

## LTC Gary Atkinson Bio

LTC Gary Atkinson has been a member of the State Guard since 2003 and is a founding member of the Provost Marshal Command, originally named Security Detachment. As executive and operations officer he participated in over 99% of drills, training sessions and official missions, helping to bring the PMC forward as one of the best trained, managed and equipped state guard units in the nation. While building PMC's law enforcement capabilities, LTC Atkinson worked in parallel with Richland County Sheriff's Department in Columbia, SC as a reserve deputy. He was named 2014 "Reserve Deputy of the Year" and works many nights alongside full time RCSD deputies as a cover officer. Senior Reserve Deputy Atkinson is also a founding member of RCSD's unique "taxi cab squad" where he works in plain clothes, assisting RCSD officers in surveillance and apprehension activities while "hidden in plain sight" in the familiar yellow vehicle. LTC Atkinson is a DHS certified instructor and along with his many LE-related certifications has facilitated several training opportunities with PMC.



Mr. Atkinson is southeast district manager for Volvo Construction Equipment North America where he specializes in sales and marketing of capital equipment. Married to Lisa, his wife of 30 years, they have resided in Chapin since 1986 and have three grown children, sons Tom and Yates, and daughter, Amanda. Mr. Atkinson is a graduate of Milwaukee School of Engineering and holds degrees in industrial engineering and industrial management. He is a former commissioner with Richland County Conservation Commission and is a private pilot.

"As commander of 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade one my main objectives, in support of our stated mission, is to provide our members with the finest training opportunities available anywhere. The training we offer will add real world value to the individual, personally, and to the entire team, collectively."