



Lt. Richard Powers

Lt. Richard Powers is with the South Bend Police Department and has been in law enforcement for over 30 years. His assignments have involved almost all facets of the Department, including working in a patrol and investigative capacity, as a supervisor for the Crime Prevention Unit, and six years as a member of the street tactical and narcotics unit. Currently, Lt. Powers serves as the South Bend Police Department's Community Oriented Policing Coordinator as well as, being the Director for both the Citizen's Police Academy and the VIPS (Volunteers In Police Service) Unit.

Lt. Powers earned his Bachelor's Degree in Public and Environmental Affairs from Indiana University. Lt. Powers is a published author through the Dept. Of Justice (Regional Community Policing Institute) magazine, in addition to having made over 400 presentations nation wide to numerous groups and associations concerning community safety issues and how to encourage citizen's involvement with their law enforcement agencies.

Currently, Lt. Powers is the elected President of the National Citizen's Police Academy Association (NCPAA) and also Executive Board of Director Member of the Department of Justice Weed & Seed Alliance Inc. of South Bend, coordinating and overseeing all COP efforts and community partnerships. . He is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership Academy, sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police