

**Mr. Mark Ammerman, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services(DCJS)
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Mark Ammerman has spent 37 years working in various capacities in the government/criminal justice field. Mark currently is in his 20th year with DCJS, the last nine as a field representative, responsible for oversight of training and regulations at various training academies in the Commonwealth of Virginia. During his first 12 years with DCJS, Mark served as part of a cadre of instructors whose full-time duties included: traveling throughout the commonwealth teaching basic, in-service, and instructor academy classes, as well as researching and writing lesson plans in his role as a general, defensive tactics, firearms and driving instructor. Also during this period Mark served as the lead firearms instructor for DCJS.

Mark started his career as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army in 1983. He joined the District of Columbia Department of Corrections where he became the youngest Sargent and the youngest Lieutenant in the history of the agency. He participated on the agency SWAT team, for seven years, eventually becoming the SWAT team commander. Mark Left to assist in opening a new Regional Jail as a Lieutenant where the primary responsibilities were to write the policies and procedures manual that would govern the daily operation of the facility.

Mark joined the staff at DCJS in 1999 and is currently the assistant academy director of the DCJS training academy. His current responsibilities with DCJS include auditing training, teaching instructor schools and processing instructor applications for various agencies and tracking training and instructorships in the statewide database. Hired by various academies as a subject matter expert on defensive tactics, Mark audits programs as well as teaches instructor courses. He has been involved in SME meetings for defensive tactics in the commonwealth as the state looks at revamping and revising its basic training standards.

Mark is a certified law-fit instructor and as a civilian has been teaching Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu under the Gracie family for nine years. He has been a volunteer with the rescue squad and the fire department at different times in his career as well. Mark is the youngest of 10 children and has four grandchildren.