

AHEC-SSW Directory - Consultant Information Sheet

Name: Matthew J. Sullivan

Position/Title: Retired Fire Chief, Town of Chapel Hill

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Education/Degrees:

- BA: Political Science emphasis Criminal Justice UNC-Chapel Hill 1989
- MSW: UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work, 1997
- JD: *Cum Laude*; North Carolina Central University, 2006

Professional Certifications:

- Member North Carolina State Bar
- Member Judicial District 15-B Bar
- Certified North Carolina Criminal Justice Instructor (General and Law)
- North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal Certified Instructor (Law and Administration)
- Critical Incident Stress Management and Debriefing
- National Coalition Building Institute Cultural Diversity Trainer
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I) Advanced Hostage Negotiation
- North Carolina Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate

Academic Experience:

- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Student Health Service: EPA position that involved Coordination of Substance Abuse Programs with some teaching responsibilities. October 1995- August 1999
- Alamance Community College, Graham, North Carolina, Adjunct Faculty November 1994 to May 1999
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Student Health Service Governor's Academy for Prevention Professionals: Mentoring, Group Facilitation, and instruction. November 1993 to 2005
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work, Adjunct Faculty Field Instructor. August 1997 to Present.
- Durham Technical Community College, Durham, North Carolina, Part-Time Faculty (Criminal Justice and Fire Services) August 2020-Present
- Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, North Carolina, Part-Time Faculty (Fire Services) November 2020-Present

Brief Summary of Work Experience:

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Specialization/Research Areas:

- Adolescent Risk Behavior/Substance Abuse
- Human Service Practitioner Safety in the Field
- Critical Incident Stress Interventions
- Emergency Responder Stress (EMS, POLICE, FIRE)

Available for presentations on the following:

- Field Safety and Assessment Skills for the Human Service Provider
- Critical Incident Response and Stress Management for Human Service Professionals

Matthew Sullivan served the Town of Chapel Hill in several roles over a 32-year career. His last appointment was as Fire Chief, where he was responsible for Town and Departmental leadership and oversight. As a member of the Town's executive staff, he participated in the development and implementation of the Town's strategic vision.

Other positions that Matt held during his career include Emergency Management Coordinator, Interim Director of Planning and Sustainability, Staff Legal Advisor, Interim Police Attorney, Police Crisis Counselor, Narcotics Investigator, Departmental Hostage Negotiator., Community Police Officer, Crime Prevention Officer and DARE Officer.

Matt received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1989 and Master of Social Work Degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1997. He received a Degree in Law from North Carolina Central University in 2006 and is a member of the North Carolina State and Judicial District 15-B Bars.

From 1995 to 1999, Matt was appointed Coordinator of Substance Abuse Programs at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In this capacity, he had the responsibility of administering the day-to-day operations of the campus alcohol and other drug treatment and prevention efforts. Much emphasis was also placed on environmental interventions directed to altering campus social norms surrounding dangerous student drinking and life skill development in student athletes.

Matt is an adjunct faculty member to the University of North Carolina School of Social Work. He is a certified North Carolina Criminal Justice Instructor and is certified in Critical Incident Stress Management. He previously served as Chair of the Judicial District 15-B Criminal Justice Community Partnership Adult Services Advisory Committee and on the UNC-CH General Alumni Association Board of Directors. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the NC Governor's Institute (on Substance Abuse) and for the South Orange Rescue Squad.

Matt is a recipient of North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the 2019 Chapel Hill Chamber Town and Gown Award, The Chapel Hill Police Department's Herman Stone Award for Community Service, and a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UNC-School of Social Work. In 1994 he was named Chapel Hill Police Officer of the Year.