



Cleveland Police Department Patrol Lieutenant Earns Ph.D. in Information Technology.

Guy William Ferguson of Cleveland, TN, graduated with a Ph.D. degree in IT-Information Security and Assurance from Capella University on Wednesday, August 31.

Ferguson works at the Cleveland Police Department as a Lieutenant on Patrol. He has been with the department since 2002.

Ferguson's research focused on finding ways to mitigate data breaches of private information within the healthcare community. He is also a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP).

A 1990 graduate of McMinn Central High School in Englewood, TN, Ferguson is the son of Bill and Carol Ferguson of Etowah, TN.

Dr. Ferguson graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan University in 1995 with a B.A. in History and Lee University in 2001 with Masters of Arts in Teaching.

Capella University has been designated by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance/Cyber Defense (CAE in IA/CD) for academic years 2014-2021.

Ferguson presented Chief Mark Gibson and Captain Stacy Smith with a certificate of appreciation for their support during his 8 long years of educational pursuit. Ferguson worked under the supervision and alongside of both Chief Gibson and Captain Smith, when they assumed patrol Lieutenant positions.

Join us in congratulating Lt. Ferguson for his perseverance and determination in achieving such an honorable educational feat.

Captain Stacy Smith, Dr. Guy Ferguson and Chief Mark Gibson

