

SERGEANT DAVID A. WILLIS, JR.

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Seeking Position as...

MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF

Ardent law enforcement career with 21 years experience providing protective and investigative services in Macomb County. Proven leadership and communication strengths working in partnership with residents, business owners, staff, and department heads to achieve community policing goals and public safety. Demonstrated success in protective services, criminal investigations and jail activities.

Highlighted Expertise

- Progressive two-decade law enforcement career, ranging from Correctional Deputy to Command Sergeant protecting citizens and promoting the general welfare of communities of Macomb County.
- Effectively assisted in Command Officer Contract negotiations for budget years 2010-2012 and testified in related Arbitration hearings.
- Elected to service as *Macomb County Charter Commissioner* in Center Line and Warren and later to serve the entire county as *Treasurer*; successfully coming in 40% under budget.
- Expert Origin and Cause testimony provider, regarding arson, death, and murder investigations in courtroom and deposition environments.
- Spent 10 years working within the Jail administration activities as a Jail Shift Command Sergeant, Sergeant I, and Correctional Deputy assisting in the care and security for over 1300 inmates.
- Arson and Fire Investigator for 14 years, assigned to determine cause and origin of fires, gather evidence and complete reports.

Core Competencies

Team-Building Leadership
Budget Management
Community Involvement
Critical Thinking Skills
Negotiation Expertise
Project Coordination
Organizational Management
Procedural Compliance
Communication Skills
Jail / Inmate Supervision
Fire Investigation Expertise
Evidence Technician
SWAT Team Negotiator
Case Management
Testimony Expertise

ELECTED PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Elected – PRECINCT DELEGATE FOR MICHIGAN'S 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, 2010-2012

Elected – MACOMB COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2, TREASURER 2008–2010

Instrumental in the 2008 establishment of the Macomb County Charter Commission which was developed to secure a more cost effective government. Introduced language into the Charter to recognize and protect services for seniors in Macomb County; keeping all services to seniors under one department. Helped create the new County Executive position. Supported the reduced number of County Commissioners, Veteran Services and Community Mental Health.

Elected - STATE TREASURER FOR THE MICHIGAN FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP) STATE LODGE, 2009

Acted as Chief Finance Officer managing budgets exceeding \$700,000 for the State Lodge, with more than 12,500 Active and Associate Members in 70+ lodges throughout Michigan. Reported the financial status at the State Lodge at each meeting of the State Board of Trustees.

Elected - STATE SECRETARY FOR THE MICHIGAN FOP STATE LODGE, 2008

Elected - STATE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE MICHIGAN FOP STATE LODGE, 2006 & 2007

AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

Officer of the Month - Fraternal Order of Police Macomb County Lodge 112

Officer of the Year - Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

Police Officer of the Year - Mt Clemens Elks Club

Meritorious Service Award - Macomb County Sheriff's Office

Meritorious Service Award - Fraternal Order of Police Central Macomb County Lodge 187

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LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, Macomb, MI 1990 to Present

Jail/Road Patrol Shift Command Sergeant (4/2010-Present), **Detective Sergeant** (1/2009-4/2010), **Jail/Road Patrol Sergeant I** (1/2007-12/2008), **Detective Sergeant I** (1/2004-12/2006), **Jail/Road Patrol Sergeant I** (12/2002-12/2003), **Detective Bureau Investigator** (2002)

Progressed through Jail/Road Patrol and Detective Bureau roles leading to the ongoing Command Sergeant position. Current post supervises shift employees including 4 Sergeants, 45 jail and 25 road patrol personnel, 1300 inmates, and 5 dispatch personnel. Complete work schedules, evaluate employees and review reports. Within the Detective Bureau supervised Sergeant I and Deputy Detectives. Managed full caseload of active criminal investigations. Obtained search warrants, interviewed suspects, participated in extraditions and assisted prosecuting attorney with ongoing prosecution of criminal cases.

Evidence Technician (1/2000 to 12/2001)

Assisted in crime scene investigation including autopsy photography, crime scene photography, photo lab, death investigation, (natural, suicide and homicide) and other related services.

Traffic Bureau (1/1998-12/1999)

Patrolled secondary and local Macomb County roads for traffic violations. Investigated traffic accidents involving motor vehicles and provided emergency assistance to persons on nearby highways.

Fire Investigator (1997-Present)

Conduct fire investigations to determine the cause and origin for the Sheriff's Office, area fire departments and police agencies. Prepare scene sketches and reports and provide expert testimony in court.

Deputy Sheriff (1/1996-12/1997)

Covered road patrol for substations in the Macomb, Lenox, Bruce, Washington, and Harrison townships. Completed routine patrol duties, investigated crimes and generated related reports. Also assigned to Circuit Court, prisoner transport, prisoner work details and parade duties.

Correctional Deputy (6/1989-1/1996)

Worked in several areas within the jail including booking and intake, towers, floors, maximum security, mental health, rehab, central control and medical control with direct and indirect supervision of inmates.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Clinton Twp., MI 2008 to Present

Instructor

Develop curriculum and provide instruction to law enforcement professionals in several courses including *Advanced Police Training Center*, *Evidence Technician School*, and *Basic Fire Investigation*.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Macomb, MI

Associates Degree in Fire Science, Magna Cum Laude, 2008

Certificate of Fire Science, 2006

Macomb Community College Police Academy, 1996

Macomb Community College Corrections Academy, 1990

CENTER LINE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, CENTERLINE, MI

Macomb Community College Police Reserve Academy, 1995

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

More than 2,400 hours of Completed training in 184 courses including;

Jail/Inmate Management	Investigation Training	Evidence Collection / Processing
Firearms / Taser Training	Management Training	Death Investigation
Crisis Prevention/Management	Cultural Diversity	Fire / Explosive Investigation
Legal Issues	Sexual Assault	Bomb Threats
Administration	Traffic Management	Gang Recognition / Training
Crime Report Generation	Terrorist Training	Accident Training
Driving / Vehicle Care & Use	Hostage Negotiations	CPR Instruction
FEMA Training/Procedures	Drug Use / Recognition	Listening/Communication

AFFILIATIONS

- Michigan Democratic Party
- Macomb County Democrats
- Center Line / Warren Democrats
- Macomb County Chapter of the NAACP
- National Rifle Association
- American Legion Post # 4
- Carpathia Club (German Americans)
- Advisors Board Member for (MCREST) Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team.
- Michigan Deputy Sheriff's Association
- Police Officers Labor Counsel
- Michigan Fraternal Order of Police
- National Fraternal Order of Police
- Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Central Macomb Lodge 187
- Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society
- International Association of Arson Investigator
- International Association of Arson Investigator Michigan Chapter
- National Association of Fire Investigators
- Oakland County Association of Fire Investigators
- International Association of Special Investigation Units
- Fund raising efforts supporting:
 - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
 - Michigan Special Olympics
 - Wertz's Warriors snowmobile and water rides
 - Boy Scouts of America
 - Bras for a Cause; Gilda Radner House