

Officer Ernest Stevens (Ret.) San Antonio Police Department Universal City, TX

Officer Stevens began his career as a police officer with Terrell Hills Police Department in 1992. His duties included traffic enforcement, evidence collection, and crime investigation.

In 1994, Officer Stevens joined the San Antonio Police Department. Officer Stevens instructed both Crisis Intervention training and Resiliency training, and completed the FBI's negotiator course. He also worked on a DWI Enforcement Task Force and

the Tactical Response Unit. After more than 25 years in law enforcement, Officer Stevens retired in 2021. Shortly after, he became a US Navy instructor for all aspects of law enforcement, Uniform Code Military Justice, and wellness.

Officer Stevens earned a Bachelors in criminal justice from Wayland Baptist University. Ernest Stevens received two Community Champion awards from The Center for Health Services and Baptist Health Ministries for his impacts advocating for the mental health community at large; he subsequently received the Justice Policy Innovator Award for pioneering improved mental health programs. Stevens continues to serve on the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council to develop alternative response options for certain mental and behavioral health-related 911 calls.

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