

Minnesota Chiefs of Police Leadership Academy

Instructor Biography

John Bermel

John is a captain with the Apple Valley, Minnesota Police Department with over thirty years experience in law enforcement. A common thread across his police experience has been creating and starting new programs and creating positive culture. John is also the founder and president of Influence International™, a non-profit corporation that seeks to establish a high standard of character in public service. Influence International™ provides high quality; values-based ethics training that focuses on worldview, authority, values and honor to develop public service professionals who are capable, faithful and not subject to personal gain.

John's education and training includes:

- Graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.
- Graduate of the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar.
- Graduate of the Minnesota Chief's of Police Association CLEO and Command Academy.
- Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from Alexandria Technical College in Alexandria, Minnesota.
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Management and Communication from Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Candidate for a Master of Divinity Degree at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

John has a passion to see people succeed and this passion drives his desire to speak on the important topic of character, authority and honor in living out our values. Raised in central Minnesota by a barber and nurse, John is the product of solid, small town Midwestern values and these values are at the core of his training. John resides in Minnesota with his wife, two kids and their dogs.

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