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Chief Gentry has been in the law enforcement field since 1978 and had served as a Chief of Police for 27 years before retiring in 2018. After working almost 10 years as a patrol officer, tactical officer, investigator and supervisor, he became a Program Manager for the Law Enforcement Training Division at Texas A&M University where he was responsible for the development, documentation, marketing and presentation of tactical and special operations training programs throughout the United States and internationally. During this period, he was a repeated guest lecturer at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), the U.S. Marshals Special Operations Group Training Center and the FBI Academy specializing in special weapons and tactics (SWAT), unarmed defensive and arrest tactics as well as high performance and tactical vehicle operations.

Chief Gentry has presented leadership, management and supervision training for the Penn State University Justice and Safety Institute, Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, Texas A & M University, United States Marshals Training Academy and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He has presented command management training for the supervisors and senior command staffs of the U.S. Capitol Police, United States Supreme Court Police, Washington D.C. Metro Police, Newark, NJ Police, United States Secret Service, United States Marshals Service, Colorado State Patrol, Connecticut State Police, Arizona Department of Public Safety and many others. Regularly training law enforcement leaders from across the United States, he has additionally presented tactical and operational training to military units, both American and those representing over 20 foreign governments, from South and Central America, Europe and the Middle East.

With over 40 years in Law Enforcement and 27 years as a Chief of Police, Chief Gentry led the Harker Heights Police Department near Fort Hood, Texas from 1995 to 2018 after serving five years as a police chief in another City in Texas. He is a Life Member and the 2013 Past-President of the Texas Police Chiefs Association, a Life Member of IACP and a multi-term past president of the Central Texas Area Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs Association. He holds an Associate Degree in Business Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and is the graduate of several nationally recognized executive development programs including the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas' Leadership and Command College, the Penn State University's Police Executive Development Program, the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Program and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.