Art Amato

Instructor- Sergeant (ret.)
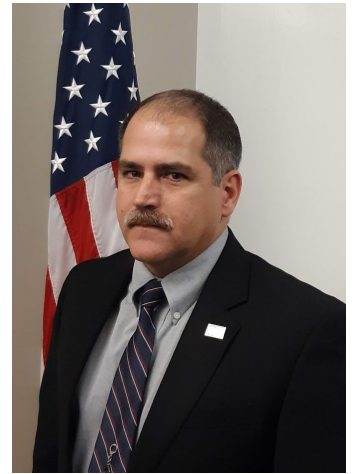
Professional Biography 💼

Art Amato has more than 32 years of experience in a variety of positions in public safety, including eight (8) years at the Osage Beach Department of Public Safety and twenty-four (24) years at the Union Police Department. Art has held a variety of positions throughout his career, including radio operator/trainer, patrolman, administrative assistant, patrol sergeant, field training officer, and trainer. He retired as a patrol sergeant in 2016 to become the first Law Enforcement Liaison in the state of Missouri.

Art has an extensive background in impaired driving enforcement and traffic safety and is currently a Drug Recognition Expert Instructor, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor, and routinely instructs many other impaired driving programs. Art was a member of several statewide boards including the State DRE Technical Advisory Panel which oversees the DRE/SFST program in Missouri; the Law Enforcement Traffic Advisory Council which promotes traffic safety programs in Missouri and hosts the largest traffic safety conference in the state, among others.

In 2010, Sergeant Amato was awarded the NHTSA "People Saving People Award" for his efforts to train Law Enforcement personnel in the field of Impaired Driving Enforcement, reaching almost 1,000 students in an 18-month period, mostly on his days off and using personal time to conduct the training. Sergeant Amato also created a variety of training programs including the Officer Roadside Safety Program and has presented the program over 100 times to over 2,000 individuals throughout the State of Missouri and Kansas. This program was recognized as a "Finalist" by the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund's Destination Zero Officer Safety program in 2018.

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Courses Instructed

- Identifying Drug Impairment For Patrol Officers

- Recognizing Drug Impairment In The Workplace

- Marijuana Impairment Recognition

- Missouri Medial Marijuana

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