012. During his time as a lieutenant, he served in several areas within the department, such as, Sector Commander in the East End and Downtown, and OIC of the Organized Crime Divisions Gang Unit.

As a Sector Commander, he engaged the communities he was responsible for by partnering with community leaders, identifying their problems and working cooperatively to resolve them. Working together with the communities, each community saw reductions in crime and the East End community led the City of Richmond, Virginia in crime reduction for two years (2006 – 2007).

As the leader of the Gang Unit he developed training presentations to address all groups who are responsible for youth in the community; to address gang vulnerable youth and possible gang related issues in the community. He is a faculty member for Gang Busters; a cooperative effort between the Virginia Commonwealth Attorney's Services Council and Law Enforcement Professionals.

He is presently a Gang Investigator and Trainer for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Juvenile Justice, Investigative Unit, where he conducts Gang Awareness Trainings across the state.

He has received numerous awards during his career. Some significant awards are the Silver Medal of Valor from the Greater Richmond Retail Merchants Association, Two Recognitions from Richmond City Council for his Community/Police relationship building efforts and was recognized as the Personality of the Week by the Richmond Free Press for his community involvement.

NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor Bio

JODY LONG

Mr. Jody Long has a distinguished and diverse background in law enforcement and firearms training. Over the course of his 34-year career in the military and law enforcement, he has served in various leadership positions centered on investigations, training, and security.

Jody began his law enforcement career after serving in the US Navy from 1982-1988, honorably discharged as an E5, GMG2 ESWS. For 17 years, Jody served as a Patrol Officer, K9 response Team member, Law Enforcement Operations Instructor and a Narcotics Investigator for various Law Enforcement Agencies in York County, South Carolina. Jody conducted numerous local, state, and federal drug and violent crime related investigations. Jody also assisted as a Range Master Firearms Instructor for the training of narcotics teams' use of weapons and tactics for high risk warrant execution and responded to K9 tracking situations as needed. As a lead training officer, Jody implemented new training and reorganized the department's protocols and training needs to satisfy the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy standards mandated by state law and also served as Assistant Instructor in Chemical Munitions and Defensive Tactics.

Jody's passion for firearms and training took him abroad in 2004 to serve as a Law Enforcement Trainer at Al-Karada Police Training Center for SWAT and Emergency Response Units for the Central Baghdad Police Department in Iraq. Upon his return to the US, Jody joined Duke Energy Corporation as a Nuclear Security Officer at Catawba Nuclear Power Station in York, SC. As a Certified Central Alarm Station Operator (CAS), Jody used video, Infrared and microwave equipment to conduct surveillance in the protected area of Catawba Nuclear Station. Once promoted to Range Master, Jody was responsible for the entire security department's firearms training and ultimately designed and implemented the new NRC standards set forth in USC7355 code of law, revised throughout the industry in 2010. Jody returned to Iraq in 2011 with SOC-USA as a range master for the US State Department to assist in the stand down of the United States Military and stand up security for the Baghdad Embassy. Jody has carried a Secret clearance for the State Department and Department of Defense.

Currently, Jody is assigned to the NRA Law Enforcement Division as an adjunct, Staff Firearms Instructor. Jody frequently travels to various Law Enforcement Agencies, Nuclear Facilities and military establishments, throughout the United States and abroad, to provide Law Enforcement Officers the needed skills to be an NRA Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor in all disciplines. Jody is also a National School Shield Assessor and Instructor for that program, which is supported by the NRA Grant foundation. Jody also supports the Federal Flight Deck Officer program as a secondary firearms instructor in the Charlotte, NC metro region with General Dynamics.

Jody is married and currently living in South Carolina, involved in his personal business, which is predominately geared towards firearms training.



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Special Agent Yvette A. Thomas - Biography

Yvette Thomas is a Special Agent (SA) with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). HSI is the principal investigative arm of DHS and the second largest investigative agency in the federal government. Created in 2003 through a merger of the investigative and interior enforcement elements of the U.S. Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, HSI now has more than 20,000 employees in offices in all 50 states and 47 foreign countries. HSI's primary mission is to promote homeland security and public safety through the criminal and civil enforcement of federal laws governing border control, customs, trade, and immigration. SA Thomas has been in law enforcement for 29 years; 15 years as a federal agent (7 years as a United States Postal Inspector and 8 years as a HSI special agent), 10 years as a local police officer (Wilmington and Milford Police Departments) and 4 years as a military police in the United States Air Force. SA Thomas currently investigates crimes involving human trafficking, crimes against children to include production, distribution, possession of child pornography, sex tourism, and sextortion cases.

William Capra

Special Agent

Homeland Security Investigations

William Capra is a special agent for Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and is assigned to the Cyber Crimes Group in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He primarily focuses on investigating crypto-currency exchanger's adherence to the rules and regulations of The Bank Secrecy Act and the smuggling of synthetic narcotics by international drug trafficking organizations that utilize darknet market places. Prior to his current assignment, he was assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force and The Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST) at the Philadelphia International Airport. He has been employed as a special agent for over eleven years and was previously employed as a Customs and Border Protection officer in Newark, New Jersey for two years. In addition to his criminal investigator duties, he is an adjunct instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Center and an HSI designated technical agent.

Sgt. Ken Hogan

Retired Irvington N.J. Police Department 27 Years

Currently an Agent with the Union County Prosecutor's Office 13 years

My presentation will be an in-depth depiction of a police officer's human survival skill during an armed encounter with a suspect.

Emphasis is focused on a Police Officers mind set before, during and after an actual armed encounter with a suspect.

The drug suspect shot approximately 14 or more times striking me 4 times.

Adriana Mirarchi
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Adriana Mirarchi is a special agent with Homeland Security Investigations (HIS), the largest investigative arm of the department of Homeland Security. She has served as a HIS special agent since 2009, leading investigations on financial crimes, human trafficking, intellectual property theft, immigration and document fraud, transnational gangs and more. She currently serves as her office's representative to several federal agency task forces focusing on human trafficking and financial fraud.

Mirarchi served as a special agent with the Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security from 2005 to 2009. She conducted protective details for U.S. and foreign diplomats within the U.S. and abroad. Additionally, she investigated visa, passport and financial fraud, identity theft, and human smuggling/trafficking. She initiated the Eurasian Organized Crime Task Force in Norfolk, Virginia, and trained foreign law enforcement officers on physical protection, screening and defensive tactics.

Throughout her career, she has been recognized for her service, including multiple awards from the Eastern District of Virginia U.S. Attorney's Office, the Department of Homeland Security, the Social Security Administration, the Department of State, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

In 2003, Mirarchi graduated cum laude from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, with a Bachelor of Arts in French West African Studies and Psychology.