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Dr. Lauria's accomplishments have spanned across military, law enforcement, academia, and corporate worlds. He currently serves as Public Safety Director for Oakdale Borough, Oakdale, Pennsylvania and is a faculty member of Pittsburgh Technical Institute. Dr. Lauria is responsible for birthing the school's Criminal Justice, Safety and Security Program, which is currently growing into one of the most respected programs of its kind. He is also a Pennsylvania State Constable and Consultant for companies and organizations in need of internal and external cultural and leadership effectiveness.

Dr. Lauria is a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Air Force with over 20 years of service earning numerous military awards and decorations. His service included such positions as Director of Productivity and Quality; Logistics Management Officer; Chief of Staff during Desert Shield and Desert Storm; Commander of Airbase Security, Helicopter Crewman and Door Gunner during the Vietnam War; as well as Master Trainer.

Currently, Dr. Lauria has over 1,800 hours of military, police, and civilian training in such areas as law enforcement, emergency operations, incident command, nuclear-chemical-biological warfare, emergency-operational-strategic planning, organizational development and behavior, total quality management, conflict resolution, mediation, hostage negotiations, team building, leadership, and operations management.

In addition to Dr. Lauria's position at Pittsburgh Technical Institute, his vast teaching experience includes his role as Adjunct Professor at Robert Morris University and Duquesne University. His teaching experience as a Workforce Trainer has been utilized at Allegheny County Community College, Slippery Rock University, Local-State-Federal government agencies, civic groups, and non-profit organizations.

Dr. Lauria has authored many publications on subject matters involving military leadership, problem solving, teaming, and process improvement. Dr. Lauria has published study guides, teaching curriculum, strategic plans, and articles used by such establishments as schools, the National Guard, and the Air Force Reserve.

Dr. Lauria received his Ed.D. in Education from Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida with a concentration in Adult Education. His M.A. in Regional Planning was received at California University of Pennsylvania, California, Pennsylvania and he received his B.S. in Criminal Justice from Edison State College, Trenton, New Jersey