

Commander Dave Mather (Ret.) Cheney Police Department Cheney, WA

Commander Dave Mather (Ret.) began his law enforcement career in 1988 as an officer with the Cheney Police Department in Washington. He served for 22 years, eventually rising to the position of commander. He worked as an instructor and helped develop and execute an annual multi-agency active shooter training program designed for university settings. In 2011, he retired from policing and became the Executive Director of the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center as well as the Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center. Created through grants awarded from the US Department of Justice, the centers

are designed to improve the effectiveness of law enforcement agencies through the integration of technology into everyday policing.

In 2018, Commander Mather became a professional advisor for the Center for Excellence in Public Safety Leadership at Cardinal Stritch University. He has operated his own law enforcement consulting firm since 1999. He has teaching experience as both an academy instructor and adjunct professor for college courses in ethics, domestic violence investigations, laws of arrest, search and seizure, crime scene investigation, and leadership for police organizations. He is a certified instructor and charter member with the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training. He holds a BA in administration of criminal justice, a MA in Organizational Leadership from Bellevue University, and a PhD in education from the University of Phoenix.

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