

## BOARD SPOTLIGHT

By Chris Morgan, Junior Director



Just wanted to say a little hello from West Des Moines, Iowa. First, I wanted to extend my thanks to all of the ISPA members and especially the Waterloo Police Protective Association for their support in making the 2019 ISPA conference a success. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with family and friends. This year has gone by quickly and Christmas is fast approaching. I hope the rest of the holiday season treats everyone well. I was recently elected as the Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) Junior Director in October at the Annual ISPA Conference in Waterloo.

So, a little about me. I was born in San Diego, CA. My father was career Navy and we moved around quite a bit growing up. I spent most of my childhood in Texas and Florida.

As I grew older, we moved to Washington State and Pennsylvania. My high school years were in Florida, California and then graduated in Texas. I enlisted in the Marine Corps in June of 2001. I served as a mortar squad leader with Fox Co, Weapons Platoon, 2/4 before finishing my enlistment at the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Headquarters. I moved to Iowa at the end of 2004. I began to work for John Deere in Ankeny before applying to the West Des Moines Police Department in 2006. I attended Upper Iowa University where I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

During my career, I have worked in Patrol, the Traffic Unit, Special Operations unit, Detectives, the Community Response Unit, and now back in Detectives. I have served as a Defensive Tactics Instructor, Collapsible baton instructor, and still serve as a Firearms instructor and rifle Instructor. I am also a member of the Department Honor Guard and a member of the Suburban Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.). Part of my duties now also includes the handling of intelligence information for our Department.

I like to spend my free time with my family doing activities outdoors. I try to get out as much as I can during bow and shotgun seasons but have not had much luck getting a buck this year. I look forward to all the challenges and opportunities serving on the board presents. Please let me know if you need anything.

From the rest of the board and myself, have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.