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Dr. Hill retired from active police duty in 2006 to pursue his doctoral education. Before his retirement, Dr. Hill was a police officer in north Texas where he served in several capacities with three departments: he was a patrol corporal, a member of the SWAT team, a property crimes detective, a patrol sergeant, a Spanish interpreter, and a Chief of Police.

While he was an active police officer, Dr. Hill earned the certification of Master Peace Officer, the Academic Recognition Award, and the certifications of Special Investigator (focusing on child abuse, sexual abuse, and domestic violence) and Mental Health Peace Officer. Dr. Hill also earned the Law Enforcement Instructor Proficiency Certificate and taught various in-house and police academy classes throughout his career. Some of those classes included Spanish for Law Enforcement, patrol procedures, traffic and penal law, and officer safety and situational awareness.

Dr. Hill earned an Associate of Applied Arts & Sciences (AAAS) degree from Eastfield College in 1990 and a Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences (BAAS) degree in Criminal Justice from Dallas Baptist University in 1991. He earned a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Leadership and Administration (1996) and a Ph.D. in Criminology/Criminal Justice (2013) from Sam Houston State University.

His research interests include examining the role of religion in delinquency and criminality, police officer safety (particularly line-of-duty deaths), police officer suicide, domestic terrorism and the risks presented to local officers, death notification training, and the study of the effects of the 'Blue Culture' on police officers.