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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Executive management professional possessing strong interpersonal, relationship building and leadership abilities. Extensive and unique combination of experience in law enforcement, education and logistics management. Solid track record of consistently meeting and exceeding organization goals through strategic planning, staff development and project execution. Demonstrated lifelong commitment to community and national service. Excellent computer proficiency with working knowledge within the MS Windows environment.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – *Atlanta, Georgia* **1997 - 2008**
Chief of Police

Responsible for the safety and well being of the 86,000 students and nearly 10,000 employees studying and working on the 108 campuses and support facilities of this major metropolitan school system through hands-on leadership of a team of 82 degreed School Resource Officers and administrative support personnel.

- Captured the department's first ever ability to meet all program and operational requirements while also maintaining strict budgetary compliance with assumption of leadership of all strategic planning.
- Managed in excess of \$4.8 million per annum allocated for salaries, police training, operations and policy development, as well as administration of the Georgia Crime Information Center, Automated Fingerprint Information System and building security at every campus.
- Conducted traffic surveys at all sites to assess the need for officers for improved ingress and egress safety.
- Reengineered the Resource Officer hiring process with establishment of a fitness and background assessment process that drastically reduced the rate of terminations for legal or policy violations; a consulting firm would have charged \$20,000 to achieve what was developed in-house at no extra cost.
- Installed a database system to facilitate decision making through incident tracking and statistical analysis.
- Devised and implemented a program in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America that allowed students to explore the career opportunities associated with law enforcement.
- Collaborated extensively with the 10 other jurisdiction-holding law enforcement agencies in relationship building and mutual support for complementary rather than competing law enforcement effectiveness.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF GEORGIA, INC. – *Atlanta, Georgia* **1995 - 1997**
Field Facilitator

Selected by the nation's largest non-profit organization committed to student dropout prevention and Alternative School implementation to provide technical guidance to 30 Alternative School Principals within an assigned region.

- Coordinated the flow of information as a liaison between assigned Principals and all available state and non-governmental agencies to maximize access to external program resources.
- Pivotal role in capture and upkeep of state funding through delivery of technical assistance to Principals.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – *Atlanta, Georgia* **1993 - 1995**
School Resource Officer

Leveraged law enforcement experience and personal leadership abilities in this front-line position as the primary on-campus figure of security and support to the children enrolled in the Fulton County Schools.

- Successfully learned the first names of over 1,000 students, a key factor in forging trust-based relationships necessary to achieve law enforcement effectiveness.
- Recognized by the Board of Education for law enforcement success with selection to impact policy development throughout the school police system as a Safety Consultant.

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY – *Atlanta, Georgia* **1984 - 1993**
Police Sergeant **1988 - 1993**

Promoted from an entry level Officer position to lead 27 Patrolmen and Assistant Watch Commanders in enforcement of state and local laws on the grounds and facilities of this mass transportation system serving the greater Atlanta area through protection of its patrons and customers.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

1995 - Present

Lieutenant Commander, Supply Corps – Columbus, OH

2004 - Present

Served as the third in command (Operations Officer) of a Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Battalion, planning logistical operations for more than 200 personnel. Subsequently, served as the Supply Officer for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Fourteen, the Supply Department's commanding officer and leader of approximately 95 personnel, now serving as the Executive Officer (second in command) for Navy Cargo Handling Battalion NINE.

- Recalled to active duty (2008) and currently serving in the Middle Eastern area of operations. Assumed the role of Plans Officer for 521 sailors under NAVELSG Forward Hotel. Additionally, currently serving as the Assistant Chief Staff Officer for the command. Expected release from active duty is December 1, 2008.
- Recalled to active duty (2004) and served in the Middle Eastern area of operations with honor in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, earning the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" for mobilization, Navy Sea Service Award, the Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal.
- Met all certification requirements for duty as a Logistics Officer.
- Qualified as an Expert Rifleman, earning the Navy Rifle Expert Medal.

Lieutenant, Supply Corps – Charleston, South Carolina

1999 - 2004

Contributed to the defense of the Nation through service as a commissioned officer specialized in logistics and material management in the Reserve component of the United States Navy's Supply Corps.

- Delivered training and leadership to groups ranging from 45 to 250 sailors.
- Fully qualified as a Cargo Handling Officer with responsibility for carrying out the Battalion Commander's unit operational orders and directives including vessel loading/unloading and material accountability.
- Honored with the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal, as well as with the unit-wide "Navy Battle E" Award for the excellence of the Battalion.
- Awarded the prestigious Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal for authoring of a Port Security Plan that has since been adapted for use throughout the U.S. Navy, and a second Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal for meritorious service while serving with Navy Cargo Handling Battalion Four.
- Awarded the National Defense Service Medal for participating in the defense of the Nation during peacetime.

Lieutenant (Junior Grade), Supply Corps – Jacksonville, Florida

1997 - 1999

Supported the operations and activities of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ("Seabees") #4 as Assistant Supply Officer, the department's second in command and leader of approximately 85 personnel.

- Earned the prestigious Seabee Combat Warfare Officer designation.
- Collateral duties included those of Food Services Officer, Postal Officer and Impress Fund Manager.
- Met all certification requirements for duty as Supply Logistic Officer and Supply Plans Officer.

Ensign, Supply Corps – Atlanta, Georgia

1995 - 1997

Recruited to undergo a rigorous 16-month Reserve Officer Basic Qualification Course that included indoctrination in all aspects of Supply Management, Retail Operations, Personnel Leadership, Disbursement Operations and Food Service Operations. Successful completion of this program denoted readiness for duty afloat or ashore.

- Qualified as an Expert Pistol Shot, earning the Navy Pistol Shot Expert Medal.
- Awarded the Presidential Unit Commendation for unit excellence,
- Awarded the National Defense Service Medal for participating in the defense of the Nation during peacetime.

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EDUCATION

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY – *Atlanta, Georgia* 2007- present
Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA – *Athens, Georgia* Completed coursework
Doctor of Public Administration in Public Management 1993-2001

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY – *Atlanta, Georgia* 1993
Master of Public Administration in Public Management with Honors

BRENAU UNIVERSITY – *Gainesville, Georgia* 1991
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
METROPOL
GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE CHIEFS
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE CHIEFS
NATIONAL FORUM OF BLACK PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES
NATIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY COUNCIL
NAVAL RESERVE ASSOCIATION
RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE *PA05990014N* 1999
GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING SUPERVISORY CERTIFICATE *PA03910089S* 1991
GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING F.T.O. CERTIFICATE *PS08990430S* 1999
GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BASIC CERTIFICATE *PBLE 85-01808* 1985

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN MENSA, LTD.
MENSA IN GEORGIA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BRENAU UNIVERSITY ALUMNI CLUB
VICE-CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF ADVISORS, FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER
TREASURER, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY CPUA ALUMNI CLUB
DEACON, SIMPSON STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST