Anthony Thompson, (Retired) Sheriff of Black Hawk County

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EDUCATION:

MS in Criminal Justice/Public Administration Liberty University- Lynchburg, Virginia Inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma- National Criminal Justice Honor Society	May 2015
BA in Communications Studies University of Northern Iowa- Cedar Falls, Iowa	May 1993
TEACHING & ADVISING:	
Adjunct Instructor- Des Moines Area Community College- Ankeny, Iowa Criminal and Constitutional Law	2019-2024
Adjunct Instructor- Simpson College- Indianola, Iowa Leadership in Criminal Justice (500 level course)	2017-2023
Adjunct Instructor- Upper Iowa University- Waterloo, Iowa Campus Criminology Juvenile Justice Victimology Ethics in Criminal Justice Public Administration- Emergency Management Introduction to Juvenile Delinquency Introduction to Corrections Community Corrections Criminal Procedure Comparative Justice	2016-2024
Adjunct Instructor- University of Northern Iowa -Cedar Falls, Iowa Communication Studies	1996-2004
US Army Instructor- Iowa Military Academy Basic and Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer's Course Officer Candidate School Total Army Instructor's Training Course Small Group Instructor's Training Course Physical Security and Installation Defense Course Tactical Officer's Course Battle Staff NCO Course Tactics Certification Course	1997-2009

1994-2024

Civilian Law Enforcement Instructor- Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office

Drug Education/School Liaison Officer (6th Grade D.A.R.E and DON'T Curriculum)

Interpersonal Communications

Report Writing

Building Searches/Clearing

SWAT Operations

Basic Narcotics Investigations

Physical Fitness for Officers

Institute for Creditable Leadership Development

ISSDA Committee Liaison for leadership curriculum development

State Jail's School for Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies Association

Interpersonal Communications

Law Enforcement Leadership Development

Hardin County Sheriff's Office

Interpersonal Communications

Benton County Peace Officer's Association

Interpersonal Communications

Bremer County Peace Officer's Association

Interpersonal Communications

Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office

Law Enforcement Leadership Development

Maquoketa Police Department

Policy and Procedure Review & Training Preparation (legal settlement following wrongful death lawsuit from Taser/positional asphyxia case)-Selected as their Legal Review Expert

NAMI Iowa State Conference- 2023

Criminal Justice Facilitator

NAMI Indiana Criminal Justice Summit-2025

Key Note Speaker

Professional Writing- Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office

Drug Education Program- DON'T (Drugs Offer No Tomorrow)	2002-2008
Comprehensive 6 th grade drug education curriculum	
Policies and Procedures for the new Black Hawk County Jail	1994-1995
Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 50- Iowa Jail Standards for Direct Supervision Jails	1996
ISSDA State Jails Committee	
Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office SWAT Policies and Procedures	2007-2008
Agency Grant Writer- Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office	1996-2004
Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure Manual	2009-2024

BOARDS AND PUBLIC SERVICE:

NAMI (National Alliance on Mentally Illness) State Board of Directors	2023-present
Hawkeye Community College Foundation Board	2023-present
North Iowa Juvenile Detention Center Board of Directors	2020-2024
Iowa's Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council (Senate Appointee)	2014-2020
Iowa Governor's Public Safety Advisory Board (Governor Appointee)	2014-2020
Governor's Juvenile Justice Reform Implementation Committee	2010-2014
Iowa's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Board	2009-2014
Steering Committee Member for Adult Crisis Stabilization Center, Waterloo, IA	2012-2024
Criminal Justice Information Systems Board for Black Hawk County, IA	2009-2024

Consolidated Communications Service Board for Black Hawk County, IA	2009-2024
9-1-1 Service Board for Black Hawk County, IA	2009-2024
Black Hawk County Emergency Management Board	2009-2024
Upper Iowa University (Waterloo Campus) Advisory Board Member	2016-2024
Hawkeye Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Board Member	2009-2024
Kaplan University (Cedar Falls Campus) Criminal Justice Advisory Board Member	2009-2014
Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies Association	1994-present
State Executive Board Member (President, 2021)	2014-2023
State Legislative Committee Member	2009-2023
Former State Jails Committee Member	1996-2004
Executive Board for the Winnebago Council of the Boy Scouts of America	1997-2024
Executive Board for Black Hawk Economic Development, Inc.	2007-present
Executive Board for Covenant Hospital Foundation	2013-2024
Black Hawk County Law Enforcement Association	1994-2024
Association President 2000-2008	

HONORS & AWARDS:

McCartney Award Recipient- Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	1994
140 th Basic Training Class	
300 Point Club Physical Fitness Award- Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	1994
140 th Basic Training Class	
Deputy of the Year- Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office	1999
Iowa Department of Public Safety Commissioner's Special Award for Traffic Safety	2001
DEA's Enrique Camarena Certificate for Drug Enforcement	2003
Iowa Community Betterment Leadership Award from Governor of Iowa	2003
Graduate of the 98 th National Sheriff's Institute, National Sheriff's Association	2010
Longmont, CO	

Military- U.S. Army & Iowa Army National Guard: Military Police (21 years of service)	
Honor Graduate Basic Training/AIT	1988
Honor Graduate Primary Leadership Development Course	1990
Honor Graduate Basic Non-Commissioned Officer's Course	1993
Honor Graduate Officer Candidate School (Declined Commission)	1995
Honor Graduate Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer's Course	1997

Notable Awards: Meritorious Service Medal (2 Awards), Army Commendation Medal (4 Awards), Army Achievement Medal (3 Awards), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" and hourglass devices), Iowa Meritorious Service Medal (2 Awards), Iowa Commendation Medal (4 Awards), Iowa Leadership Ribbon with Torch, Army Humanitarian Service Medal, Iowa State Service Ribbon (5 Awards), National Defense Ribbon w/ star, & Iowa Humanitarian Service Medal

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office- Elected Sheriff	2009-2024
Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office- Deputy Sheriff	1994-2009
Community Services Coordinator	2002-2009
Public Information Officer	1999-2009
SWAT Team Leader	2007-2009
Drug Education Officer	2002-2009

Drug Interdiction Officer	2002-2009
SWAT Officer	2002-2009
Patrolman	2002-2009
Special Services Officer (Computer Crimes Investigator)	1999-2002
Jail Security Officer	1994-1999
U.S. Army/Iowa Army National Guard, Military Police (MSG,retired)	1988-2009

Military Police Basic Officer

Patrol Desk Sergeant

Military Police Investigator

Operations NCO Battle Staff NCO

Iowa Military Academy Staff Instructor (BNCOC, ANCOC, OCS)

Leadership Positions Held:

Team Leader
Squad Leader
Platoon Sergeant
First Sergeant
Sergeants Major

Senior Small Group Leader/Course Manager

Operations Sergeant

BNCOC/ANCOC Branch Chief

Senior TAC NCO

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

National Sheriff's Association
International Association of Chiefs of Police
Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies Association
Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police
Black Hawk County Law Enforcement Association
Alpha Phi Sigma- National Criminal Justice Honor Society (Theta Sigma Chapter)

American Legion 40 & 8 Honor Society (fraternal military service organization)

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

Available upon request