

## **Rick Smith**



Rick began his career in policing with the St. Petersburg, FL, Police Department in 1971. In 1989 he accepted the position of Director of the Management Services Bureau with the Arlington, TX, Police Department. He served in this capacity for ten years. After leaving Arlington PD, he served as Public Safety Director in Southlake, TX, for two years.

Rick moved to academia after his career as a practitioner. He served as Director of the Center for Criminal Justice Training and Research, and Visiting Assistant Professor, at the University of Texas at Arlington from 2007-2009. In 2009 he moved from this position to serve as Associate Director and then Director of the Caruth Police Institute at the Dallas, TX, Police Department until June 2013. He returned to the University of Texas at Arlington where he currently serves as a Senior Lecturer in the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department.

Rick earned his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2000 and a Master of Arts degree from the University of South Florida in 1975. He is also a graduate of the first session of PERF's Senior Management Institute for Police in 1980.