



Jay Pragman is the Director of Investigations for the Missouri State Water Patrol. Jay graduated from Columbia College in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. He attended the six month long Missouri State Water Patrol Academy in 1995. After completing the academy, Jay was assigned to the patrol division at Lake of the Ozarks. In 2004, he transferred to Table Rock Lake in the Branson, Missouri area. In 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was assigned as the Director of Investigations at the Missouri State Water Patrol Headquarters in Jefferson City. Jay oversees investigations for the entire state. In 2007, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and continues as the Director of Investigations.

Jay specializes in crime scene investigation, evidence, and property room management; he is a type II BAC supervisor, and academy instructor. Jay is a member of the Missouri State Water Patrol boating accident reconstruction team; the Western District of Missouri; U.S. Attorney's SAR review team; International Association of Marine Investigators and The Lake of the Ozarks Major Case Squad.

Jay has been involved in numerous homicide/death, theft, arson, and boating accident investigations as well as conducted countless felony and misdemeanor investigations. Jay conducts training in marine theft around the country and at the Federal Law Training Center in Charleston, SC

Jay was selected to serve on the International Association of Marine Investigators' Board as the Director of Training and Public Education at the 18th annual conference in Baton Rouge, LA. Jay was selected 1st Vice President at the 20th annual conference in Galveston, TX.

Jay resides in Ashland, MO with his wife Kim and two daughters, Madison and Kenley.