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Professional Experience

City of Elmhurst IL – Police Department

1981-2015

Police Officer

1981 - 1994

- Attended the Cook County Sheriffs Department Basic Police Training Academy.
- Received the Class Academic Achievement Award.
- Upon completion assigned to the patrol division attained numerous specialties and training.

Police Sargeant

1994 – 2004

- Promoted to the rank of Sergeant.
- Assigned patrol division as shift supervisor.
- Supervisor of the Crisis Negotiations Team.
- Subsequently assigned to the Administrative Sergeants position overseeing training, recruitment, special programs and community events.
- Attended numerous management and specialty training courses including:
 - Southern Police Institutes Command Officers Training Program, University of Louisville Kentucky.
 - Received the class Academic Excellence award.

Deputy Chief of Police

2004 – 2011

- Assigned to the Administrative Division
- Responsibilities include:
 - Police department budget
 - Training

- Purchasing,
- Recruitment and Testing,
- Community Relations
- Community Events and Specialty Programs.

Interim Chief of Police **2011 – 2012**

Deputy Chief of Police **Retired 2015**

Carol Stream IL, CCSD 93 **2016 - 2020**

Substitute Teacher

Education

West Leyden High School, Northlake IL **1972 – 1976**

- High School Diploma

Triton College, River Grove IL **1976 – 1979**

- Associates Degree - Police Science
 - Graduated with academic honors believe was Phi Theta Kappa Chi Zeta Chapter.

Western Illinois University, Macomb IL **1979 – 1980**

- B.S. - Law Enforcement Administration
 - Lambda Alpha Epsilon American Criminal Justice Association
 - Resident Hall Program Board
 - Resident Hall Judicial review Board

Professional Specialties/Assignments

- Field Training Officer
- Elmhurst Police Department Honor Guard
- Emergency Response Team
- Crisis Negotiator

- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) instructor
- Community Oriented Policing Program
- Community Relations/Crime Prevention
- Elmhurst Police Department Citizen's Police Academy Instructor.

Professional Memberships

- Illinois Association Chiefs of Police
- Dupage Chiefs of Police Association
- West suburban Chiefs of Police Association
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Illinois Tactical Officers Association
- Illinois Crisis Negotiator Association
- Illinois D.A.R.E. Officers Association
- Illinois Police Association
- Illinois Fraternal Order Of Police
- Elmhurst Police Department Benevolent Athletic Association
 - Served 2 terms as secretary

Committees and Boards – Local, County, and State

- City of Elmhurst Public Affairs and Safety Committees
- Dupage County Radio Communications Committee
- Drug Free Work Place Committee
- City of Elmhurst Emergency Management Committee
- Walk In Ministry

Biography/History

Triton College provided me the opportunity to pursue and achieve my dream of becoming a police officer. Triton also allowed me to improve academically to better prepare for future challenges. I was able to attend classes that fit into a work schedule allowing the continuation of my education. Through the many experiences with teachers and peers I was able to develop a sense of purpose and focus that I carried into my professional and personal lives. Upon graduation I transferred to Western Illinois University majoring in Law Enforcement Administration and attained my Bachelors degree.

Following graduation from Western I tested for and was hired by the Elmhurst Police Department in March of 1981. I spent my entire 34 year career in Law Enforcement there rising through the ranks of Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Administrative Services Sergeant, Deputy Chief of Police to a time as Interim Chief of Police. During this time I was given the opportunity to become trained in and assigned to many specialty positions. I continuously strove to improve myself and the profession. During my career I received numerous departmental letters of recognition and commendations along with numerous letters of appreciation and thanks from citizens, businesses, schools and professional organizations regarding the performance of my duties. I was also privileged to serve on numerous local, county and state boards and committees throughout my career. Of the many opportunities and experiences I had during my career those I am most proud of are those that directly engaged the community and forming a partnership between the police department and citizens.

I met my wife Laural, while working for the Elmhurst Police Department. We were both police officers there. We have been married for over 34 years and were blessed with a son. My wife is also retired from the police department. Our son became a police officer and is currently serving with a Chicago suburban police department. You might say he went into the family business.

As I reflect back upon my life and career I am indeed fortunate. All those years ago as a young boy having a dream to be a police officer and ultimately becoming one. Any successes and achievements I have had are largely due to the many who supported and encouraged me through the years. Teachers, instructors, my supervisors, peers, family members and friends have all contributed. I believe the pursuit of my dream actually began that first fall semester at Triton College. Those experiences at Triton created a desire to learn, grow and strive to continuously improve. Triton prepared me for all that followed. I never would have guessed then of the successes and achievements I came to realize in my life and career. I have always been proud of being a Triton College graduate. I am humbly honored to be nominated for the Triton College wall of Fame.

Sincerely and Respectfully Submitted,

Dominic G. Panico