

John Franklin

John Franklin has worked in the law enforcement field for over 30 years, beginning his career with the Chicago Police Department, rising through the ranks of patrol, sergeant, lieutenant, and commander. During his career with the Chicago Police Department, John was selected as a sergeant to attend the department's first Executive Development Program, a thinktank for what is considered the future leaders of the Chicago Police Department.

Franklin has also received executive management training throughout his career as a supervisor with the Chicago Police Department through classes offered by the FBI, the DEA and the U.S. Marshal's Service. Throughout his career as a Chicago Police Department supervisor, Franklin headed up several investigative units, such as Narcotics Conspiracy Teams along with Gang and Gun investigative units.

Upon his retirement from the Chicago Police Department after 28 years of service to the citizens of Chicago, Franklin took up a new career as an adjunct professor of criminal justice, teaching subjects such as the history of prisons, ethics in law enforcement, and police supervision and management at Daley College. Franklin also mentored students who showed an interest in seeking out careers in the law enforcement field. During that time as an adjunct professor, Franklin also accepted an offer from the (at that time) newly elected Mayor of Dolton Illinois to be the Chief of Police for the Dolton Police Department. The Mayor wanted to turn around the police department, and desired to make it more progressive and restore a high level of trust between the police department and residents of the Village of Dolton. During his two year stay with the Dolton Police Department, Franklin did restore trust between Dolton residents and their police officers, along with bringing about significant reductions of burglaries and all violent crimes.

After seven and a half years as an adjunct professor, Franklin resigned his position with Daley College to accept his last full time position as Chief of Police for the city of Jacksonville, Arkansas. Franklin headed up a progressive 60 person police agency there for 18 months.

Franklin holds a bachelor's degree in Speech/Media Communications from Northeastern Illinois University, as well as a master's degree in Social and Criminal Justice from Lewis University. Franklin is also a graduate of Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, School of Staff of Command, and he remains passionate about all aspects of modern law enforcement, particularly 21st Century Policing Principles.