

Major T. J. Geary is the Operations Bureau Commander with the University of South Carolina (USC) Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES) in Columbia, South Carolina. He has served in this role since 2011 after rising through the ranks in various supervisory, mid-level leadership, and command staff roles. He is currently responsible for the overall management of all Operations Bureau personnel and resources, including uniformed patrol, gang and drug investigations, and the Crime Suppression Unit. Additionally, he oversees and directs all training and professional development activities for the Division as well as contract law enforcement and security services for the National Advocacy Center, a U.S. Department of Justice facility. He previously served as the Commander of the Administration and Emergency Management Bureau.

In addition to his current area of responsibilities, other simultaneous temporary duties have included: management of the DLES Communications Center from 2011 to 2013; management of criminal investigations, crime scene/forensics, and the victim assistance unit from 2013 to 2015; and management of crime prevention and community relations from 2013-2019. Prior to joining the University, Major Geary served with the Lexington County (SC) Sheriff's Department (LCSD). His service as a deputy sheriff included time as a Patrol Deputy, Field Training Officer, and Major Crimes Investigator. Major Geary also served as a member of LCSD's Crisis Negotiation Team and specialized Criminal Domestic Violence Unit.

Major Geary has extensive experience in the development and delivery of law enforcement training. He has been a certified law enforcement instructor since 2005 and has trained thousands of officers both in his own agencies and across the country.

Major Geary earned a Master of Criminal Justice degree from USC in 2002 and a graduate certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia in 2012. He is a graduate of the 251st Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston, MA. He is a 2015 graduate of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Leadership in Police Organizations Program and a 2018 graduate of the Harvard University Crisis Leadership in Higher Education Program. He is a Certified Public Manager (CPM) and a certified Force Science Analyst. He was a member of the 2021-22 class of Leadership South Carolina. He served as President of the 7,000-member SC Law Enforcement Officers' Association for the 2021-2022 term after serving in various vice president roles. He remains an active member of their Board of Directors. He serves on the Executive Board of the South Carolina Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and will serve as President for the 2024-2025 term.

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