

C. E. Wells is currently the Lieutenant and Training Coordinator for the Christian Co. Mo. Sheriff's Office; a position he has held since May 2010.

Wells served as a Program Manager for the DEA Regional Training Team (RTT) and the Operational Support Team (OST) in Kabul, Afghanistan; a project contracted by Blackwater U.S.A. He began his service with the training team July 2008 where he served as an Instructor, the Team Leader and finally the Program Manager in support of the Afghanistan counter-narcotics effort. Mr. Wells remained in Afghanistan with the important project until late April, 2010.

Mr. Wells began his law enforcement career in January 1979. Since that time Mr. Wells rose through the ranks of the police community, and was elected as the Sheriff of Webster County, MO. in 1993 where he served for two, 4 year terms. Among his accomplishments as Sheriff, Mr. Wells served as a Co-Chairman for the Board of Directors, supporting the efforts of a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional Drug Investigations Task Force.

Since leaving the Office of Sheriff and immediately prior to coming to the DEA Regional Training Team, Mr. Wells served as a Deputy Sheriff/Jail Director for the Greene County Sheriff's Office, Springfield, MO. Mr. Wells managed all operational aspects of a 500 bed Correctional Facility which housed Federal, State, and Municipal detainees.

Mr. Wells has also served as a Deputy Sheriff/Captain with the Christian County, MO. Sheriff's Office in Ozark, MO. There he managed all operational aspects of the Correctional Facility and served as the Director of Training for the entire Department. He has also served the community as a Court Security Officer – Special Deputy U. S. Marshal at the United States Courthouse in Springfield, MO. While in this position, Mr. Wells helped provide security for both the U.S. Courthouse and the Judiciary. There he achieved the position of Firearms Trainer for security personnel and was tasked with providing that training at several Judicial locations in the United States for the Federal Court system.

Mr. Wells is a certified Police Trainer and has taught for several years in the various Sheriff's Academies throughout the State of Missouri. He was also a certified trainer for the Drury University Law Enforcement Academy in Springfield, MO. He holds Instructor certifications in the following areas: defensive tactics, firearms training certifications for pistol, shotgun and rifle, the Firearms Training Simulator, (F.A.T.S.), the MILO Decision Shooting System, and the M26 Taser less lethal device. He is also a Certified Jail Administrator; attending the National Institute of Corrections in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Wells received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Columbia College, Columbia, MO. where he graduated with honors, Summa Cum Laude, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. Mr. Wells' degree is in Criminal Justice Administration.

Mr. Wells still resides in Webster Co. Missouri. He is married, has twin sons and five grandchildren. Both of Mr. Wells' sons also served in Afghanistan, where they were employed as police mentors.