

## Andy Cox

### BIOGRAPHY

Andy Cox began his law enforcement career after graduation from the Florida Marine Patrol academy in 1991. For the next five years he worked in various duty stations as a marine patrol enforcement officer around Florida. Duties included boating safety enforcement, federal and state marine fisheries enforcement, protected species enforcement, vessel accident investigation, smuggling interdiction and all forms of law enforcement related to the marine environment.

In 1996 Andy was promoted to Investigator in South Florida and handled fatal boating accidents, major marine theft, background investigations and major natural resources crimes.

By 2001 he was promoted to lieutenant in the Florida Keys. Duties included supervising the communications center, serving as evidence custodian for the district, records retention and responsibility for all special events for the Florida Keys.

In 2002 Andy served as a large patrol vessel captain, responsible for operations in the Dry Tortugas' Reserves 90 miles from Key West. He supervised all matters of law enforcement for the three- and four-day patrols with crew focused on National Marine Sanctuary Enforcement, National Marine Fisheries Enforcement and state natural resource protection. During this time Andy also served as a team leader for one of the department's Special Operations Group (SOG) units responding to any type of operation requiring special weapons and tactics in the marine, urban or woods environment.

With over 1,500 hours of certified advanced law enforcement training, Andy's marine enforcement training expertise includes; Police Instructor Certification, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Field Training Officer, Advanced Federal Marine Law Enforcement Training Program, Underwater Police Science and Technology, Boating Accident Homicide Investigations, Advanced Report Writing, Line Supervisor, Building and Maintaining a Sound Organization, Special Tactical Problems/Solutions and Radar Operator. During his time as an Investigator for environmental crimes, training included certified courses in Ecosystem Management and Environmental Crime Investigations. For his role as a SOG Team Leader Andy's training included Anti-Terrorism/Underwater Port Security, Counter-Terrorism Advanced Weapons Training, Advanced Water Infiltration and Domestic Security Task Force Operations. In addition, Andy is one of the few dozen law enforcement certified Drug Recognition Experts in Florida. Presently, Andy also serves as a Community Resource Officer and is on the Underwater Recovery Team.

Currently Andy holds a 25 Ton Masters License from the United States Coast Guard. Andy's dive certifications include Advanced Open Water, Advanced Search & Recovery, Night Diver and NITROX.



## AWARDS

- State of Florida Life Saving awards (2)
- FWC Award of Merit
- Miami-Dade Police Bronze Medal of Valor
- State of Florida Conservation Associations Officer of the Year