



ROBERT MICHAELS

Robert Michaels is the CEO and Founder of Serve & Protect, a non-profit national trauma services organization dedicated to providing education, facilitation, restoration, and advocacy for public safety professionals and their families since 2011. Based in Brentwood TN, Serve & Protect has facilitated trauma services almost 6,000 public safety professionals, taught 60+ seminars to regional agencies, and impacted more than 2 million through social media platforms. For 30 years, Rob operated Lord & Michaels Entertainment, a marketing and PR firm in the music business, predominately in the Christian Music market. He received 25 gold, platinum, and multi-platinum albums for his work with those artists.

Rob served in law enforcement first with the 229th Military Police Battalion of the Virginia Army National Guard as well as with Norfolk (VA) Police Department, both on patrol and in the detective bureau.

He serves as Chaplain for the FBI Memphis Division, Nashville R.A., since 2013, and served as Chaplain in Residence for 2 weeks at Quantico. Since 2012 he has served as State Chaplain for Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police and is Chaplain for Morris Heithcock FOP Lodge 41 in Williamson County TN where he is an active member and has served on their executive board. He was also appointed to serve as Chaplain for Brentwood Fire Department December 2018 and is on-call Chaplain for ATF. He has been a panelist for the Department of Justice Officer Safety & Wellness Working Group in Washington.

Rob was presented by Congressman Marsha Blackburn when he served as Guest Chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives September 9, 2015 leading the opening prayer. He is the 2017 recipient of the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award for the Memphis Division, and honored with Tennessee House and Senate Joint Resolutions and Proclamations.

Rob is a member of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and National Center for Crisis Management. He is a visiting instructor for the Davidson County Sheriff's Training division, Williamson County Sheriff's Department Court Officer's Training, and teaches for other public safety organizations. He has been a featured speaker at area civic organizations including Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, and Shrine Clubs. Rob also served as a Circuit Rider for Brentwood United Methodist Church until 2019. He previously served as an Elder and Deacon in the PCA.

He holds a B.A. from Columbia International University and a M.A. from Wheaton College (IL). Rob and Chris, his wife of 46 years, live in Brentwood. Chris is a R.N. who is Staff Education Director for Blakeford at Green Hills and spent several years at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Their daughter, Dr. Hollyn Michaels, is a clinical psychologist living with her husband Matt and daughter Brynn in Wheaton IL. Their son, DJ, is an R.N. at Boulder Community Hospital (CO) and served as an R.N. at Vanderbilt in the Cardio Vascular Intensive Care Unit. He is currently pursuing his Nurse Practitioner degree.