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Samuel Ortman is a decorated justice and public safety professional; he has served both as a sworn police officer in a Mid-size City Police Department and a licensed deputy in a Major County Sheriff's Office. He began his law enforcement career with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, serving in the Adult Detention Division before joining the Maple Grove Police Department. During his five years with Maple Grove, he served in patrol and investigations and worked across a variety of assignments, including the Domestic Violence Response Team.

As a licensed police officer in Minnesota, Ortman developed expertise in criminal investigations, interview and interrogation, domestic violence response, predatory offender compliance, and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) practices, as well as jail operations and security. He has participated in departmental policy development and research, including reviewing policies and practices from comparable law enforcement agencies and identifying potential improvements to support effective and accountable public safety operations. He retired this year (2026) as a result of an injury he sustained in the line of duty.

Ortman is expanding on his law enforement expertise by pursuing his Juris Doctor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, where he is expected to graduate in May 2027. In his legal studies he is further advancing his skills in legal research, statutory interpretation, public policy development, legal writing, and analysis of complex legal issues.

Samuel Ortman is a Consultant with Public Safety Strategies Group, LLC (PSSG) a national consulting firm providing subject matter expertise and services for public agencies and private firms across the United States. Ortman applies his law enforcement experience and legal training to research, policy development, and public safety consulting projects. His work includes researching statutes, regulations, court precedent, and existing law enforcement policies; developing individualized and model policies; and evaluating public safety practices in light of legal and policy considerations. Recent projects have included the evaluation of a county-owned justice facility for its potential to serve as a secure competency restoration facility, and researching and preparing educational resources and presentations addressing emerging issues in law enforcement (i.e., constitutional considerations surrounding technologies such as automated license plate readers and geofencing).

Samuel Ortman earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Metropolitan State University and an Associate of Science in Law Enforcement from Normandale Community College. He lives with his wife and son in Chanhassen, Minnesota.