

George D. LittleDirector, Institute for Criminal Justice Studies

Mr. Little is the director of the Institute for Criminal Justice Studies at the Texas School Safety Center. George brings with him over 36-years of diverse law enforcement experience, in which he has worked a myriad of assignments in every aspect of law enforcement. He holds an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Central Texas College, an Associates of Science in Criminal Justice and Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Human Services from the University of the State of New York and a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education Criminology/Sociology from Wayland Baptist College. George is pending evaluation for his Masters Degree in Criminology – Counter Terrorism from the University of the State of New York. In addition George received his Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Masters (Peace Officer) Law Enforcement certifications from TCLEOSE. He is a retired U.S. Army Military Police (ABN) First Sergeant/E-8 who served his country from Vietnam through Desert Storm for 21-years of honorable service. George recently retired from the Bexar County Sheriff's Office- San Antonio, Texas where he was a Deputy Sheriff and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Coordinator for Bexar County. George was credited in having the model D.A.R.E. Program in the United States, as well as developing another model program "Project Partnership" where he consolidated 11-agencie working together under one local community-based program. This model has been implemented nationwide. He has over 20 years working in a school district environment with 15 years in Texas schools. He is an experienced Physical Security and Crime Prevention specialist with expertise in force protection, and counter-terrorism, in addition to being an experienced Criminal Investigator. George has authored and co-authored numerous articles on counter terrorism and has served as a college adjunct instructor teaching criminal justice and counter-terrorism undergraduate courses.

His goals as director are to make the Institute for Criminal Justice Studies-Texas State University, the model for criminal justice training and school and community safety education. He has a passion for teaching and a commitment to provide state-of-the art, scientific and research-based, "Best Practices" in law enforcement training curriculums available to meet and serve the needs of our Texas Law Enforcement Officers, and their communities. George currently holds a Texas Peace Officer Commission from TCLEOSE through the Constables Office Precinct #4 – Bexar County, where he is their Deputy Chief for Training. His personal philosophy is: "Let no law enforcement officer's, teachers and/or students soul cry out had I the proper training, I would be alive today."