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Chief Deputy Charles Mansfield Meigs County Sheriff's Office

Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award

Whether teaching basic law enforcement courses at Hocking College, free karate lessons for kids, or self-defense to military pilots aboard an aircraft carrier off the coast of Vietnam, Charlie Mansfield is at home as an instructor.

“His whole career, indeed his life, has been well spent in helping others become the best they can be,” Meigs County Sheriff Keith Wood said in nominating Chief Deputy Mansfield for this award. “The lives he has saved and the impact he has made to and through the thousands of students he has taught around the world cannot be measured.”

After his Navy service, Chief Deputy Mansfield worked first as a Champaign County deputy sheriff and then as a state park officer before landing his dream job as an Ohio state wildlife officer. His skills in teaching subject control and physical conditioning had been tapped in his previous positions, and the Division of Wildlife made him a training officer upon graduation from its basic academy. He continued in that capacity for 20 years, retiring from the division in 2003 as training coordinator.

Chief Deputy Mansfield has taught ranger and peace officer basics at Hocking College for 30 years as well as at several other law enforcement academies. His teaching reputation even took him to Brazil, where he taught in police, military police, conservation officer, and cadet academies throughout the 1990s.

Today, as Meigs County's chief deputy, he continues to teach in basic academies, active shooter courses, rape clinics, and numerous other law enforcement and community outreach programs.