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Outstanding Contribution to Profession

**J. DALE MANN**  
Georgia Public Safety Training Center

For nearly four decades, J. Dale Mann has served Georgia’s public safety community, both as a police officer and as a mentor of others through training. Mann began his career in 1972 as a patrol officer in Tifton. While completing his studies at the University of Georgia in 1973, Mann joined the University’s Police Department and served as a police officer until his promotion to Sergeant and Training Officer—a promotion that would become the catalyst for a long and dedicated career of public safety training.

From 1977 to 1989, Mann served first as the assistant director of the Northeast Georgia Police Academy in Athens and then as the director of the Albany Regional Police Academy. It was during these years that his reputation as a subject matter expert in legal training had its genesis and he became known for his contemporary approach to training innovations.

In 1989, Mann joined the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) as a training coordinator, dedicated to the task of developing and mentoring law enforcement leaders. Mann climbed the ranks at GPSTC, developing innovative, hands-on instructional programs in behavioral sciences, photography, and driver training, among others. He later became supervisor of GPSTC’s regional, contract and departmental academies.

Always on the cutting edge of providing for the immediate training needs of Georgia’s first responders, Mann became the Division Director of the Anti-Terrorism Training Task Force in 2001. Additionally, Mann was among the leaders in developing training for public safety officers during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and was responsible for the security training for police services during the Games.

In 2003, Governor Sonny Perdue appointed Mann as executive director of GPSTC, where he served until his retirement in December of 2011. Mann currently teaches in Georgia’s Law Enforcement Command College where he continues to provide training, leadership and direction to the future leaders of Georgia law enforcement.

Mann’s dedication to Georgia’s law enforcement community is evidenced by the programs that he developed as well as the accomplishments and character of those law enforcement leaders that have learned their skills under his direction, example and mentorship. Having dedicated his life to the betterment of the law enforcement community and to the individual officer, Mann is held in high esteem by countless officers, supervisors and administrators across the state.