

Special Sheriff David Lanoie (Ret.) Greenfield, Massachusetts

David Lanoie enjoyed a distinguished three-decade law enforcement career in Massachusetts. He served as a Corrections Officer, Deputy Sheriff, Internal Legal Counsel, Chief of Staff, Superintendent, and Special Sheriff under six elected Sheriffs in three counties.

Lanoie was attracted to the Sheriff's Office because, since Massachusetts Sheriffs are elected, they are directly accountable to the voters. He quickly came to see the county correctional system as a "revolving door," estimating that over 80 percent of the inmates suffer from addiction or have committed drug-related offenses.

Lanoie has held a wide variety of other public service positions, including City and Town Councilor, Selectman and Commissioner, School Committee Chairman, and Pioneer Regional School Parents Football Association President. He is certified as a Peace Officer by the Criminal Justice Training Council, as a Jail Manager by the American Jail Association National Leadership Program, and as a Legal Topics Level 3 In-Service and Academy Instructor by the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee.

He has taught law and criminal justice courses as an adjunct professor of criminal justice for the past 28 years, the last 13 at Greenfield Community College, where he is a Coordinator of Criminal Justice Programs. As Coordinator, he works directly with community leaders in the areas of restorative justice, opioid addiction and harm reduction, inmate re-entry, and police-community relations. He earned a B.A. in Political Science from Holy Cross College and a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School.

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