

Isabella County Sheriff's Department



Undersheriff John Vinson, Ph.D.



Dr. John Vinson has been the Undersheriff for the Isabella County Sheriff's Department since January 2005. Having over 14 years of combined law-enforcement experience, Undersheriff Vinson previously worked for Central Michigan University Police Department, Royal Oak Township Department of Public Safety and Battle Creek Police Department. He has also held other leadership positions in the private sector.

Undersheriff Vinson holds a Ph.D. from Western Michigan University. His research focuses on the future of leadership within law enforcement. He is also a graduate of Central Michigan University, earning both his Master's of Science in Administration with a Public Administration concentration and Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. This past summer, he graduated from the prestigious 10-week F.B.I. National Academy, which was held in Quantico, VA.

Undersheriff Vinson is an adjunct faculty member, who teaches both undergraduate and graduate level courses at Central Michigan University. In addition to teaching courses at CMU, he has taught courses at Montcalm Community and Kirtland Community Colleges. He has also conducted numerous presentations and workshops on various aspects of leadership and diversity subjects.

Undersheriff Vinson is an active member of several professional associations including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Association of Field Training Officers, Academy of Management and the American Society for Public Administration. He is also active locally in service-oriented organizations. He is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club and a board member for the Mt. Pleasant Chapter of the American Red Cross.