

## **Instructor Bio**

Chief W. Patrick Fuller has worked in the field of law enforcement for over 35 years. His career began in 1973 with the Colorado City Police Department where his duty assignments ranged from Patrol, Emergency Medical Services Supervisor, Criminal Investigations and Training. In 1978 he moved to Big Spring, Texas and joined the Big Spring Police Department where he worked until being recruited by the Midland Sheriff's Department at the end of 1978. At the Midland Sheriff's Department he worked his way from Patrol Deputy to Captain of the Criminal Investigations Division. In 1985 he became the Chief Investigator for the Midland County District Attorney's Office where he supervised criminal trial team investigators, specialized in white-collar crimes, and prepared all major cases for trial.

In 1986 he took the Position of Chief of Police for the Austin Independent School District Police Department in Austin, Texas. As the Department's first Chief, the Department moved from a security agency to a full service police department that has become a model school district police department for the rest of the country.

During his career, Chief Fuller has earned an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement; Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice Management; and a Masters in Education. He also holds a Maters Peace Officer Certificate and Instructor's Certificate. He has taught criminal justice classes at Midland College and has been a guest lecturer at the University of Texas – Austin, Sam Huston State University, Texas State University, and is currently an instructor for the Axia College of the University of Phoenix.

As an academy instructor in Midland and Austin, Chief Fuller has taught classes in Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, Professional Ethics, Criminal Investigations, Traffic Law, Use of Force, and others.