

# Biography

Curtis S. Lavarello  
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Curt Lavarello served as a twenty-eight year Law Enforcement Executive in South Florida. During his tenure as a police officer, Curt has held assignments on road patrol, detective bureau, gang task force unit, traffic division and 18 years as a school resource officer (SRO) and Patrol and SRO Supervisor. Curt sat on the committee that was responsible for developing the first School Resource Officer program in Broward County, Florida (Ft. Lauderdale) and was named South Florida's law enforcement officer of the year in 1987 for his work with the youth in the North Fort Lauderdale area. In 1994, Curt developed and served as the Director for the first youth/teen court program for Palm Beach County, Florida and that program went on to be recognized on national television as one of the largest teen diversion programs in the nation. Curt was a founder, board member, vice-president, president and Executive Director of the National Association of School Resource Officers from 1991 until 2005. In May of 2005, Curt was named Executive Director for the School Safety Advocacy Council, which serves as the leading training organization for school districts and law enforcement agencies in the nation.

Curt has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada speaking about school related violence, bullying among youth and the potential for terrorism in schools. He has been the focus of numerous articles and has been featured on ABC's "Eye on Crime", CBS Evening News, the CBS Television show, "The Defenders", Fox News "Dayside", CNN and World News with Peter Jennings. Curt has also been featured as the guest on several National Talk Radio shows and currently serves as a news analyst for FOX News Radio on issues involving school violence. Curt has authored numerous articles on the topic of school based policing and was responsible for developing the curriculum now in use to train school based police officers throughout the United States and Canada. Curt has also served as an adjunct instructor for the University of North Florida (IPTM), the National School Safety Center (CA.) and the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Curt has worked closely with the State of Illinois, the Florida and Louisiana Attorney General's Office and the Hawaii Department of Education on homeland security preparedness for schools initiative. Curt has served as part of the school based policing focus group sponsored by the United States Department of Justice to formulate training on a national level to law enforcement. Curt has worked with the U.S. Department of Justice/COPS office on the delivery of a standardized SRO curriculum, and the development of a homeland security curriculum for school based police officers and served on the Post Columbine High School Review Group in Colorado. Curt has been invited to the White House on 3 occasions to take part in Presidential Conferences held on School Violence, under President Clinton, President Bush and Vice-President Biden. Curt currently serves on the Juvenile Justice Committee for the International Association of Chiefs of Police. In 2013, Curt served as a technical consultant for the Los Angeles Unified School District's "1 to 1" Technology Rollout Initiative.

Curt resides in Venice, Florida, with his two children.