

Dale E. Austin, MBE

Dale Austin began a career in public service in 1975 as a Corrections Officer for the Cumberland County Jail in Portland, Maine. He was hired as a Police Officer in South Portland, Maine the following year. His first night “on the street” was July 4, 1976, America’s Bicentennial.

He was selected as his PD’s first polygraph examiner in 1980 and graduated that same year from Chicago’s Keeler Polygraph Institute.

In 2000, Dale accepted a position with the Federal Government and moved to Washington, D.C. He graduated from the Government’s Dept. of Defense Polygraph Institute (DoDPI) in Feb. 2000. He subsequently screened applicants, performed Quality Control and Quality Assurance, and became a Deputy Site Manager.

In 2005, he was recruited to join DoDPI as a staff instructor. He was later named a charter member of DoDPI’s five-person Threat Analysis and Strategic Support Team. Here, he created and presented hundreds of hours of countermeasure training to virtually all Federal Polygraph Examiners as well as hundreds of State & Local Police Examiners.

In 2012, Dale opened US Customs & Border Protection’s (CBP) Indianapolis Office as an examiner. He then transitioned to the Polygraph Training Lead for CBP’s 100 examiners. One responsibility was to create and present the curriculum to convert CBP from Probable Lie Comparison Questions to Directed Lie Comparisons for all initial screening exams.

Dale retired from US Government service in August 2019. He now runs Austin Polygraph Training where he consults on polygraph cases and teaches multiple polygraph courses globally.