

SUMMARY: Independent and curious, I have over nineteen years of successful delivery in the public sector, elevating culture & impact through precision and creativity.

EDUCATION: MBA Marquette University *2018 – MILWAUKEE, WI*
BFA, Illustration, Art Center College of Design *2012 – PASADENA, CA*
Aviation Warfare Designation, NFO Wings, F/A-18D Hornet *1997 – PENSACOLA, FL*
BS Ocean Engineering, U.S. Naval Academy *1994 – ANNAPOLIS, MD*

QUALIFICATIONS: Veteran's Preference eligible *2018 – MILWAUKEE, WI*
FEMA Emergency Management Institute, various *2012-2016 – MILWAUKEE, WI*
Chem-Bio-Radiological-Nuclear Cert, White House Military Office *2009 – VIRGINIA*
Former Top Secret/SCI Full-Scope Polygraph *2001-2010 – WASHINGTON, DC*
Air Combat Tactics Instructor, Marine Air Wing Tactics School-1 *2001 – BEAUFORT, SC*

2015 to Present *MILWAUKEE COUNTY, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM) MILWAUKEE, WI*
Our mission statement is Helping People In Extraordinary Times. Five divisions include 911, Radio, Emergency Medical and Management Services, and Communications.

DIRECTOR Founding Director, responsible to the Milwaukee County Executive. Managing seven direct reports, full-time staff of 59, annual budget \$7.2M.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Negotiated plank holder status in new Center for Forensic Science and Protective Medicine, partnering with Medical College of Wisconsin and Medical Examiner.
- Implemented first-ever Medical College of Wisconsin contract for administration of emergency medical services saving over \$375K, and \$143K annually on a \$2.2M deal.
- Deployed the County's digital upgrade to 800MHz public safety radio, implementing user fees and negotiating a savings of \$960,000 on a \$7.3M contract with Motorola.
- Project author and sponsor of \$1.3M integrating 911 dispatch data amongst 12 centers in the County. Direct result of collaboration with the Wisconsin Policy Forum.
- Created the County 911 Governance Committee addressing next generation tech.
- Recognized leader among 24/7 responders for command during civil unrest.
- Implemented new operating system driving purpose and identity in our craft.

2013 to 2015 *MILWAUKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MILWAUKEE, WI*
The era before the creation of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Evidence of personal achievements through the appointment as inaugural OEM Director.

CONTINUITY COORDINATOR Seized the 2013 courthouse fire as an opportunity and designed / implemented first-ever continuity structure for County administration and elected officials.

2010 to 2012 *ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN EAST LOS ANGELES, CA*
Illustrator. BFA graduate of notable "distinction", meaning an artist conglomerate of the top 4%.

ILLUSTRATOR Continue to serve as a friend to friends in artistic endeavors.

2006 to 2010 *CRITICAL MISSION ASSURANCE PROGRAM, SWP SYSTEMS, LLC MCGLEAN, VA*
Classified activity centered on Continuity of Government.

DIRECTOR SPECIAL PROJECTS Designed and directed four-day Exercise Fatigue focused on 24/7 operations in a catastrophic environment at an undisclosed location.

- 2005 to 2006 *PENTAGON, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, CACI* *WASHINGTON, DC*
Classified activity centered on Continuity of Government.
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS Led Homeland Defense restructuring to include Joint Chief's of Staff DEFCON and military FPCON levels.
- 2003 to 2005 *WHITE HOUSE MILITARY OFFICE, PRESIDENTIAL CONTINGENCY PLANS* *WHITE HOUSE*
United States Marine Corps Major: Classified activity centered on Continuity of Government.
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS Lead liaison to the President's and VPOTUS Military Aides, modernizing the contents of the nuclear football; Watch Officer in the President's Emergency Operations Center.
- 2001 to 2003 *OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, SPEAR* *SUITLAND, MD*
United States Marine Corps Captain: Classified activity specializing in product and briefing delivery to deployed aviators globally.
IRAN/IRAQ AIR DEFENSE Expert analyst deploying to multiple USS warships, carrier battle groups and fighter-weapons schools; MiG/Su-27 Flanker reconnaissance at Le Bourget Airshow, Fr.
- 1998 to 2001 *F/A-18 (D) HORNET, NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER, VMFA (AW) 224* *BEAUFORT, SC*
United States Marine Corps Captain: Weapons Sensor Officer in fighter and ground attack operations.
POWERLINE OFFICER First female to earn Air Combat Tactics Instructor and Forward Air Controller-Airborne designation.

HONORS & BOARDS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Classified Letters of Appreciation
Chair, Baldrige Excellence Framework Operations Committee, Milwaukee County
Chair, Administrative Manual of Operating Procedures Committee, Milwaukee County
Vice-Chair, OASIS Public Safety Radio Governance Board of Directors
Member, Wisconsin State Interoperability Council (IC), Governor-appointed
Member, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Milwaukee County
Member, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council, Milwaukee County
Member, Land Information Council (LIC), Milwaukee County

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel bling:
<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/milwaukee/2017/02/27/christine-westrich-marine-artist-milwaukee-county-emergency-management-boss/98345584/>

PERSONAL PURSUITS

Illustration, oil painting, embroidery
Mirror-writing
Leisure reading
Running