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Det. Sgt. J. Gary Nelson (Ret.) began his law enforcement career in 1975 as an officer with the Scottsdale Police Department in Arizona. He initially worked as a patrol officer for three years before serving as a burglary and theft detective. After 13 years, he was promoted to sergeant. He retired as a Detective Sergeant in 2004 after 27 years of service.

Nelson has received an Officer of the Year Award from the American Legion and a Lifesaving Award for performing C.P.R. on a nearly-drowned infant. He is a licensed psychotherapist, counselor, and social worker who has worked with addiction recovery centers since his retirement from policing. He maintains a strong interest in officer wellness and has volunteered with his former department as a peer counselor. He holds a B.A. in justice studies from Arizona State University, a M.A. in professional counseling from Ottawa University, and a Graduate Diploma in Christian counseling from Phoenix Seminary. He was a senior pastor at Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Scottsdale and has volunteered with Catholic charities and the Neighborhood Ministries of Phoenix, Arizona.

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