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**OBJECTIVE:** I have dedicated my life to public safety and service, working tirelessly for a better tomorrow. My goal is to further utilize my unique skills and experiences to assist organizations, companies and individuals in risk awareness and mitigation. While doing so create safer communities across the United States and world.

## IN THE MEDIA

*The Today Show*

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/investigations/taking-down-mob-undercover-cop-s-six-years-risky-business-n41556>

<https://www.nbcnews.com> (watch undercover)

[https://podcast.apple.com\(Podcast:NewEnglandMafia\)](https://podcast.apple.com(Podcast:NewEnglandMafia))

[wpri.com](http://wpri.com) (steve O'Donnell)

<https://nbcnews.com>video>undercover-cop-mafia>

<https://www.nbcnews.com>video>reputed-mobster>

<https://www.wpri.com>law-enforcement-analyst>

you tube Original Gangsters Going undercover in the New England Mafia

## EXPERIENCE:

**Senior Security Specialist 3/4/2024-present**

**Ed David Company LLC.**

- Duties include but not limited to Risk Mitigation; Threat Assessment & Analysis; Physical Security Assessment, Executive Protection; Cyber Security Breach Liaison; Active Shooter training & Assessments; Global Intelligence Products; background investigations; asset searches etc.

**PRIVATE CONSULTANT/ STEVE O'DONNELL & ASSOCIATES 01/01/2017-present**

- Duties include but are not limited to mediations & consultations on Homeland Security, Terrorism, Active Shooters, Native American/Indigenous disputes, threat assessments, Risk Management and related areas of expertise.
- Court Expert witness-provide expert analysis on various court proceedings and testify in support of opinions formed.
- Mediated the historic settlement with Brown University & the Pokanoket Tribe, resulting in Brown deeding 225 Acres in Bristol Rhode Island to the Tribe
- Was the plaintiff's expert witness in a wrongful death case in which a jury awarded the plaintiff \$5.4 million. The jury found that multiple defendants breached the standard of care with respect to the deceased 15 year old student and one defendant was deemed the proximate cause of his death.

**CEO | GREATER PROVIDENCE YMCA | 11/01/2016 – 3/04/2024**

- Duties included overseeing a 23-million-dollar budget, over 500 employees and provided overall guidance for six (6) branches, Providence Youth Services and three (3) summer camps throughout Greater Rhode Island and Southeast Massachusetts.
- Managed the organization through the COVID-19 Crisis.

**Board Member of Justice Assistance**-a non-profit organization designed to help families and offenders within the criminal justice system.

**Member of the CEO Council of Rhode Island**

**Providence College**-Member of the Providence College Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

**WPRI/FOX TELEVISION, RADIO AND PRINTED MEDIA & WPRO CUMULUS RADIO | 01/01/2017 - PRESENT**

- Duties include but are not limited to public consultation with WPRITV on Homeland Security, Threat Assessment, Active Shooter, Mediations, Organized Crime, Law Enforcement, Fusion Centers, Undercover Operations, local and national law enforcement issues.
- Fill-in Host at WPRO radio, conducting interviews of prominent elected officials, local, state, and national leaders from a cross section of individuals.

**Rhode Island Superior and District Court-Recognized Expert Witness:**

Undercover/Clandestine Operations, Use of Informants and Organized Criminal Investigations.

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR | SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY, UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE SCHOOL | 09/2002 - PRESENT**

- Duties include but are not limited to teaching classes on Organized Crime and/or Undercover Operations to undergraduate and graduate, Administration of Justice students.

- Serve on a committee to revamp the curriculum and attract diverse speakers to the University.
- Serve on a committee that conducts mock job interviews for law enforcement careers.

#### **HEAD COACH BOYS' LACROSSE | LASALLE ACADEMY (PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND) |**

**09/2009 – PRESENT:**

- Duties include coaching, mentoring, and helping young athletes stay on the right path.
- Winner of twelve (12) consecutive State Championships.
- Numerous student athletes in the program succeed as high school All-State players and All-Americans and were accepted and play lacrosse at various schools such as Brown, Duke, Providence, Bryant, Quinnipiac, West Point, Sacred Heart, Babson, Bentley, Hartford, Salve Regina, UMASS Amhurst; Wesleyan; Cornell, Merrimack; Pace University; Lemoyne University, UMASS Lowell, University of Richmond, Assumption College, Tufts University, Union College, Curry College, Cortland State, Catholic University, and many others. One player was drafted and played in the Major League Lacrosse (MLL-my son Cody).

#### **SUPERINTENDENT OF RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE & COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY | STATE OF RHODE ISLAND | 05/14/2011-10/31/2016**

- Duties included but were not limited to over-sight of the Rhode Island State Police and all agencies within the Department of Public Safety, Capital Police, E-911, Fire Marshal's Office, Grants Administrators office, Sheriff's Office, Municipal Police Training Academy, Governors Homeland Security Advisor.
- Possessed Top-Secret Clearance for almost twenty (20) years.
- Coordinate relationships and investigations with all federal, state, and local police agencies.
- Developed the first "Troopers/Citizens Training Academy". This curriculum was designed to allow elected officials, Judges, media, and community leaders a first-hand experience of what it was like to train for a police career. This created stronger understanding between the police and community.

#### **UNITED STATES MARSHAL | THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND-PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT BY PRESIDENT BARRACK OBAMA | 11/2009-04/2011**

- Duties included but were not limited to the custody and control of all federal inmates incarcerated at Federal Correctional Facilities, transportation and security of these inmates and protection, threat assessment of all federal court houses, protection, safety & security for all Federal US District Court Judges and bankruptcy court, as well as their personal security.
- To include safety of inmates, staff, court personnel and civilians within the courtrooms. Developed safety plans unique to the situation(s) presented.

#### **STATE TROOPER FOR THE RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE | 01/24/1987-11/2009**

- Served in all barracks and detective bureau.
- Was an undercover operative from 1990-1996, infiltrating factions of the Patriarca (New England) Organized Crime Family. Convinced members of the La Cosa Nostra that I was a book maker, loan shark, narcotics trafficker, car thief and various other nefarious roles to

bring hundreds of defendants to justice, solve numerous crimes and put a permanent dent into the mafia in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New England.

- As a result, was recognized as a **"Top Cop" nationally by President William Clinton in 1996 and one of four national State Troopers of the Year by Vice President Al Gore at two separate White House Ceremonies.**
- Co-managed with the FBI and helped create Rhode Island's first **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force (HIDTA)**. Collaborated with the DEA, FBI, other State and local police agencies, coordinating narcotics trafficking investigations.
- Developed Rhode Island's Fusion Center post 911 with the FBI and managed the center, which is in FBI's Providence Field Office.
- Extensive court room experience with trials, bail hearing, violation hearings etc. in State and Federal Court
- Lead Investigator for the Rhode Island Attorney General's Strike Force investigation of allegations of corruption within this agency. (Senator Whitehouse at that time was the United States Attorney for Rhode Island, and prosecutor for the case)
- Worked within all ranks within the department, including administrative roles in Planning & Research and oversaw the administrative function of the organization before being promoted to the officer-in-charge of all operations, Major-Administrative Services
- I was promoted to Lt. Colonel, Deputy Superintendent. I retired as the Deputy Superintendent in 2009 to become the United States Marshal, for the District of Rhode Island, appointed by the President of the United States, Barack Obama.

#### **POLICE OFFICER | TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN | 1984-1986**

- Duties included patrolling the town and responding to all calls of service. Received a special commendation for saving the life of a person in a house fire.

#### **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER | RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, MAXIMUM SECURITY | 1983-1984**

- Duties included Correctional Officer in Maximum Security, care custody and control of all inmates incarcerated at this facility.

#### **Head Coach, Providence College Men's Lacrosse 1982-1986**

- Holds the highest winning percentage in Providence College Lacrosse history
- Pilgrim League Champions 1986

#### **EDUCATION**

COLLEGE PREPATORY | LASALLE ACADEMY (Providence, RI) | 06/1978

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Administration of Justice) | UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN | 05/1982

MASTER OF SCIENCE (Administration of Justice) | SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY | 05/1993

#### **SPECIALIZED SKILLS/CERTIFICATIONS/ACCOLADES**

- Held a Top-Secret Government Security Clearance for over 20 years
- Graduate of the FBI 211<sup>th</sup> National Academy

- Graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute
- Graduate of US Army War College National Security
- Graduate of Textron Sigma6 Training
- Graduate of numerous Incident Command Training
- Graduate of Leadership Rhode Island
- Graduate of Bryant University Leadership School
- Graduate of UMass Lowell Police Leadership Training
- Graduate of National Security and Advanced Terrorism Training
- Graduate of CIA Threat Assessment School
- Graduate of Secret Service Threat Assessment School
- Served on FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force
- Developed and managed the first Rhode Island Fusion Center post 9/11 and had direct oversight of the center for over a decade (located in the Providence FBI Field office)
- **Lectured locally, nationally, and internationally including Moscow, Russia in 2002 with the FBI & DEA on Task Force development and covert investigations, presented a case study on a sting operation to the Russian National Police**
- **Expertise in Court Authorized Wire Intercepts, Counter Measures used to detect these devices, Risk Management, Covert Operations, Organized Crime, Task Force Development, Use of Confidential Sources, Organized Criminal & Narcotic Investigations, Law Enforcement Policies & procedures**
- **Recognitions/Awards:**
- Received over fifty (50) commendations for meritorious police work.
- Received numerous awards from several Governors, the FBI Director, US Attorney, Attorney General of Rhode Island and elected officials.
- Received National **"Top Cop" award, presented by President William Clinton in 1996**
- Received National **"Trooper of the Year" award presented by Vice President Al Gore** and was featured on "The Real Stories of the Highway Patrol" 1996
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Police Officer of the Year 1994
- Silver Star for Bravery of the National Police Hall of Fame
- One of my undercover sting operations was featured on the news show "Hard Copy".
- Discussed a feature story on "Hard Ball" with Chris Matthews on Whitey Bulger
- Feature story with Lester Holt from NBC Nightly News
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- University of New Haven Distinguished Alumni Award
- Salve University Distinguished Alumni Award
- LaSalle Academy Hall of fame
- US Lacrosse New England Hall of Fame 2007
- National Police Organizations Silver Star for Valor
- Rhode island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame 2023
- Rhode Island Department of Transportation Champion Award 2023
- Mother Against Drunk Driving Lifetime Achievement Award 2023
- YMCA of Greater Providence Y Heroes Award 2024
- Boss Level Collaboration Community Award 2024
- Rhode Island, LaSalle Academy Head Boy's Lacrosse Coach, State Champions 2012-present (12 consecutive years)