

Sergeant Michael N. Powell (Ret.)

Franklin County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit

Sgt. Michael N. Powell served with honor and distinction with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for over 32 years, retiring in April 2006 with the rank of sergeant. Since his retirement, Sgt. Powell continues to work part-time as a Public Information Specialist with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, conducting drug training throughout the State of Ohio and many other parts of the United States.

For the last 26 years of Sgt. Powell's law enforcement career, he was assigned to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit (SIU), working narcotics, vice, and stolen property investigations. During his tenure, he participated in over 5000 counts of drug trafficking and executed over 1500 federal/local search warrants.

Prior to his retirement, Sgt. Powell supervised the Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) federal task force in Columbus. He was instrumental in creating Operation Street Smart and continues as one of the main speakers for that program.

From June 1995 through December 2001, Sgt. Powell was federally deputized and was a supervisor with the FBI Drug Task Force in Columbus. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Sgt. Powell is a state-certified instructor of narcotics. He drafted the core curriculum and led the instruction of the Basic Undercover Narcotics courses, conducted across Ohio since 1984.

Sgt. Powell is a Certified Registered Applicant with the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board.

Sgt. Powell is licensed with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Sgt. Powell is widely recognized as an expert on illegal drugs; their manufacture, sale, and impact on our society. He has lectured extensively across the country and has been enthusiastically applauded for his knowledgeable, understandable, and enlightening instruction.