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Bill began his career in service when he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1978, serving in both the active duty and reserves. On April 30, 1981, after serving active duty, Bill began working for Dalworthington Gardens Police Department. Bill was promoted to Chief of Police on June 1, 1984; making him the youngest police chief in the state of Texas. Later, he united the city through combining the police and fire services making him the Chief of Public Safety.

In his 31 years as Chief of Dalworthington Gardens, he has testified on numerous cases as an expert witness, pioneered the Texas model for DWI “No Refusal” program—which has been credited with lowering the fatality and DWI rate and is now being

used as the model for several surrounding states; testified before the state legislature on a diverse array of issues relating to the Second Amendment and civilians carrying firearms. He worked with the state legislature on Texas’ original concealed handgun license laws in the 1990’s, as well as the most recent open carry law that passed in 2015. Bill is also extremely honored to have helped the Chris Kyle Bill become a law in Texas—a bill that streamlines the process for military service men and women to become police officers.

He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Dallas Baptist University and a Master’s Degree in Conflict Resolution from Trinity Seminary & College. Bill is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Texas A&M Police Academy, and is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. During Bill’s first term as Sheriff, he has created a Human Trafficking Unit, a Department of Intelligence, aggressive inmate service programs, several less than lethal programs, and numerous other training initiatives. Both Intelligence and Human Trafficking have gained state and national prominence by being on the tip of the spear. Bill often is speaking publicly about various topics to: churches, civic organizations, colleges, and police related events.

Bill is married to Laura Waybourn and together have ten children, eight of which have been adopted. Bill and Laura are zealous and passionate advocates for the fatherless.