



## **Major Angela Counce** **Technological Solutions & Investigations** **Metropolitan Police Department –** **City of St. Louis**



Major Angela Counce graduated from Harris-Stowe State University in 1993, earning a Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies with a minor in Business Administration. She was the captain of Harris-Stowe's women's basketball team and was named Student-Athlete of the year in 1991 and 1992. Angela worked as the assistant women's basketball coach at Harris-Stowe State College and the women's track coach at the Missouri School for the Blind. After graduation, Angela was hired by Southwestern Bell Telephone in St. Louis where she remained for several years before joining the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD) in March of 1998.

Major Counce spent the first five years of her career assigned to the Fifth District as a beat officer, Public Affairs Officer, and Problem Property Officer. In 2003, she was assigned to the Intelligence Division as a Detective where she served until her promotion to the rank of Sergeant in 2006. As a Sergeant, Angela was assigned to the Ninth District and the Office of the Chief of Police as an Aide to Chief of Police Joseph Mokwa.

In October of 2008, Angela was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the Fourth District as a Platoon Commander and then as the Commander of the SLMPD's Crime Laboratory. In 2012, she led the SLMPD's Crime Laboratory through their first accreditation under the new American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board's (ASCLD/LAB) stringent International Organization for Standardizations (ISO/IEC 17025). The accreditation process required the modification of protocols and procedures throughout the Crime Lab and warranted changes that affected the entire SLMPD.

From January 2013 to June of 2017, she served as the Commander of the SLMPD's Intelligence Division managing the day-to-day operations of the Technical Assistance Group (TAG Unit), Gang Enforcement Team and the Intel Investigations Unit. She was promoted to the rank of Captain in October of 2014 during her tenure in the Intelligence Division. In 2016, she took over the management of the SLMPD's Crime Analysis Unit which was moved under the Intelligence Division to improve data and intelligence sharing.

In 2015, after two years of planning, Angela and her team unveiled the first Real Time Crime Center on the Eastern side of Missouri. This technically advanced center has become the information and intelligence hub for the entire St. Louis Region. Angela was honored to accept the International Association of Law Enforcement Planners (IALEP) 2015 Phil E. Keith Project of the Year Award for the SLMPD's Real Time Crime Center Project that she managed.

In January of 2017, after months of planning and research, Angela opened the SLMPD's first Gun Crimes Intelligence Center. This is the first Gun Crimes Intelligence Center in the State of

Missouri. The center is focused on producing timely, actionable information and intelligence on violent offenders in the St. Louis Region. Major Coonce's addition of the Real Time Crime Center and Gun Crimes Intelligence Center under the Intelligence Division's umbrella have greatly improved the situational awareness of the SLMPD's Intelligence Division.

In June of 2017, Major Coonce took command of the SLMPD's Second District, the largest police district in the city. Her duties included the development of crime strategies, community outreach programs and the day-to-day management of the 138 commissioned officers assigned to the Second District.

On January 1, 2018, Major Coonce again took command of the Intelligence Division. In April of 2018, she was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned as the Commander of Technological Solutions & Investigations. This new division includes the Intelligence Unit, Real Time Crime Center, Crime Analysis Unit, Gun Crimes Intelligence Center, Intellectual Property Crimes, Community Outreach, and Problem Properties.

Major Coonce earned a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University in 2014. She received honors from Harris-Stowe State College as a Distinguished Alumni in 2008 and has been recognized by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department with numerous Chief's Letter of Commendation, Awards of Excellence and Officer of the Month honors.

In 2015, Major Coonce and other members of the SLMPD's Intelligence Division were recognized by FBI Director James Comey for work on a terrorism case in the St. Louis Region. She is an active member of the United States Attorney's Hate Crimes Task Force, the St. Louis Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the FBI National Academy Associates Eastern Chapter, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the Major Cities Police Chiefs' Intelligence Commanders Group.

Major Coonce graduated from the 236<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy in March of 2009. In 2013, she attended the Anti-Defamation League's – Advanced Training School on Extremist & Terrorist Threats. In 2014, she attended the Southern Police Institute's Chief Executive Leadership Course and was a 2015 graduate of Session 61 of the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP). In August of 2018, she attended the United States Secret Service Dignitary Protection Seminar in Washington D.C.

Most notably, in September of 2017, Major Coonce was accepted into the prestigious Master of Arts degree program at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, California. She is still currently enrolled in the 18-month Master of Arts program with a scheduled completion date of March 2019.