

Don Skewes, Director of Security and Investigations

Don Skewes comes to EASTCONN with 25 years of experience as an officer of the law. With a far-reaching, decades-long background as a detective, as well as long experience as a first responder with Connecticut's emergency services, he brings expertise and valuable insights to the region's school security and investigation needs.

Don attended the Connecticut Police academy (POSTC) in 1987, and worked briefly with the South Windsor Police Department before joining the Vernon Police Department. He was a patrolman, briefly, and in his second year, became a Field Training Officer (FTO) and was promoted a year later to Detective in 1990. Don specialized in child abuse investigation and worked closely with the Vernon-region school systems, as well as with state and federal investigators. He was a Crisis Negotiator from 2004 to 2012 with the Capital Region Emergency response team (CREST). Don is a highly decorated officer, having received numerous awards. He was named Officer of the Year by the Vernon Police Department and was twice named Officer of the Year by the Tolland County State's Attorney Office.

Don was also an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for more than 30 years and presently is certified as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). He was a member of the Ellington ambulance service for 25 years and spent time on a professional ambulance service, as well. He was a member of the Ellington Fire Department for nearly 5 years.

More recently, Don has received training locally and nationally on school security and safety. He presented at two national conferences on school bullying and is recognized in the area as a resource for school security and safety. Don supervises several part-time and three full-time security officers; he also oversees EASTCONN's Driver Education Program.

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