

## Officer James Spadola (Fmr.) Wilmington, DE

James Spadola was a Crime Prevention Analysis Officer for a police department in Delaware. During his freshman year of college, he enlisted in the Army Reserve in response to the 9/11 attacks and eventually served in Iraq with the 744th Military Police Battalion. During his year-long deployment, Spadola served as a prison guard. He received the Combat Action Badge after his convoy was hit by an improvised explosive device.

After graduating from college, Spadola was an underwriter for Merchant Cash and Capital before joining the police force in 2008. He

has since created several community outreach initiatives, most notably the #HugACop campaign.

Spadola earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Delaware and his M.B.A from Wilmington University. He studied Arabic in Yemen and the United Arab Emirates. I

In 2016, he ran as a Republican candidate for the Delaware State Senate.

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