

Sgt. Brian Strickland, Criminal Investigation Division Commander, Kitty Hawk Police Department, Kitty Hawk, NC

Sgt. Brian Strickland is a dynamic and innovative law enforcement professional with over 27 years of experience in public service, policy & procedure development, budget planning & management, media & public relations, and law enforcement training. Brian currently serves as his agency's Criminal Investigation Division Commander. In addition to this he serves as the in-car/body worn camera program manager, grant writer, and social media coordinator. Brian holds certification as a Rapid Deployment Instructor, SFST Instructor, Large Truck and Bus Traffic Enforcement Training Instructor, and Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies Instructor.

Like in every small law enforcement agency Brian wears many hats. From 2005 to 2018 he held the role of Regional Law Enforcement Liaison with the North Carolina Governor's Highway Program. In this role he supervised a traffic safety network of twelve counties in Northeastern North Carolina, coordinated press releases, conducted on-air interviews, provided grant writing assistance, and spoke at state and national conferences. As the grant writer for his agency, Brian has written and supervised over \$1.2 million in grant funding. In addition to these duties Brian has served as a public speaker, providing presentations on domestic violence, stalking, bullying, cyberbullying, fraud prevention, police technology and driver's safety to schools, church groups, businesses, civic organizations and law enforcement agencies in North Carolina and other states.

Prior to being assigned as CID Commander in 2016 Brian served as the department's Administrative Sergeant. In that role he served as the Chief's assistant, Records Division supervisor, and in-service training coordinator. Brian was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division as a Detective from 2003 to 2013. While a detective he conducted numerous investigations with some that reached a global scale and were presented in federal courts. Prior to that Brian served on the Traffic Safety Unit as a crash reconstructionist. Brian holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a M.S. in Criminal Justice and Graduate Certificate in Security Studies from East Carolina University. Brian started his law enforcement career as a Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff in 1993 before going to the Kitty Hawk Police Department.

Outside the department Brian serves as the Treasurer and grant manager for the Outer Banks Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Coalition, a non-profit organization that brings bicycle and pedestrian safety awareness to the residents and visitors of the Outer Banks. Brian also teaches in criminal justice programs at colleges in North Carolina and Virginia. He currently serves as a Peer Reviewer for Quality Matters and has reviewed courses and programs from colleges and universities throughout the US.