

Correctional Training Officer of the Year

Joseph Celetti

Sergeant
Hampden County Sheriff's Department
Ludlow, Massachusetts



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Sergeant Joseph Celetti is a 12-year veteran of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department in Ludlow, Massachusetts. During his first five years with the sheriff's department, he worked all security posts in the maximum- and medium-security facilities as a line staff correctional officer. In March 2012, he was selected as a training officer for the Training Department. He was promoted to sergeant in December 2017.

His duties include the supervision of two full-time training officers, and he serves as the Academy Commandant/Senior Drill Instructor. He has been a part of the Academy Cadre for 10 basic training academies. He trains, facilitates, and coordinates the newly created Cadet Training Program, the Seasonal Correctional Staff Program, monthly new staff orientation programs, annual in-service trainings, and serves on the department's esteemed Honor Guard. He also manages and supervises the Veteran Affairs Apprenticeship Program for qualified military veteran staff.

Sgt. Celetti holds associate of arts and bachelor of science degrees in business from the University of Phoenix. He is a certified Massachusetts Sheriff's Association (MSA) Defensive Tactics Instructor, Edged Weapons Instructor, Ground Defense Instructor, and an Oleoresin Capsicum Instructor. He is also a certified Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee's (MPTC) Firearms Instructor, American Heart Association CPR/AED Instructor, MSA/MPTC First Responder Instructor, and FitForce® Physical Fitness Coordinator.

He has received numerous commendations, including an Employee of the Quarter award, two Distinguished Service awards, three Employee of the Month awards, and three Professional Excellence recognitions. He has served in the Army National Guard for more than 18 years, and currently serves as the Operations NCO for the 747 Military Police Company at the rank of Sergeant 1st Class.

Sgt. Celetti has been married to his wife, Liza, for 11 years. They have two daughters, Lily and Hannah.