

David R. Ward C.V. Investigative Expert, Miami, Florida

Security, Law Enforcement and Investigative Expert

Ward Investigations LLC

Syracuse University

Miami/Fort Lauderdale, Florida

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

David R. Ward, LLC. July 2011 to current

- Expert witness Police & Security Policies and Procedures,
- Security Consultant,
- Litigation support,
- Police labor management consultant,
- Homeland Security consultant,
- Forensic consultant.
- Civil & Criminal Investigations
- Specialist and expert in locating persons, with a high concern for juvenile recovery.
- Drafting Operation Policies, Safety and Evacuation policies
- Natural Disasters including Hurricane policies.
- Training programs for safety and security for employees.
- Grant writing.

Gulliver Schools November 2012 to March 2015

- Security Supervisor / Director at Gulliver Academy.
- Direct supervision of seventeen security personnel on three Schools Campuses.
- Ensure the safety & security of the students, parents, employees, and staff of Gulliver Schools
- Coordinate special events on campuses
- Liaison with Law Enforcement agencies for all campuses
- Assist with drafting policies for the security personnel
- Oversee professional training of the security personnel on school safety. Including Intruder Alerts.

Security Director Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County (October 2008 to July 1, 2012), McRoberts Protective Service

- Supervise 30 security employees.
- Direct supervision and liaison with Secret Service for patron's searches prior to entering presidential speech twice. This included full body scanners, wandings of person, pat downs and bag searches.
- During all major events, direct liaison and coordinating with the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- Created new Observe and Report manual, as well as Safety, Evacuation and Hurricane manuals.
- Supervise and coordinate the safety and security of the thousands of patrons, the Centers employees and the visiting artists who come to the Adrienne Arsht Center of Miami-Dade County.

Reserve Police Commander Sweetwater Police Department, Chiefs Office, Police grant writer (April 2008 to December 2013)

- Police Reserve Commander with City of Sweetwater, supervision of the supervisors at direction of Chief of Police.
- Police Grant writing and coordinating with the City Grant Manager and Chief of Police.
- Liaison with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Federal Agencies in statistical analysis, relating to the demographics for the City of Sweetwater.
- Coordinate various projects at Direction of Chief of Police.
- Coordinate Senior Management training with the Asst. Chief of Police

Chief of Police, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida (April 2003 to April 2008)

- Chief administrator and managed 76-member police agency
- Wrote new Police Best Practices and Policy development for the officers
- Implemented Community Policing and Police services to the Tribe
- Served as liaison to other Tribes, Federal Government and State Governments.
- Served on the Miccosukee Tribal Gaming Commission as Law Enforcement liaison on gaming laws.
- Wrote and administered the BIA grant for tribal officers
- As a Law Enforcement manager worked closely with C.A.L.E.A. (The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement and Bureau of Indian Affairs) in establishing the Policies for Tribal Law Enforcement.
- Administered the annual budget
- Coordinated training for all law enforcement officers in both standard procedures and tribal procedures.
- Worked diligently during the hurricanes of Katrina and Wilma assisting local agencies and various federal Tribes in southeastern United States and Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- Coordinated Law Enforcement Professionalism within Tribal Law Enforcement as Chairman of United Southeastern Tribes of the United States.
- Coordinated the professionalism of Law Enforcement as active member of the executive Board member for the Criminal Justice Council in Washington DC.
- Executive Board member of the "Affairs Committee" for the International Chiefs of Police.
- Dispatched relief efforts to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina
- Direct supervision of all major investigations

- Direct supervision of all issues that involved the community and the law enforcement agency

Police Lieutenant, and Police Commander Sweetwater Police Department, Acting Chief of Police (October 1995 to April 2003)

- Patrol Lieutenant
- Internal affairs commander
- Detective Bureau Commander
- As Lieutenant: Platoon commander direct supervising 27 fulltime police officers and 57 reserve police officers in patrol.
- As Internal Affairs Commander: handled all complaints against police personnel. Handled all terminations of police personnel on behalf of Chief of Police.
- Created new Standard operating procedures for internal affairs.
- Initiated new standard operations manual for patrol officers with high concentration on High Liability.
- Assisted with the City's Annexation with acquiring all demographics, traffic counts and essential statistics from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- Administered the community policing program.
- Assisted with the Elderly housing program
- Advanced hostage negotiator with the S.W.A.T. team
- Appointed Acting Chief of Police, when command staff left the country for one week

Chairman of Criminal Justice Council South Eastern Tribes (April 2003 to August 2007)

- Orchestrated the overview and supervision of Tribal law Enforcement agencies in the Eastern United States.

Executive Board Member of the National Criminal Justice Council, Washington, DC (April 2003 to October 2007)

- As an Executive Board member addressed national issues concerning Law Enforcement.

David R. Ward and Associates Litigation Expert (June 1983 to October 1995)

- Expert Consulting and Expert investigative service to the legal profession and Law Enforcement agency reviews.

Miami-Dade Police Department (October 1973 to June 1983)

- Organized Crime Detective, detached United States Treasury Agent field investigator, Homicide Detective, SWAT team member, Vice Intelligence and Narcotic Detective, patrol officer.

City College Miami, Instructor on investigative techniques (January 1995 to January 2000)

- Topics include: General Investigative techniques, Search Warrants, Internal Affairs Investigation, Drug Investigations, Homicide Investigations, and Medical Fraud Investigation.

GUEST LECTURING:

Keiser University (January 2003 through January 2009)

- Introduction to Law Enforcement.

Delta Alpha Gamma sorority (November 2013 and November 2014)

- Personal & residential safety and security

United States Army (April 2006 through May 2007)

- History of Law Enforcement Miccosukee Tribe Native American Law Enforcement

Miami Dade Legal Support Association (1995 until 2013)

- Elimination of complacency and protecting yourself

D.A.R.E (late 90's to 2011)

- Educating young people about law enforcement. Deterring drug use within the young people community. Provided this education with the use of Martial Arts and positive accomplishments.

Florida Technical College (Current)

- Security procedures

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Graduate of the F.B.I Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI National Academy for smaller agencies).
- Graduate of National Sheriffs Executive Leadership.
- Reduced crime by 15% while running the departments at a reduced operating cost.
- Initiated monthly meetings between community leaders and members of the police department.
- Reduced overtime costs by 70% by proper planning and scheduling.
- Assisted with the recovery of \$27,000,000, ID theft ring with Secret Service.
- Broke up a major Medicare fraud ring saving the government approximately \$10,000,000.
- Authored and received grants for the police departments totalling \$1,150,000.
- Coordinated Homeland Security matters with state and federal agencies.
- Coordinated local law enforcement training with the US Federal Air Marshals, allowing for additional trained officers to fly armed on air craft.
- Supervised the emergency response of our agency to New Orleans in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, and maintained our presence in our community.
- Personally worked with F.P.L. in the repair efforts in the Miami area after Hurricanes Rita, Wilma.
- Rescued senior citizens in harm's way during the storm of 1999 which flooded the City of Sweetwater.
- Directed security for F.E.M.A after Hurricane Andrew.
- Created new and improved polices for the Miccosukee Police Department.
- Initiated web page design for the Miccosukee Police Department.
- Demonstrated hands - on leadership as Chief of Police by conducting community patrols.
- Supervised the awards program for the Sweetwater and Miccosukee Police Departments.
- Liaison between the police, fire and health department to improve services to the community.
- Executive Board member of many local, state and federal law enforcement organizations.
- Quest speaker at D.A.R.E programs, Universities and professional associations.
- Over 2000 hours of law enforcement training.
- Coordinated safety and security for the thousands of patrons, employees and artists that have attended and been a part of the theatre experience at the Adrienne Arsht Center of Miami-Dade County.
- Served as an expert witness in both the public and private sector.
- Twenty years of executive management experience in public administration, law enforcement management, emergency management, domestic security and civil litigation with the Miami-Dade Police Department, the City of Sweetwater and, most recently, as Chief of Police for the Miccosukee Police Department and Security Director for Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center of Miami-Dade County and Gulliver Schools.

RESEARCH AND TRAINING:

Hostage Negotiations Miami Dade College SWPD

Preparing for Media Relations MDPD

Falcon/New Integrated Criminal History System SWPD

National Sheriffs Association Leadership program

Public Safety Technology I MPD

Seven Habits for Law Enforcement MPD

Strategies for Success and Survival MPD

Show Me the Money MPD

Law Enforcement Technology Updates MPD

Open Leadership Forum N.S.A

Terrorism Considerations MPD

CMS Training Updates SWPD

Statewide Clandestine Meth Lab Response B.I.A.

S.W.A.T. SWPD

High Impact Police Leadership Miami Dade College

Internal Affairs Investigations MDPD

Hostage Rescue MDPD

Officer Stress Assessment and Resolution MDPD

Oleoresin Capsicum SWPD

Pepper ball Instructor SWPD

Federal law Enforcement training – BIA Federal Agent with Department of Interior

Major Crimes Training MDPD

7 Habits of Highly Effective Law Enforcement SWPD

Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement MPD

Organized Crime Investigators Course MDPD

Grant Writing for Law Enforcement IACP

Medical Claims Defense Training FIF

Criminal Investigation Techniques MDPD

Executive Management NSA

Incident Response to Terrorist bombings FBI

Basic Police Motorcycle SWPD

BIA- Chiefs of Police Training

Law Enforcement Response to WMD Incident Domestic Preparedness FBI

Major Crimes Investigations MDPD

Law / Professional Issues for Law Enforcement Syracuse University

Media Public Information for Chiefs MDPD

Police Indiscretion / litigation & claims avoidance Harvard University

Florida Executive Development FPC

Executive Level Management Training NSA

LEO Bill of Rights FBI

Hurricane Preparation Conference MDPD

Law Enforcement Executive Development FBI

Mandatory Training Miami Dade College

Homeland Security Flying Armed US Air Marshals

Effective Personnel Management for the Smaller Agency IACP

Drug Enforcement Training DEA

Florida Advisory Committee on Arson / Investigating Fraud

Active Shooter training by SWPD August 2103

MDPD: Miami Dade Police Department

MPD: Miccosukee Police Department

SWPD: Sweetwater Police Department

BIA: Bureau of Indian Affairs

FBI: Federal Bureau of Investigation

IACP: International Association of Chiefs of Police

NSA: National Sheriffs Association

DEA: Drug Enforcement Administration.

AWARDS

Awarded Officer of the month while employed with the Miami Dade and Sweetwater Police Departments.

Numerous citations for community service throughout law enforcement and private career.

Special recognition when a Miami Dade Police Detective for undercover work from the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office and the United States Attorney.

Special recognition while employed as Police Lieutenant for the City of Sweetwater Police Department by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office for investigative techniques.

Special recognition by the Country of Germany their Federal Bureau of Investigation for investigative liaison while Chief of Police.

Law Enforcement Officer of the year from the South Florida Shomrim Society when the Chief of Police.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Police Chiefs Association – former Chairman of the Identity Theft Committee

Southeast Florida Security Task Force - Administrative Advisory Board

Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police

Broward County Association of Chiefs of Police

International Association of Chiefs of Police, conference committee chairperson

Florida Sheriffs Association

National Sheriffs Association

National Native American Law Enforcement Association

United South and Eastern Tribes Former Committee Chairman

South Florida Shomrim Society Executive Board / Chairman of the Board of Directors

Law Enforcement Emerald Society of South Florida

National Criminal Justice Association - Board of Directors South East Representative

Miami-Dade County Criminal Justice Association Executive Board member

F.B.I. / C.J.I.S. Representative of Indian Country

Citizens Crime Watch Executive Board

200 Club of South Florida

International Police Association

American College of Forensic Examiners-Life Member
American College for Homeland Security-Life Member

Specific Qualifications to provide opinions:

I have personally conducted numerous administrative and criminal investigations.

I have personally interviewed over a hundred witnesses and suspects.

I have supervised criminal investigations and reviewed interrogations/statements and confessions of subjects.

I made sure that they met all applicable Federal and State statutory requirements.

I have authored police policies for the Sweetwater and Miccosukee Police Departments which included high liability policies; which included, deadly and non-deadly use of force.

I wrote high liability policies for pursuit driving; employee selection, training, deployment, supervision, and discipline of employees; custom policies and practices, and violation of constitutional rights.

Court Expert Testimony starting 2013:

Williams vs. CHIR corp., PIRTS, Club Lex, & Fleet Security & Investigation (for the Plaintiff) -

Deposition October 2013; Trial November 2013. Verdict for the plaintiff

Elsa Garcia vs. City of North Miami Beach 14-cv-23459-Moreno, (for the Plaintiff), no deposition or trial testimony, case settled for the plaintiff.

Barrera, Esteban Roberto v. Sebring PD, 1749-13, deposition and trial testimony for the plaintiff, verdict for the plaintiff.

Hernandez v Miami Dade County Fair & Expo

Inc. (for the Defendant) – Deposition December 2015; Trial February 2016, verdict for the defendant.

Objectivity:

I have fifteen years of private experience and of those fifteen years my trial and deposition

Testimony has been pretty even; providing testimony for the plaintiff or the defendant. This does not include

My approximately twenty-five years of Law Enforcement experience.

EDUCATION

Miami Dade College General Studies / Police Standards/ Associates of Science program

Barry University, Professional Studies / Public Administration / Bachelor of Science program

East Central Oklahoma University Public Administration / Native American Affairs / Master of Science program

Syracuse University School of Law / Miccosukee Tribe / 120 hours of Law School relating to Native America

David R. Ward has 30 years of police and investigative experience. He utilizes his experience as a law enforcement professional and his expertise in law enforcement administration and private security to achieve positive results in his expert work.

As a law enforcement professional, David has been the author and recipient of numerous grants. He has always been a strong proponent of community policing. Because of the education and schooling he received from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA,) he has written and updated policies in all the law enforcement agencies with which he has been associated.

As a result of his service as Chief of Police of the Miccosukee Police Department, David obtained specialized knowledge of the complex gaming laws. He also oversaw the gaming commission for the Miccosukee, the native American tribe for whom he served as chief of police.

As a child advocate, David has developed a specialty in the recovery of juveniles and young adults which grew out of his drive to ensure that no harm comes to our children. In addition to the knowledge and experience he has obtained in his 30 years of experience, David has developed specialized contacts which enables him to successfully locate these missing or lost persons and either return them to their families or to a facility that can help them.

Specialties: Police administration, grant administrator, litigation support, professional compliance, forensic examiner, recognized as Homeland Security expert. Well versed in large arena facilities in accommodating both the public and the professional logistics.

Experience

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Law Enforcement, Security & Investigative Expert

Company Name Ward Investigations LLC

Dates Employed Jan 2012 – Present

Employment Duration 5 yrs 10 mos

Location 305-878-4742

Utilizing his years of experience in Law Enforcement Administration, David testifies as an expert in the areas of Law Enforcement and Private Security Policies. David is a fact finder and very meticulous.

He is a member of the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security and the American College for Forensic Examiners Institute.

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Reserve Police Commander

Company Name Sweetwater Police Department

Dates Employed Feb 2008 – Nov 2013

Employment Duration 5 yrs 10 mos

Location City of Sweetwater

As a reserve Police Commander, David assist's the City Grant Administrator coordinating police grant proposals.

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Security Director

Company Name Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts

Dates Employed 2008 – 2012

Employment Duration 4 yrs

Location 1300 Biscayne Boulevard Miami , Florida

As security director, David was responsible for the coordination of the safety and security of employees of the of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts as well as the many visiting artists and thousands of patrons who utilized the Center annually.

As director, he was also charged with coordinating any event where a dignitary was involved often conducting liaison with the United States Secret Service. As a result of his performance in this area he received commendations from the Secret Service and the National Democratic Committee.

Utilizing his many years of experience, David developed new manuals for the Center in the areas of observing and reporting, and safety, evacuation and hurricane preparedness

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Chief of Police

Company Name Miccosukee Police Department

Dates Employed Mar 2003 – Feb 2008

Employment Duration 5 yrs

David served as the Chief of Police for this law enforcement agency of 96 personnel. In addition to fulfilling all responsibilities as Chief of Police, he established all policies, interacted with government agencies, chaired executive committees and created the community policing program

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Lieutenant

Company Name Sweetwater Police Department

Dates Employed Jan 1999 – Jan 2003

Employment Duration 4 yrs 1 mo

Location Miami, FL

In this capacity, David served as the chief of internal affairs for the department and personally investigated all the complaints made against any officer. He also supervised a 5 member detective unit.

Additional responsibilities included the coordination of all investigative details, ensuring that all detectives participated in the community programs, and the supervision of all major crimes investigations. Often liaison with federal law enforcement agencies and other federal and law enforcement agencies was required.

In this capacity, David had the responsibility of administering the daily operations of the entire patrol division consisting of 27 sworn uniformed officers

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Administrative Officer - Assistant

Company Name Sweetwater Police Department

Dates Employed Jan 1995 – Jan 1999

Employment Duration 4 yrs 1 mo

As the Administrative Officer to the Chief of Police, David performed all executive functions for the chief. He drafted the budget and managed its execution, oversaw the patrol sections, and conducted frequent liaison with the federal and local governments. He also served as acting chief when the Chief of Police was out of the office or at other appropriate times.

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President

Company Name David R. Ward & Associates

Dates Employed Jan 1983 – Jan 1995

Employment Duration 12 yrs 1 mo

President and Owner Expert consulting to major corporations, law firms, insurance companies, police unions, and lending institutions. Specialist background in Law Enforcement; insurance fraud; surveillance; pre-employment; business crimes; civil & criminal investigations.

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Homicide Detective

Company Name Miami-Dade Police Department

Dates Employed Jan 1978 – Jan 1983

Employment Duration 5 yrs 1 mo

During David's time working in the Homicide division of the Miami Dade Police Department he committed himself to tedious hours of methodical investigative techniques in solving these cases. David worked closely with the Miami Dade Medical Examiner's Office. David spent a hours in legal study with the various Assistant State Attorneys to successfully prosecute the persons we incarcerated for the crime of Homicide.

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Organized Crime Bureau Investigator

Company Name Miami-Dade Police Department

Dates Employed Jan 1976 – Jan 1978

Employment Duration 2 yrs 1 mo

David was assigned to various Federal Agencies and local agencies where he worked undercover in major drug investigation in the Tri-County area.

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Police Officer Uniform Patrol

Company Name Miami-Dade Police Department

Dates Employed Jan 1973 – Jan 1976

Employment Duration 3 yrs 1 mo

David commenced his career in law enforcement as a patrol officer for the Miami-Dade Police Department which is the Sheriff's Office for Miami-Dade County. In addition to performing his normal patrol duties and responsibilities, he developed experience and expertise in select areas of police work such as the investigations of burglaries, larcenies, and traffic crashes.

Education

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Syracuse University

Field Of Study Continuing Legal Education

Grade 120 hours

Dates attended or expected graduation 2003 – 2008

Law Courses yearly to be updated on areas of Native American Law. The areas of study was Indian Country, Preserving our Sovereignty, The State of Our Nations, Ethics and Professionalism, Criminal and Civil Law.

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East Central Oklahoma University

Degree Name Masters Program

Field Of Study Public Administration

Grade Not completed

Dates attended or expected graduation 2003 – 2007

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Barry University

Degree Name Bachelor program

Field Of Study Public Administration

Dates attended or expected graduation 1989 – 1992

Enjoy the classes

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Miami Dade College

Degree Name Associate in Arts Program / Law Enforcement State of Florida

Field Of Study General Studies / Psychology / Police Standards

Dates attended or expected graduation 1971 – 1974

Scholarship