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Education: University of Richmond (VA), B.A. Criminal Justice/Sociology, May of 1987

Employment and Volunteer Work Experience:

1992-Present U.S. Probation Officer, U.S. District Court, District of Maine, Portland field office

Currently serve as the officer supervising our federal drug court, SWiTCH (Success with the Court's Help), which consists of high-risk, high needs drug dependent offenders. For 23 years, I have supervised offenders in the community, in high crime areas in the Washington, DC area, as well as the Lewiston and now Portland areas. Also serve as the district Treatment Services Specialist, coordinating our relationship with numerous treatment agencies around the state of Maine who provide needed substance abuse and mental health services for our offenders.

2013 – Present Founder and President, ASET - AUTISM SAFETY EDUCATION & TRAINING, Portland, ME

Provide education and training services to first responders and community members on safely interacting with persons on the Autism Spectrum nationwide. Maintain and provide a wealth of free resources on company website which has assisted families and first responders worldwide. Provide breakout training sessions at various conferences nationwide.

2004-Present Information Specialist, Autism Society of Maine, Winthrop, ME

Developed training for law enforcement and other first responders on safely interacting with persons on the Autism Spectrum, and regularly deliver the training in Maine.

2005-2014 Trainer, NAMI Maine Chapter, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program

Deliver training to all police officers certified as CIT members throughout the state.

2007-Present Instructor, Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Vassalboro, ME

Present training to all new police recruit classes on safely interacting with persons on the Autism Spectrum.

2013-Present Volunteer, Milestone Foundation Homeless Outreach and Mobilization Team (HOME Team), Portland, ME

Assist in providing outreach to those living on the streets that are in need of substance abuse and mental health services. Engage with struggling individuals on the street who may be exhibiting disruptive or unsafe behaviors, and ensure they relocate to a safe location, such as a shelter facility or more intensive services.

2004 – 2007 Volunteer, Parents as Advocates Program, The Disability Rights Center, Augusta, ME

Assisted parents who were advocating for their children with developmental disabilities to ensure that their child received appropriate special education services.

1998-2003 President, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), Maine Chapter

Founding member and first President of the Maine FLEOA chapter, a volunteer position. Led chapter business meetings, organized community service projects, and founded the first annual Maine Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Mass, recognizing and honoring those officers in Maine killed in the line of duty.

Autism Training Accomplishments:

- Developed a training program that is certified by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and was instrumental in making the training mandatory for all officers in the state. To date, have made approximately 200 training presentations and trained over 5,000 first responders in Maine, as well as New Jersey, Idaho, Nebraska and Canada
- Created a program in which persons with Autism can voluntarily provide critical information to dispatchers, so that information can be relayed to first responders
- Provided consultation to detectives and prosecutors investigating crimes against persons with Autism, and attorneys defending persons with Autism in criminal matters. Testified as expert witness in criminal proceedings
- Produced a nationwide training video for federal prosecutors on Autism
- Delivered similar training to fire/rescue/EMS personnel, dispatchers, U.S. Border Patrol, Dept. of Homeland Security Transportation Safety Administration, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as well as the Maine State Prison and numerous local correctional facilities, the Maine Warden Service and a number of school systems, parent support groups and Autism conferences
- Assisted in the development of autism safety online training modules for Law Enforcement

Awards:

- 2014 *Award for Advocacy for Victims of Crime*, US Attorney's Office
- 2012 *Lanee Barnes Award*, NAMI-Maine, for my long-term involvement in the state's CIT training program
- 2008 *Heroes in the Fight Award*, NAMI-Maine, for involvement in the state's CIT training program
- 2005 for *Outstanding Efforts towards the Crime Victim*, US Attorney's office
- 2005 *Professional Providing Service Award*, Autism Society of Maine
- 1994 *Special Service Award*, for assisting a fellow officer shot and wounded during a training exercise

Publications:

- Brown, M. and Debbaudt, D. "Creating an Autism Response Team", *Autism Spectrum Quarterly*, a three part series published in 2006

Court Testimony:

- *State of Maine v. Conover*, West Bath District Court, 4/7/2008

Personal/Certifications:

- Father of a child on the Autism Spectrum
- Member of National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP)
- Lifetime Member of Federal Law Enforcement Association (FLEOA)
- Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC)