

# **David J. Thomas, Ph.D., LMHC**

**Expert in policing in America at Florida Gulf Coast University**

Fort Myers, FL, US

David Thomas is a veteran police officer specializing in mental health, police and minority relations, active shooters and mass casualties.

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## **Biography**

David Thomas is a professor of forensic studies and criminal justice at Florida Gulf Coast University. Before receiving his Ph.D., Thomas served as a police officer, and retired from the Gainesville Police Department after 20 years of service. As a police officer, his assignments included: patrol, detective, street crimes, SWAT, hostage negotiations, as well as community policing and training.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Psychology of School Shooters, Law Enforcement Mental Health, Policing in America, Police Psychology, Use of Force by Police, Police Operations, Police Decision Making, Law Enforcement Training, Psychology of Mass Casualty Incidents

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## **Affiliations**

Police Counseling Services, LLC. : CEO, Alachua Police Department : Consultant/Mental Health Service Provider, Santa Fe Police Department : Consultant/Mental Health Service Provider, University of Florida Police Department : Consultant/Mental Health Service Provider

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## **Selected Event Appearances**

**Fight, Flight or Freeze - The Psychological impact of a Critical Incidents**  
National Conference on Active School Shooters

## **Training**

21st Century Policing: Professionalism in Policing Series

## **Confidentiality Agreements & Department Safety Plan**

Consult, University of Florida Counseling Center

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## **Education**

### **The Union Institute**

Ph.D. Forensic Psychology and Criminology

### **National Louis University**

M.Ed. Education

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