

MARK J. WITTENBERG

Mark J. Wittenberg has assisted police professionals with organizational and personal development needs for over 20 years. A certified California Commission on Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) presenter, he's led team-building workshops for many California police departments. With his 30 years of experience as a police professional, he's known as an innovative trainer, developer, presenter, and communicator.

Wittenberg also has many years of experience leading leadership-development seminars. As one of the original facilitators for the POST Supervisory Leadership Institute, he's presented the foundations for effective leadership to hundreds of supervisors. His background and experience have led to long-term relationships with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department where he's facilitated seminars enabling sworn and non-sworn supervisors to work on leadership and effective teamwork.

Given his desire to help peace officers and departments make the most informed decisions and develop the most effective relationships, he regularly audits police performance and consults with chiefs of police to help their agencies perform to the highest possible standards. He's been a subject-matter expert in several California curriculum-development steering committees (e.g., the Field Training Officer Committee, the Management of the Field Training Officer Program Committee, and the Command College Curriculum Review Committee) and has served as a subject-matter expert on a committee to integrate leadership, ethics, and community-oriented policing into the basic Academy. He also serves as national trainer for Josephson Institute.

Wittenberg has a bachelor's degree in History from the California State University at Long Beach and a master's degree in Public Administration from the California State University at Long Beach Center for Public Policy. A graduate of the California Command College (Class #30), he was elected co-class speaker by his classmates. His Command College project on auditing police performance led to presentations for chiefs' and sheriffs' conferences throughout California.