

John Bouthillette

Chief John Bouthillette (Retired) has a distinguished 35-year law enforcement career dedicated to leadership and training while cultivating productive partnerships with community residents and local, state, and federal agencies. He is also a Subject Matter Expert on the topics of Leadership, Officer Health, Safety, Wellness, Suicide Awareness, and Community Policing.

Over the last 11 years, he has been personally involved in the delivery and development of training for over 70,000 Law Enforcement officers in all 50 states as part of the BJA VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness, National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers, and Safer Together training programs.

He currently serves as both a Program Lead and Senior Instructor for the Bureau of Justice Assistance VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Training, National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers (SAFLEO) Training, and Safer Together Training Programs.

In addition to his law enforcement career, Chief Bouthillette has worked as a law enforcement accreditation assessor for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police; as a homeland security exercise planner for the State of Vermont, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; and as the program chief for the State of Vermont, Division of Licensing and Protection, Adult Protective Services Unit.

In 2000, Chief Bouthillette was involved in a deadly force encounter while responding to possible shots fired call and was shot twice at close range by a suspect who was armed with a shotgun. Chief Bouthillette has lectured both nationally and internationally on the topics of officer safety and survival.

In addition to his work with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance's VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness, National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers (SAFLEO), and Safer Together Programs, he has been a featured speaker of the Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN) and has lectured on behalf of the U.S. Marshals Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the FBI National Academy Association.

Chief Bouthillette is a recipient of the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association's Purple Heart award and has received Valor awards from both the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association and the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association. He also has received numerous certificates of special recognition from the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly and the United States Congress.

Chief Bouthillette has a master's degree in human resources training and development from Seton Hall University, a mini-master's certificate in public administration from Rutgers University, and a bachelor's degree in the administration of justice from Thomas Edison State College. He is also a graduate of the 236th Session of the FBI National Academy.