

Vern Chenevey
Senior Associate



Education

- > Bachelor of Science in Psychology, (Ohio University)
- > Master of Arts in Management, (Central Michigan University)

Key Areas of Expertise

- > Emergency Management
- > Homeland Security
- > Law Enforcement Programs
- > Training & Exercises

Relevant Experience

- > Over 30 years of law enforcement/military experience
- > Served Columbus Division of Police for over 20 years, including as Commander of the Training Academy
- > Former Executive Director of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA)

Vern Chenevey brings over 40 years of military, law enforcement and training experience to the ARMADA team.

As a Senior Associate for ARMADA, Mr. Chenevey serves as a member of the Ohio Exercise Support Team. In this role, he participates in exercises supported by the State of Ohio in counties across the state. He attends all Planning Conferences and serves as a Controller/Evaluator for Functional and Full-Scale Exercises. Mr. Chenevey also supports various other training and exercise projects ARMADA.

Mr. Chenevey began his career serving in the U.S. Air Force. After his military service he commenced a distinguished career with the Columbus (Ohio) Division of Police. For over 20 years he served in several leadership positions, most notable being the Commander of the Training Academy where he oversaw the training of over 1500 sworn officers.

In 1995, Mr. Chenevey took over as the Executive Director of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) where he was responsible for establishing uniform courses of training for law enforcement officers and private security throughout Ohio, and regulated the 558-hour basic training curriculum for prospective peace officers. Under his leadership, OPOTA obtained accreditation by the Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (one of only 5 state academies in the country), established regional, field and distance learning and oversaw major enhancements in peace officer and private security training standards.

Prior to joining ARMADA, Mr. Chenevey served as an independent consultant to the Office of Domestic Preparedness for Ohio Homeland Security (OHS). During his tenure at OHS, he led the agency's outreach efforts to implement the National Incident Management (NIMS) program throughout the State and



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ensured Ohio was in compliance with U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requirements.

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