



Biography

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John M. Ray is Division Director of Law Enforcement and Security Training at the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).

Dr. Ray comes to TEEX from the Victoria Police Department, where he served as Assistant Chief. Before moving to Victoria in 2016, he was Executive Chief Deputy of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office for six years. He previously served twenty-one years with the Longview Police Department rising to the position of Assistant Police Chief. Prior to that, Chief Ray served with police departments in the City of Jacksonville, Texas, and the City of West Lake Hills, Texas. Chief Ray is also a veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force.

Chief Ray is a graduate of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration's School of Executive Leadership and the School of Police Supervision. He also is a graduate of the 269th Session of the FBI National Academy.

He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees in political science from the University of Texas at Tyler, as well as a Ph.D. in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas. The focus of his dissertation and research concerns the applicability of deliberative democratic theory and methods to the practice of community policing.