

Barry T. Black

FBI Special Agent Master Bomb Technician (Retired)

Barry Black earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Alabama in 1986. He joined the FBI in 1988 and was assigned to the Oklahoma City Division where he primarily investigated complex financial crimes. Mr. Black served as an FBI sniper for several years, including a 51-day deployment to the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas in 1993.

The following year Mr. Black was certified as a Bomb Technician at the FBI's Hazardous Devices School. In 1995, he was a first responder to the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. As the threat of terrorism grew, Mr. Black was assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force where he worked with international partners in the global war on terror and trained highly specialized military and counterterrorism units in hostile regions around the world.

Domestically, Mr. Black responded to the 1996 Atlanta Olympic bombing, the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks, the 2005 bombing at the University of Oklahoma, the bombing of a U.S. Air Force recruiting station, and in a complex undercover operation, helped thwart a 2017 truck bomb attack targeting a financial center in Oklahoma City. He has provided expert testimony in criminal and civil matters, technical support for numerous National Special Security Events, and received a U.S. patent as co-inventor of a specialized counter-IED tool.

Mr. Black received the FBI's Master Police Instructor Award and was recognized as a Master Bomb Technician. In 2014, state and local law enforcement inducted him into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame and presented him with the Bill Tilghman Public Service Award. In 2019, he was awarded the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Group Achievement Award. In 2022, he was named as an Honorary U.S. Air Force Commander for his work with Security Forces, military working dogs, and other specialized units.

During his 31-year career, Mr. Black served as an Adjunct Faculty Member at the FBI Academy, a subject matter expert for the U.S. State Department, and an instructor for the NATO "Centres of Excellence." He has been a guest lecturer at FBI headquarters, Scotland Yard, the Department of Justice National Advocacy Center, numerous universities, as well as police and military academies around the world.

After retiring in 2019, Mr. Black became an adjunct faculty member at the University of Central Oklahoma's Forensic Science Institute. He has served as a consultant and provided commentary on national and international events for numerous media outlets.