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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### Middlesex Sheriff's Office

*Public Information Officer*

- Liaison with local, regional and national news media as official spokesperson for the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office – 23rd largest county in the United States; representing 54 communities, 1.5 million citizens
- Effectively handle all communications, including sensitive information regarding inmate communiqué, criminal justice matters, legal proceedings, legislative issues; and provide briefings to Administrative Staff
- Write speeches, news releases, formal statements, articles regarding the Office and criminal justice system
- Coordinate, organize and execute all public appearances, events and news conferences
- Design, write and create publications, graphics and video for public dissemination, website and in-house use
- Manage Assistant Public Information Officer and intern staff; PIO Department budget and outside vendors
- Responsible for all photography, website development and social media

#### Medford, MA

*February 2006- May 2012*

#### Cape Cod Times

*Washington Correspondent*

- Reported on Congress, federal agencies, and other events occurring in Washington, DC with emphasis on impact for readers on Cape Cod and the Islands

#### Washington, DC

*September 2005- December 2005*

#### USA Today

*Correspondent*

- Wrote, reported and generated story ideas for a leading national and international newspaper
- Researched and fact-checked articles for editors and staff reporters using online research, academic databases, and communications with sources; Election night staff and *Life in Iraq* contributor

#### McLean, VA

*September 2005- December 2005*

#### Middlesex Sheriff's Office

*Assistant Public Information Officer*

- Worked directly with the Middlesex County Sheriff, organizing public events and community programs, writing press releases, communicating with media and providing written content for other publications

#### Cambridge, MA

*January 2005- August 2005*

#### Providence College

*Resident Assistant*

- Supervised more than 80 peers in coeducational dormitory and apartment complex and created community atmosphere by planning and advertising events of interest

#### Providence, RI

*September 2001- May 2004*

### EDUCATION

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#### Boston University

*M.S. in Journalism*

Participant in the Washington Journalism Program

Selected courses: Advanced Journalism Research, Sports Journalism, Literary Journalism, Political Reporting

#### Boston, MA

*January 2006*

#### Providence College

*B.A. in English, B.A. in Psychology*

Honors: GPA 3.75, *magna cum laude*, Liberal Arts Honors Program, Dean's List, Psychology Honors Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars

#### Providence, RI

*May 2004*

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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#### Wicked Local Newspapers

*Write a monthly travel column for a group of weekly papers*

#### Saugus, MA

*January 2012 - Present*

#### Massachusetts Remembers 9/11

*Team Captain - Press Operations*

#### Boston, MA

*September 2011*

#### Gary Christenson for Mayor Campaign (Elected)

*Communications/Speechwriter; Web & Literature Design*

#### Malden, MA

*August 2010 – November 2011*

### OTHER SKILLS

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- Advanced training and proficiency in: Adobe Photoshop, Dreamweaver Web Design, InDesign, Illustrator, Flash, Premiere Pro Video Editing; Photography; Media Relations Training, Washington, DC
- Proficiency in: Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, FrontPage, Internet and Social Media tools
- Member: Public Relations Society of America; National Public Information Officers Association

## **Professional References**

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