

Certification Profile

Jerry Jones, PCI

Jerry Jones, PCI, was born and raised in Spokane, Washington. After high school he went into the U.S. Navy and served two tours in Vietnam. It was there that his interest in law enforcement began. After leaving the Navy, he moved back to Spokane and got an associate's degree in criminal justice, working as a radio operator in the sheriff's office and then becoming a patrol officer.

"During all of this I had developed a friendship with an FBI agent assigned to the Spokane office," Jones recalls. "He recruited me to go to work as a clerk for the FBI in Washington, D.C., and to complete my degree and go on as a Special Agent."

Jones took the job, went to school at American University, and earned a bachelor's degree in administration of justice. Afterward, he tested and interviewed for the FBI position, starting as a special agent in March 1976 after completing training at Quantico. He was posted to Montana, where he worked in both Butte and Billings, then was transferred to New York City.

After six years in the Big Apple, Jones received a call from a former fellow agent who was in charge of investigations for the Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington. Jones accepted the job offer that was extended. He has now been with the company for 20 years.

At Boeing, Jones is responsible for about 180,000 employees worldwide. "We investigate violations of company rules by employees, suppliers, vendors, and

contractors," he says. These include internal and external theft, drug and alcohol problems, misuse or misreporting of time and attendance, abuse of time while at work, and fraud by employees and others. "Computers have given us whole new areas of opportunity for abuse by employees and providers."

Jones says he took the PCI exam to measure his own knowledge in investigations and to gain additional training and skills. "I was in the second class to take the test and felt it would show my commitment to being a professional investigator with The Boeing Company," he says.

Boeing supported his efforts by paying for the books, the preexam class, and the test itself. "I have found it is always important to try and stay at the forefront of change, and this was another of those opportunities."

Another Boeing investigator took the test at the same time Jones did, and since then two others have taken and passed the test. All of them passed it the first time.

"It shows the company that we are dedicated to maintaining the highest level of proficiency that we can," Jones says. "We are also examples for younger investigators as they mature and move into more complicated investigations in the future. The PCI certification is a personal accomplishment that is recognized by my management as an extra effort on my part." ■

—By Vicki Contavespi, former ASIS public relations manager

