



Capt. Barry M. Thomas
Chief Deputy (Ret.)
Story County Sheriff's Office (Iowa)

Captain Barry M. Thomas began his law enforcement career with the Story County Sheriff's Office in 1992 and retired from the same agency on March 30, 2019.

During his tenure at the sheriff's office he served in many capacities, including time as a jail and patrol deputy, Crime Prevention Officer, Field Training Officer and Supervisor, Emergency Response Team member and commander, Dive Team member, Public Information Officer, Sergeant, Administrative Lieutenant, and spent over 12 years in the position of Chief Deputy.

Capt. Thomas currently serves as a Past President of the FBI National Academy Associates, an international association representing over 17,000 law enforcement administrators worldwide. He has also served as Executive Director and Chair of the Board of Directors for Safe Call Now, a non-profit organization based in the Seattle, WA area that offers a confidential, comprehensive, 24-hour crisis referral service for all public safety employees, emergency services personnel and their family members nationwide. Capt. Thomas is a member of the National Sheriff's Association, the Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. Capt. Thomas has also previously served as a member of the Board of Directors for the ACCESS shelter in Ames and for the Iowa Crime Prevention Association. He currently sits on the Advisory Board for Guardian Alliance Technologies and is Co-Founder of BCAT Consulting LLC.

Capt. Thomas earned his Bachelors of Liberal Studies degree from Iowa State University in 2002 and a Master of Criminal Justice degree from Boston University in 2005. He is a graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and the F.B.I. National Academy, Session 223. Capt. Thomas is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Sociology Department at Iowa State University.

In July of 2008, Capt. Thomas was presented with the distinguished Livio A. Beccaccio Award from the FBI National Academy Associates. The Livio A. Beccaccio Award is a living memorial presented annually to a FBI National Academy Associate member who has demonstrated exemplary character through an act of heroism, outstanding community service, innovation in law enforcement, or leadership reflective of that by which FBI Special Agent Livio A. Beccaccio lived.

In December of 2008, Capt. Thomas was presented with the Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor by Iowa Governor Chet Culver. Capt. Thomas received the award for a June 8th, 2007 event in which he saved a young girl's life by disarming a knife-wielding subject with his bare hands.

Capt. Thomas lives in Ames, IA with his wife Angie and his daughters Isabella and Braelyn. His son Zach works full time for the Federal Bureau of Investigations and is a part-time law student at George Mason University.