

Biography of Darke Hull

**Former Portland Police Bureau Sergeant and Portland Police Bureau
Traffic Sergeant**

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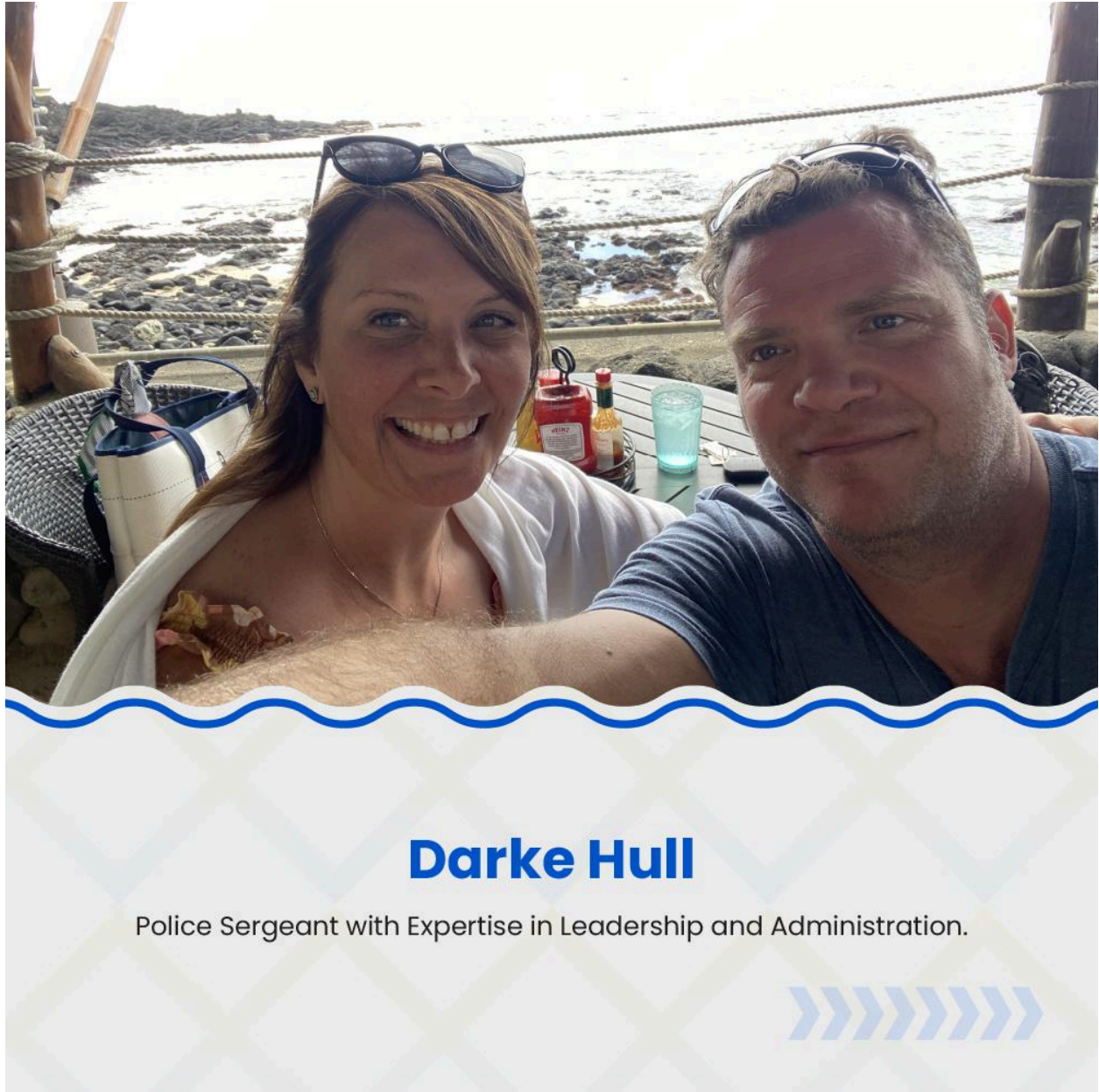
Darke Hull

Criminal Justice Expert with Extensive
Police Bureau Experience.



[Darke Hull](#), a seasoned law enforcement officer, dedicated over two decades of his career to serving and protecting the Portland, Oregon, community through the Portland Police Bureau. With a strong commitment to justice, public safety, and effective teamwork, his work spanned various divisions, from patrol supervision to traffic safety and administrative leadership. His ability to lead and innovate in multiple areas of law enforcement made a lasting impact, earning him widespread recognition and respect among his peers and the public.

Born and raised in Alaska, Darke's early years instilled a sense of resilience and determination. In 1993, he left Alaska to attend Shattuck-St. Mary's, a prestigious preparatory school in Minnesota, where he pursued both academic excellence and a passion for hockey. Choosing to continue his education in Minnesota, he enrolled at Hamline University and graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. His academic background provided him with a comprehensive understanding of crime patterns, societal structures, and the judicial system, laying the foundation for his future career in law enforcement.



The Beginning of a Law Enforcement Journey

Hull's law enforcement career began in 1999 when he joined the Portland Police Bureau. Undergoing rigorous training at the Basic and Advanced Police Academy programs, he completed probationary rotations through different precincts to develop a broad skill set. From 2000 to 2002, he served as a patrol officer in the Central Precinct, gaining invaluable experience in responding to emergency calls, conducting investigations, and engaging with the local community. His dedication to duty, sharp decision-making skills, and ability to handle high-pressure situations quickly set him apart as a promising officer.

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Public Safety Consultant and
Legislative Advisor on DUII Issues.



Traffic Safety and Specialization in Impaired Driving Investigations

In 2002, Darke Hull transitioned into the Traffic Division, where he served as a motor officer for 11 years. His focus on traffic safety, accident investigations, and DUII enforcement made him an essential asset to the Fatal Crash Team. Investigating serious and fatal crashes involving impaired drivers, he played a critical role in gathering evidence, writing warrants, interviewing witnesses, and collaborating with legal authorities to ensure justice was served.

Darke's expertise in traffic safety earned him several prestigious accolades, including being named Motor Officer of the Year in 2007. He was also recognized as the State of Oregon DUII Trainer of the Year in 2010, highlighting his dedication to educating fellow officers on best practices in impaired driving enforcement. In 2011, his exceptional skills were further acknowledged when he was honored as the State of Oregon Drug Recognition Expert of the Year. His ability to identify and assess impaired drivers contributed to enhanced road safety measures across the state.



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Experienced Law Enforcement Leader with 25 Years of Service.

Transitioning into Leadership

2013, Hull was promoted to sergeant, marking a new chapter in his law enforcement career. As a leader, he took on the responsibility of supervising patrol teams, ensuring operational efficiency, and mentoring officers in the field. His first assignment as a sergeant placed him back at the Central Precinct, where he focused on officer development and effective community policing strategies. His leadership style emphasized teamwork, professionalism, and accountability, fostering a strong and supportive environment for his officers.

As a patrol supervisor, Darke prioritized officer well-being and professional growth. He coordinated training programs, managed staffing requirements, and ensured adherence to city

policies and labor agreements. His ability to inspire and guide his team made him a respected bureau figure known for his unwavering dedication to colleagues and the community.



Excelling in Administrative Roles and Policy Development

Beyond field operations, Darke Hull of Portland demonstrated excellence in administrative leadership. He played a pivotal role in developing and implementing various projects to improve the bureau's efficiency. From designing personnel tracking systems to optimizing staffing models, his contributions streamlined internal processes and enhanced organizational effectiveness.

Darke's most notable achievement was developing a new Use of Force After Action document aligned with Bureau and Department of Justice requirements. His innovation revolutionized the reporting process, ensuring thorough and accurate documentation while saving valuable time for officers and investigators. His expertise in policy development extended to legislative advocacy, as he testified before the Portland City Council and the Oregon State Legislature on critical issues related to impaired driving and traffic safety. His insights helped shape laws and regulations that improved public safety measures statewide.



Commitment to Collaboration and Community Engagement

Recognizing the importance of teamwork in law enforcement, Hull actively participated in various committees and advisory boards. His role on the Collision Review Board and the Use of Force After Action Committee allowed him to influence policies and procedures that enhanced accountability and transparency within the bureau. His ability to work collaboratively with fellow officers, policymakers, and community members ensured a balanced approach to law enforcement that prioritized fairness and integrity.

Darke's outstanding service was recognized with numerous commendations, including 27 formal recognitions and 14 initiated by community members. His efforts in life-threatening situations

earned him two life-saving medals, demonstrating his quick thinking and courage in critical moments. His dedication to public service extended beyond his immediate duties, reinforcing his reputation as a law enforcement officer deeply committed to making a difference.



Dedication to Training and Professional Development

Throughout his career, Hull advocated continuous learning and professional growth. He pursued specialized training in death investigation, traffic homicide, and biomechanics, further refining his skills in complex investigative work. As an assistant instructor for Critical Incident Management at the Sergeant's Academy, he shared his knowledge and experiences with new law enforcement leaders, ensuring the next generation of officers was well-prepared for the profession's challenges.

Hull's contributions extended to legislative initiatives and public safety campaigns. He advised legislative workgroups and served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII, playing an instrumental role in statewide efforts to combat impaired driving. His expertise in the field made him a sought-after voice in discussions on improving road safety and law enforcement strategies.



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Recognized Law Enforcement Trainer and
Public Safety Advocate.

A New Chapter: Cybersecurity and Personal Growth

After dedicating 25 years to law enforcement, Darke transitioned into a new professional pursuit. With a strong interest in cybersecurity, he embarked on a journey to earn a second degree. His commitment to learning led him to obtain two significant certifications—CompTIA A+ and CompTIA Network+—as he worked toward completing his studies, with an expected graduation in 2026. His focus on cybersecurity reflects his continued passion for protecting and serving in a different capacity, ensuring digital safety in an increasingly technology-driven world.



Personal Life and Philanthropy

Beyond his professional achievements, Darke Hull values a fulfilling personal life. An avid scuba diver, he enjoys exploring underwater and traveling to experience diverse cultures. Gardening serves as a therapeutic outlet, providing a sense of relaxation and balance as he navigates life beyond law enforcement. His commitment to helping others extends to supporting fellow officers struggling with alcohol-related issues and offering guidance and assistance to those in need.

Hull's philanthropic efforts include supporting educational institutions like Shattuck-St. Mary's and contributing to the Thin Blue Line Foundation. His dedication to community service underscores his lifelong mission of making a positive impact, both in and out of uniform. As he continues his [journey in cybersecurity and advocacy](#), Darke remains a figure of resilience, leadership, and unwavering dedication to service.