



OFFICER KENNETH THAXTER- DATE OF HIRE 1/1/2000

BACKGROUND:

Graduated from Bryant University with a BS in Business Administration and Western New England University with a Masters degree in Criminal Justice.

Law Enforcement for 25 years.

Correction Officer and Deputy Sheriff, Plymouth County Sheriffs Department. Member of Tactical Response Team

DARE Officer since 2001. Operator and Crisis Negotiator for Satucket Regional Tactical Swat Team and SEMLEC from 2005-2013. A.L.I.C.E. Instructor

As a result of work with School Safety and Education, I have been invited to speak locally and nationally at conferences including: Safe School Advocacy Council , August 2011, Keynote speaker at Annual Training Conference in Phoenix AZ. Strategies for Juvenile Police to address bullying, US Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, Washinton DC, August 2009, The Power of Change Annual Training Convention. Co-hosting a training institute entitled: Cyberbullying – technology into the classroom:Research and Resources. Co-presented Get CyberSmart! with Attorney Tom Hutton, National School Boards Association.

I have also presented at Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center at Bridgewater State, NH/Mass annual DARE Training Conference, Keverian Junior High School, Everett MASS.

Rotary Club Citizen of the Year 2013 for work on making our schools safer.

In February 2018, the DARE program was featured in a national article in The Washington Post.

HOBBIES:

Spending time with my sons in San Diego and New York City. I enjoy hunting and fishing. I play baseball in a men's league since 2004.

HARDEST PART OF THE JOB:

Despite experiencing a lot of support from people in town, I see a growing disdain and animosity towards police. I have had the honor to work with many officers over the years and find the vast majority to be honest, sincere, and hard working cops who really want to make a positive difference.

BEST PART OF THE JOB:

I enjoy working with the kids in town; and every patrol shift brings something different. I concur with the statement that policing is a “front row seat to the greatest show on earth”