



Sergeant Ken Quinlan

Police Officer of the Year, 2008



Sergeant Ken Quinlan

Born in Plainfield, NJ, raised in Scotch Plains, NJ

Graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

No spouse or children

North Carolina State University, BA in Sociology

Wake Technical Community College, Basic Law Enforcement Training (1996)

Began his career with the Cary Police Department on July 8, 1996

- ◆ Patrol Officer (1996-1999)
- ◆ Field Training Officer
- ◆ Uniform Investigator, Diverse Operations & Enforcement Team (1999-2000)
- ◆ Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigator, DOE Team (2000-2003)
- ◆ Sergeant Field Operations (2003-2006)
Assistant Commander, Crisis Negotiation Team
- ◆ Sergeant Professional Standards, Training Coordinator (2006-2007)
Cary PD School Director, Internal Affairs
- ◆ Sergeant Professional Standards, Personnel (2007-Present)
Recruiting, Hiring, Internal Affairs

Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate (2002)

NC CJ Training Education & Training Standards Certified Instructor

USDOT & NHTSA Certified SFST Instructor

NCJA Criminal Investigation Certificate Program (2002)

Town of Cary Leadership Enhancement and Development Program (2004)

Cary PD School Director (2006-2007)

Member, National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators

Member, NC Internal Affairs Investigators' Association

Sergeant Quinlan is currently assigned to the Cary Police Department's Professional Standards Division and works as the department's recruiter and personnel services manager. He took over this position in 2007 when it was upgraded for the rank of sergeant. When he took this position, the Cary PD faced record-setting hiring shortages as do many of our neighboring agencies in the area. At one point, the department had 19 vacant police officer positions and was also struggling to fill positions for Emergency Communications Officers in our Comm Center. Shortages such as these increase workload for those officers and ECO's still employed. Also, morale issues occur because requests for time off, needed or preferred, are restricted.

The Cary Police Department takes pride in hiring highly qualified personnel. Sgt. Quinlan takes this task as his personal mission and ensures only those meeting our standards are hired.

He has spent countless hours scheduling interviews and conducting background investigations on applicants. His dedication to the Cary PD and the filling of needed police officer positions was so great that he practically had to be directed to take some time off to relax and enjoy his personal life.

Over the past 12 months he has worked hard to fill our staffing needs. Today, the Cary Police Department is proud to say we are virtually fully staffed thanks to the dedication and hard work of Sgt. Quinlan. The Cary Police Department is proud to call Sgt. Quinlan a member since he sets such a high example for others to follow.

Due to Ken's hard work and dedication to the Town of Cary, he was promoted to lieutenant and will return to Field Operations as a District Commander.

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Cary American Legion Post 67 First Responder Awards

Presented by Post Commander Bill Cozzolino on Tuesday, 10 February, 2009



Cary Police Chief Pat Bazemore



Ken Quinlan

Lynn Nowak

Ronnie Casey



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