

Chief Stephen Mills (Fmr.) Lindsay Police Department, Oklahoma Lindsay, OK

Stephen Mills started his law enforcement career in 1986 as a military policeman in the U.S. Army. In 1997, he was accepted into the U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Program (CID) as a Special Agent.

Mills served in Kansas, Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, South Korea, Kuwait, and Iraq. He was assigned to the International Counterdrug Task Force in Seoul, South Korea, and supervised the Central Texas Counterdrug Task Force where his work was recognized by the U.S. Justice Department for closing a major methamphetamine pipeline between Laredo and Oklahoma City. He

later received the Bronze Star for his participation in an international counter- hijacking task force in Iraq.

Mills retired from the U.S. Army after 25 years of service and continued his law enforcement career as a civilian police officer. He received training from the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, and served as the chief of the Apache and Lindsay Police Departments. In 2009, he was part of the initial law enforcement response to the terrorist attack on Ft. Hood, Texas, and participated in the subsequent investigation, earning a letter of commendation from the FBI.

From 2016 to 2020, Mills served as City Manager and Public Safety Commissioner for the city of Lindsay. He holds a BS in Public Administration and Law Enforcement from Upper Iowa University. He resides in southeastern Grady County in Oklahoma and is active in numerous organizations including the American Legion, Disabled Veterans, Oklahoma Chiefs of Police, and the Oklahoma Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association.

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