

My name is Gordon Morse and I am 52 years old. I am married, have 2 adult children and 3 grand children. I graduated from Rock Island High School in 1989. In December 1991 I received an Associates degree from Black Hawk College in Criminal Justice.

I started my law enforcement career in Feb 1992, hired by the Scott County Sheriff's Department, as a corrections officer. In October 1993 I left, joining the US Coast Guard. I was stationed at the Galveston Coast Guard Station on a Law Enforcement Cutter. The mission work of immigration interdiction, humanitarian aid, drug interdiction, and conducting search and rescue operations in the Florida Keys, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, Mexico and Central America. In 1993 and much of 1994 the USCGC Dependable took part in immigration and humanitarian aid (Operation Able Manner and Operation Vigil) during the mass exodus of Haiti and Cuba. This was the largest peace time operation since the Vietnam war and rescued over 63,000 people, preventing them from illegally entering the United States.

After receiving a honorable discharge, I returned to the Quad Cities and in 1997 began working for a private security company at John Deere Corporate Headquarters.

In 1999 I was hired as a Police officer with the City of Cedar Rapids, where I graduated from the Cedar Rapids Police Academy.

In 2000 Family obligations led me to applying back in the Quad Cities and I was hired by the Davenport Police Department, where I remain today.

I have 30 years of Law Enforcement experience, having worked as a patrol officer, evidence technician, Field Training Officer, street supervisor and Detective. I currently hold the rank of Corporal and was a detective for over 15 years.

I have worked in the Juvenile Crimes Unit, the Special Victim's Unit investigating child abuse and sex crimes and worked in the Major Case Unit working assaults, homicides, and armed robberies. I was last assigned to the property crimes unit working thefts, damage, financial crimes, burglaries and over saw the Pawn shops and Scrap yards. I also investigated any bomb or explosive related crimes. I have attended many courses on interview and interrogation, scientific content analysis, homicide investigations, crime scene management, evidence technician and other types investigations related training.

I have been a Bomb Technician with the Quad City Bomb Squad since 2004 and have held special deputization with the FBI Bomb Task Force for 17 years.

As a member of the bomb squad I have worked with the Secret Service, taking part in the protection of US Presidents, Presidential candidates, and other dignitaries from the US and other countries.

I have graduated from the FBI Hazardous Devices School and have been trained in large vehicle bomb counter measures, electronics, improvised explosives, home made explosives, bomb scene investigations, advanced demolitions, explosive entry and military ordinance.

I have attended explosive courses through the US Army, FBI and ATF. I have lectured and instructed on homemade explosives to state and local authorities and have assisted in instructing courses on evidence collections at post blast bomb scenes.

I have worked explosive/ bomb and bank robbery cases with both the FBI and ATF bringing them to successful convictions.

During my career, being a Federal Task Force Officer, Bomb technician and Investigator has allowed me to make strong, quality working relationships with many State and local agencies throughout the US as well as Federal Agencies.