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With a love for wildlife and our nation's wildlands, John became a game warden for the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife in 1992 after earning BS and MS degrees at San Jose State University. He was inducted into SJSU's Justice Studies Hall of Fame in 2018.

In 2005 John promoted to Lieutenant, continuing his mission to protect and defend our nation's wildlife resources. Nores has investigated environmental crime and wildlife resource destruction for the last 28 years and was **awarded the Governor's Medal of Valor for lifesaving and leadership efforts in 2008**. He's received several other awards for valor, life-saving, and distinguished service throughout his career and along with his teammates has survived four officer involved shooting incidents during DTO trespass grow operations.

John's first book, ***War in the Woods: Combating the Marijuana Cartels on America's Public Lands*** was published in 2010 with his second book, ***Hidden War: How special operations game wardens are reclaiming America's wildlands from the drug cartels*** published in 2019 and the updated 2nd edition of *Hidden War* published in 2023.

In 2013 John co-developed the Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) and Delta Team, the CDFW's first comprehensive wilderness spec ops tactical unit and sniper element, aimed at combatting the drug cartel's decimation of our nation's wildlife resources.

Nores and the MET have been featured on the ***Joe Rogan Experience, Danger Close, Meat Eater, Mike Drop, Fieldcraft Survival and Cleared Hot*** podcasts and highlighted on ***Fox News, NBC Investigative Reports, CNN, and Dan Rather Reports***. Lt. Nores and his team are featured in three seasons of National Geographic channel's award-winning game warden reality TV series, ***"Wild Justice,"*** highlighted in the Sportsman Channel's ***Patriot Profiles: Life of Duty*** documentary TV series, Pursuit Channel's ***Modern Shooter*** and ***Frontier Unlimited*** television programs, hosts RecoilTV's ***Thin***

Green Line film series and co-hosts the Thin Green Line and Warden's Watch podcasts that discuss public safety and wildlife conservation topics and issues throughout the US.

The MET and their lead apprehension K9 Phebe were recognized for their environmental crime fighting and public safety protection efforts in California's capitol through Resolution ceremonies in the Assembly and Senate in 2017 and in October 2023 Nores testified in the US House of Representatives on cartel related environmental crime, public safety and border protection issues.

Specializing in public and private land Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO) environmental crime enforcement tactics and training for the last 20 years, Nores has presented to conferences throughout the US including the California Narcotics Officers Association (CNOA), the Nevada Narcotics Officers Association (NNOA), the Wisconsin Rural Water Association, South Dakota Fish and Game Department and numerous other government and NGO organizations.

John is an annual Safari Club International (SCI) convention seminar speaker and speaks and teaches throughout the US on domestic public safety, border security, and environmental crime threats, is national and international conservation, tactics and youth hunter education instructor and has taught rifle, handgun, shotgun and basic and advanced sniper craft for the last 25 years and allied with the U.S. Secret Service in rural and urban protection details for former U.S. President Barack Obama and former Israeli President Shimon Peres. In 2007, Nores co-developed and instructed at an overt and covert wildlife investigators school in southeast Asia, part of the first game warden teams to teach in that part of the world.

Nores has written articles for Recoil, Recoil Offgrid, KUIU, Sure Fire's Combat Tactics, Gun Digest and American Patriots: Unsung Heroes and Nosler. John is a worldwide conservationist, back packer, bass player and singer, two-time Ironman triathlete finisher and was the first to successfully solo the Baja 500 race on an ATV in 2013. John's Baja team (J&J Ironman Racing) has raced to support and fundraise for El Oasis children's orphanage since their first race event in 2006.

