
JOHN E. NANTZ

Profile

Federal investigator for 20 years with six years of local law enforcement experience. Conducted counterintelligence investigations, dignitary protection operations, and both ground and aviation surveillance operations. Supervisory experience included practical application of leadership principles, project management, and human resources management. Possesses J.D. degree, and currently writes a regular column and appears as a Newsmax commentator.

Experience

Newsmax Commentator — 2024 — Present

Trusted Newsmax commentator, known for authoritative insights on national security, law enforcement, and cultural issues. Regularly requested for a unique combination of frontline experience and analytical expertise. Articulate and informed commentary resonates with audiences, offering clarity and depth on complex topics shaping America's political and cultural landscape.

Columnist, Townhall — 2022 — Present

Distinguished columnist at Townhall.com, delivering incisive commentary on critical national issues, including government accountability, cultural trends, and national security. Drawing on extensive experience as a retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent and legal acumen as a Regent University School of Law graduate, readers are provided with informed, thought-provoking perspectives that challenge conventional narratives by advocating for principled solutions to America's most pressing challenges.

Supervisory Special Agent, FBI — 2017—2022 (Retired)

Responsible for the successful prioritization, direction, and covert operation of ground and aviation surveillance investigations. Managed and directed FBI agents engaged in covert ground surveillance operations against counterterrorism, domestic terrorism, and narcotics subjects. Responsible for the management of FBI pilots and a fleet of aircraft in support of Washington Field Office investigations. Received several financial awards for exemplary service.

Special Agent, FBI — 2002-2017

Subject matter expert in counterintelligence investigations. Conducted ground surveillance operations, promoted to Team Leader. Conducted dignitary protection operations as Agent-In-Charge of the Attorney General's Protection Detail for Eric Holder. Received financial and time off awards for exemplary service.

Sergeant, Greenville County Sheriff's Office — 1998-2002

Served as Public Information Officer, representing the Sheriff during on air interviews with local t.v. news outlets, radio stations, and print media. Composed and edited official Sheriff's Office press releases and recruiting materials.

Deputy Sheriff, Greenville County Sheriff's Office — 1991-1995

Responded to calls for service covering a wide spectrum of criminal activity to include burglary, narcotics, domestic violence, and battery violations of the South Carolina criminal code. Received a distinguished service award.

Education

Regent University School of Law, Virginia Beach, VA — J.D. 1998

Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC — B.A. 1991

Skills

Completed numerous leadership, human resources, and management certification courses.

Optical Sensor Operator certification

Certified FBI dignitary protection agent

Certified FBI SWAT agent

Certified FBI surveillance operations agent

Certified advanced vehicle operations

Certified counterintelligence investigations and operations agent

Public Information Officer certification

SWAT Crisis Negotiator certification
