Lori J. Petro

After more than 25 years, Lori retired from the Indiana State Police (ISP) at the rank of Captain serving as the Commander of Training where she was responsible for the development, coordination, and administration of all aspects of sworn and civilian training and professional development. During her law enforcement career, Lori oversaw other units including Special Investigations, Drug Enforcement, and Methamphetamine Suppression. In those capacities, she led and managed 150+ officers in all facets of complex investigations and operations including drug enforcement, financial crimes, cybercrime, digital forensics, covert technologies, and Internet crimes against children. In 1994, Lori became a certified instructor and has continued to work with criminal justice professionals in the areas of generational leadership, cyber and financial crime, stress management, firearms, and anti-corruption.

After retiring from ISP, Lori served as a Senior Police Advisor for the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs where she developed and administered international law enforcement capacity building programs that focused on protecting human rights, combating corruption, and reducing the threat of transnational crime. She collaborated with U.S. domestic and international law enforcement to provide technical expertise, policy analysis, program guidance, training, and mentoring to foreign police in more than 20 countries. Programs focused on internationally accepted rule of law assistance that centered on fundamental institutional reform and improving the capabilities of vetted investigative and police units.

Currently, Lori Petro is the Law Enforcement Liaison and Quality Assurance Coordinator at NW3C, the National White Collar Crime Center. Her responsibilities include ensuring that all learning materials and delivery of all training modalities are consistent, current, high quality, and meet pedagogical best practices. She provides subject matter expertise in areas associated with adult learning and training of domestic law enforcement and in areas associated with the delivery of training to criminal justice professionals in foreign countries. She is also an Adjunct Instructor at Ivy Tech Community College (Indiana) where she has taught traditional and virtual criminal justice courses since 2010.

Lori's formal education includes a Master of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University and an undergraduate degree from Purdue University majoring in Interpersonal and Public Communications. Lori is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 235.

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