

Matthew S. Hoggatt

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Profile

Currently employed as a full-time criminal justice instructor and program coordinator at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. A highly motivated people-person with 20 years of combined law enforcement experience as a Police Detective, Public Information Officer, Cold Case Investigator, School Resource Officer and Dispatcher. Has received numerous letters of commendation including awards for city and county officer of the year. Specialized training and real-world experience with local and national news media. Is currently enrolled at Liberty University pursuing a PhD in Criminal Justice. A seven year veteran of the Mississippi Army National Guard with an honorable discharge. A lifelong Mississippi Gulf Coast resident, husband, and father of three.

Professional Experience

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

- ♦ Current full-time program coordinator and instructor of Criminal Justice at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- ♦ Experience as a student and teacher with Canvas learning platforms
- ♦ Experience with student advisement and mentorship

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- ♦ Give speeches and presentations to media outlets, civic groups, and the general public
- ♦ Organize and maintain the department's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube page
- ♦ Prepare, write and distribute press releases to media outlets
- ♦ Conduct interviews with media personnel
- ♦ Former columnist for the Singing River Link
- ♦ Former columnist for American Songwriter Magazine
- ♦ Former radio DJ for Radio Margaritaville Sirius/XM
- ♦ Volunteer, Gautier Mullet and Music Festival
- ♦ Volunteer, Mississippi Songwriter Festival

SOCIAL MEDIA/ WEB-BASED SKILLS

- ♦ Creating and maintaining social media accounts
- ♦ Creating and maintaining websites
- ♦ Outlook, Microsoft, Powerpoint etc.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS:

- ♦ Investigate felony crimes, make arrests, and prepare reports for the Grand Jury
- ♦ Writing search warrants, arrest warrants and subpoenas
- ♦ Testify in court
- ♦ Network and utilize team skills to accomplish goals

AWARDS / COMMENDATIONS

- ♦ City of Gautier Officer of the Year 2011
- ♦ Mississippi Coast Crimestoppers Jackson County Officer of the Year 2011
- ♦ Keesler Federal Credit Union Jackson County First Responder of the Year 2019
- ♦ Ocean Springs Lion's Club Hero of the Year 2019

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Employment History

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Harrison County Campus
Program Coordinator / Criminal Justice Instructor 2021-Present

JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Pascagoula, Ms
Detective 2017-2021

GAUTIER POLICE DEPARTMENT – Gautier, Ms
Detective Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant / Crime Prevention Officer, 2007-2017

OCEAN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT – Gautier, Ms
Detective, 2005-2007

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI – Hattiesburg, Ms
Police Lieutenant, 2003 to 2005

PASCAGOULA POLICE DEPARTMENT – Pascagoula, MS
Police Officer, 2000 to 2001

MOSS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT – Moss Point, MS
Police Officer, 1999 to 2000

Education

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY – LYNCHBURG, VA
Currently Enrolled / Ph.D / Criminal Justice

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE – TRADITION CAMPUS
Graduated May 2020 / Master's of Science / Criminal Justice

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI – HATTIESBURG, MS
Graduated / Bachelor's degree / General Studies

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE – PERKINSTON, JC, JD
Graduated / Associate's degree / Liberal Arts

MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TRAINING ACADEMY – LONG BEACH, MS
Graduated / State Certified - 1999

UNITED STATES ARMY BASIC TRAINING – FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO
Basic Combat Training / Advanced Individual Training – 1997

PASCAGOULA HIGH SCHOOL – PASCAGOULA, MS
High School Diploma - 1996

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Volunteer Work

D.N.A Doe Project / www.dnadoeproject.org – Law Enforcement Consultant

Mississippi Division of International Association of Identification (MDIAI) – Board Member

Mississippi Coast Crimestoppers – Past Board Member

Additonal Training

Media Relations Training (Russell Ruffin Communications)

Basic Crisis Negotiation I (FBI)

Basic Crisis Negotiation II (FBI)

Basic Homicide Investigation

Interview and Interrogation level 1 (RCTA)

Interview and Interrogation level 2 (Ocean Springs)

Writing Search Warrants (RCTA)

Social Media and Internet Investigations (PLESSAS)

Police Cyclist (IPMBA)

Police Driver Instructor (FLETC)

Rapid Response To Active Shooter Training

Officer Involved Shooting