

Application for Village Marshal

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Code Enforcement training or certifications, if any

33+ years of local level law enforcement experience in St Lucie County. This includes identifying and investigating a variety of criminal, civil and code enforcement complaints. The past 15 years I've worked at the city of Port St Lucie Police Department (2005 - present) which emphasizes quality of life issues, including city code complaints. I have no specific code enforcement certifications currently.

Other experience or education that would be beneficial in performing duties of the Marshal position

During my career I have held positions in criminal investigations, street crimes investigations, underwater search and recovery, and more. These positions required investigative skills. I have also been involved in uniform patrol in some capacity for the majority of my career. This involves conducting regular neighborhood patrols meant to deter crime, identify neighborhood issues and urge code compliance. I write reports as a regular part of my duties.

In the space below, please state why you believe you would be a good candidate for the position of Village Marshal (attach additional sheets, if desired).

I have lived and worked in St Lucie county for most of my life. I lived in St Lucie Village for 5 years and currently live 3 to 5 minutes away near the St Lucie County airport. I know many people that live in the Village and am very familiar with roadways and neighborhoods there. As a deputy sheriff (1987 - 2005) I frequently patrolled the area of St Lucie Village and the surrounding communities. I will be retiring from the Port St Lucie Police Department (5/19/21) and will be available to start fulltime anytime after that date. I believe living near the Village and having lived and worked within the community gives me unique insight and knowledge of many issues concerning it's residents.

Applicant Signature: Michael Colton
(electronically signed)

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Law Enforcement Professional with more than thirty years of diversified experience, seeks opportunity to apply career development and experience to serve the needs of my community.

EMPLOYMENT

POLICE OFFICER

2005-PRESENT

*City of Port St. Lucie Police Department
Port St. Lucie, FL*

- Uniform Patrol
- Member of Firearms Instructor Staff
- K9 Unit member and trainer (six team unit)
- Worked two Police Service Dogs (10/05 – 09/10, 12/12 - present)
- Facilitated Maintenance Training for many area K9 Teams
- Developed Police K9 Guidebook for Patrol Officers
- Developed & instructed multiple 400+ Hour Patrol Dog Academies
- Developed & instructed multiple 120 + hour narcotics detection academies
- Developed & instructed multiple 180 + hour explosives detection academies
- Developed and taught roll call training for Patrol Officers regarding safe K9 Utilization
- Developed K9 Field Training Program for new hires
- Co-developed Fed Ex K-9 Parcel Interdiction program
- Achieved K-9 Evaluator and Instructor status with National Police Canine Association
- Named Southeast Regional Director of the National Police Canine Association for 6 ½ years
- Achieved K-9 trainer credentials with US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Developed/hosted several K9 training seminars in Port St Lucie
- Acting Sergeant for approximately 13 months, 2009/10
- Nominated for several Unit Citations and Commendations
- Officer of the Quarter, 4th quarter 2006
- Officer of the Year, 2006
- 100 Club Officer of the Year, 2006
- ASIS Award nominee and recipient for Joseph Crowder K9 Achievement Award

DEPUTY SHERIFF

1987-2005

*St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office
Ft. Pierce, FL*

- Uniform Patrol
- Narcotics/Street Crimes Investigations – Tactical Enforcement Unit, 1991
- Criminal Investigations – Auto Theft/General Assignment, 1991 - 1993
- School Resource Deputy, 1993
- K9 Unit Member and trainer, 1996 - 2005
- Worked / Trained three Police Service Dogs (1996 - 2005)

- Facilitated Maintenance Training for many area K9 Teams
- Member of Use of Force Instructor Staff (Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Patrol Procedures)
- Member of training corps and developed training program for Active Shooter Response
- Member of Defensive Driving Staff
- Member of Special Operations and Tactics Team / Instructor in SWAT Academy, 1990 - 1996
- Member of Underwater Search and Recovery Team
- Field Training Officer, 1991 - 2005
- Nominated twice for Deputy of the Quarter
- Combat Cross, 2005
- 100 Club Deputy of the Year, 2004

EDUCATION

DEGREE EARNED OR MAJOR 1986-PRESENT
Indian River State College
Fort Pierce, FL

- Law Enforcement Academy
- Advanced Law Enforcement Training
- 64 college credits total

DEGREE EARNED OR MAJOR 1980-1986
Indian River Academy
Ft. Pierce, FL

- High School Diploma
- Member and President of Key Club
- Eagle Award
- MVP in soccer and basketball

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Meritorious Service
- Exceptional Duty
- Unit Citations
- Commendation Certificates
- Combat Cross
- Valor Award
- 100 Club Deputy of the Year, 2004
- 100 Club Officer of the Year, 2006
- Officer of the Quarter, 2006
- Officer of the Year, 2006
- ASIS Joseph Crowder K9 Achievement Award

Memberships

- North American Police Work Dog Association
- National Police Canine Association / Two term Southeast Regional Director (past)
- Florida Law Enforcement Canine Association
- Association of Pet Dog Trainers
- National Entomology Scent Detection Canine Association

Qualifications

- Florida Certified Law Enforcement Officer
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement Certified K9 Team Trainer
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement Certified General Studies Instructor
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement Certified Firearms Instructor
- Adjunct Instructor/Indian River State College / Criminal Justice Training Center
- In service Instructor at St Lucie County Sheriff's Office
- In service Instructor at Port St. Lucie Police Department
- Penn & Foster Dog Obedience Instructor course
- Co-owner / Trainer for private business (Treasure Coast Canine Services, Inc.)
- Owner / Trainer for 33 Tactical LLC, Firearms / Personal Protection Training
- National Police Canine Association certified patrol/detection/tracking instructor
- National Police Canine Association certified patrol/detection/tracking evaluator
- US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives certified EDD trainer/evaluator
- National Entomology Scent Detection Canine Association certified evaluator
- NRA Pistol Instructor, Refuse To Be A Victim (Crime Prevention Program), Range Safety Officer