

## **Oscar J. Lewis III**

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### **SUMMARY**

Professional, highly motivated law enforcement manager with a reputation for honesty, integrity, and fairness. Experience in all areas of law enforcement including patrol, narcotics, criminal investigations, and administration. Dedicated to building trust and confidence in law enforcement through respect and hard work.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Waynesboro Police Department – Waynesboro, MS. , 2014 – Present**

##### **Chief of Police**

- Leader of law enforcement agency
- Directs day-to-day operations
- Implements policies and procedures
- Responsible for training and discipline
- Plan for future success of the department
- Prepare and manage the budget to meet the needs of the department and the public
- Provide a safe and secure environment for citizens and officers
- Address concerns and complaints
- Protect and serve

#### **Columbus Police Department, Columbus, MS., 1994 – 2014**

##### **Patrol Shift Commander**

- Directed staff of twelve uniformed patrol officers
- Planned shift activities to ensure uniform coverage and protection for the citizens of Columbus
- Organized and set priorities to ensure calls for service are handled in timely manner
- Supervised officers to ensure compliance with department policy, city ordinances, state and federal laws, and to recommend disciplinary action, when needed
- Directed officer response in emergency situations and unusual circumstances
- Coordinated with citizens and other agencies to provide protection of life and property
- Analyzed situations quickly and accurately to respond appropriately
- Reported directly to Assistant Chief of Police on complaints, disciplinary action, public safety issues and unusual occurrences

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- Managed personnel to ensure city property and resources are used appropriately and stays within the operating budget
- Prevented crime
- Apprehended criminals
- Enforced laws and ordinances
- Took complaint reports
- Interacted with the public
- Backed-up patrol officers as needed
- Responded to calls for service as needed
- Directed traffic as needed

#### **Dice Team Commander**

- Directed staff of four officers
- Planned activities to ensure uniform coverage and protection
- Organized and set priorities to ensure that high crime areas were frequently patrolled
- Supervised officers to ensure compliance with department policy, city ordinances, state and federal laws, and to recommend disciplinary action, when needed
- Directed officer response in emergency situations and unusual circumstances
- Coordinated with citizens and other agencies to provide protection of life and property
- Analyzed situations quickly and accurately to respond appropriately
- Reported directly to the Assistant Chief of Police on complaints, disciplinary action, public safety issues and unusual occurrences
- Managed personnel to ensure that city property and resources are used appropriately and to stay within the operating budget

#### **Internal Affairs Investigator**

- Investigates complaints of criminal conduct, corruption, complex and time-consuming investigations, allegations involving employees from two or more units, serious allegations such as excessive force, domestic misconduct, theft, narcotic use and sexual misconduct, proactive administrative enforcement operations, and those investigations directed by the Chief of Police.
- Interview complainant to identify officers being accused and to obtain facts concerning complaints
- Interview the accused officer to obtain responses to accusations
- Record interviews, using recording device, and prepares charges and responses to charges, using recorded information as reference
- Conduct investigations to establish facts supporting complainant or accused, using supportive information from witnesses or tangible evidence
- Write report of findings from results of investigation and submits reports to commanding officers for review
- Testify at hearings as requested
- Ensure all support material, documents, witnesses and evidence are available to be presented during disciplinary appeals
- Maintain internal affairs files

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### **Citizen Police Academy Coordinator**

- Scheduled class sessions as directed by the Chief of Police
- Prepared schedule of topics to be discussed during the session
- Coordinated with instructors to teach specific areas
- Performed background investigations on perspective applicants
- Coordinated with CPA Alumni Association
- Scheduled and planned class graduation

### **SWAT / SRT Member**

Sniper / Entry team

- Served high-risk warrants within the city and county
- Activated during hostage, dangerous, and other high profile incidents
- Trained in the use of the different weapons and specialized tactics. (.308 sniper rifle, M-4, MP-5, AR-15, 40 and 60mm launchers, flash bangs, repelling, and etc...)

### **Narcotics Agent**

- Coordinated several undercover surveillance operations
- Installed and monitored video and audio equipment
- Managed and developed confidential informants
- Interviewed and interrogated several suspected drug offenders
- Presented cases each term of Grand Jury and testified in Circuit Court

### **Patrolman**

- Patrolled assigned areas
- Investigated crimes and took reports
- Issued citations and made arrest
- Enforced federal, state, and local laws
- Investigated motor vehicle accidents

### **Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS, November 1997 - September 1998**

#### **Police Officer**

- Provided campus safety
- Provided protection of resources
- Investigated crime
- Made arrests
- Issued traffic citations
- Enforced federal, state, and local laws

### **United States Air Force, 1987 – 1998**

**Air Traffic Control Watch Supervisor, (E-5) Staff Sergeant**  
Radar Approach Control Facility (RAPCON)

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- Supervised all air operations conducted inside of 600NM area of responsibility
- Coordinated the launch and recovery of several hundred aircraft daily with Memphis and Atlanta Centers, the control tower, and three pilot training squadrons

#### **Air Traffic Controller**

- Directed the safe movement of numerous aircraft simultaneously
- Coordinated inter and intra facility transfer of aircraft
- Handled and safely recovered aircraft during emergencies
- Supervised and evaluated work performance of two subordinates
- Trained new controllers

#### **Administrative Specialist**

- Maintained library of Technical Orders, Air Force regulations, manuals, and pamphlets
- Provided for security and destruction of sensitive materials according to policy
- Skilled in the use of computers, copiers, and other office systems

#### **EDUCATION**

2011 - B.A. in Criminal Justice, Saint Leo University, FL

2010 – The Mississippi Law Enforcement Command College (FBI), University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

2007 – A.A. in Liberal Arts, East Mississippi Community College, Mayhew, MS

1998 - The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy (MLEOTA) – Basic Law Enforcement Course, Pearl, MS

1991 - United States Air Force Technical School - Air Traffic Controller, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS

1990 - United States Air Force – Airman Leadership School

1987 - United States Air Force Technical School - Administrative Specialist, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS

1987- United States Air Force Basic Training, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX

#### **CERTIFICATES**

- National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)
- The Mississippi Law Enforcement Command College (FBI)
- Command Institute for Law Enforcement Executives – FBI-LEEDA
- Police Internal Affairs
- Survival Force Departmental Instructor Level 1
- Controlled Force Departmental Instructor
- Field Training Officer

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- PPCT Defensive Tactics System
- Tactical Pistol and Tactical Shotgun
- Recurrent Police Sniper Training
- Explosive Breaching for Law Enforcement Tactical Operations Course
- Response to the Active Shooter Course
- Tactical Driving
- Vehicular Speed Enforcement
- Law Enforcement Officer Ethics
- Policies and Procedures
- Search and Seizure
- Domestic Violence
- Verbal Judo and Conflict Resolution
- Dealing with the Mentally Ill
- Adult, Infant, and Child CPR
- Community First Aid and Safety
- Survival Spanish for Uniformed Officers
- Mississippi Professional Law Enforcement Officer
- Instructor Techniques
- Commercial Vehicle Interdiction
- Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police – 40 Hour Executive Training Program

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI LEEDA)

Southern States Police Benevolence Association (SSPBA)