



Dr Sue Tygielski

Reid Park Zoo

Dr. Sue Tygielski has worked in zoos for 25 years, primarily in animal care as a behaviorist and trainer. She has worked with a wide variety of animals including elephants, bears, large cats, primates, among others. Currently she is the Director of Zoo Operations and oversees Animal Care, Animal Health, Conservation Education, Facilities, and Safety at the Reid Park Zoo.



Tim Sampson

John Ball Zoo

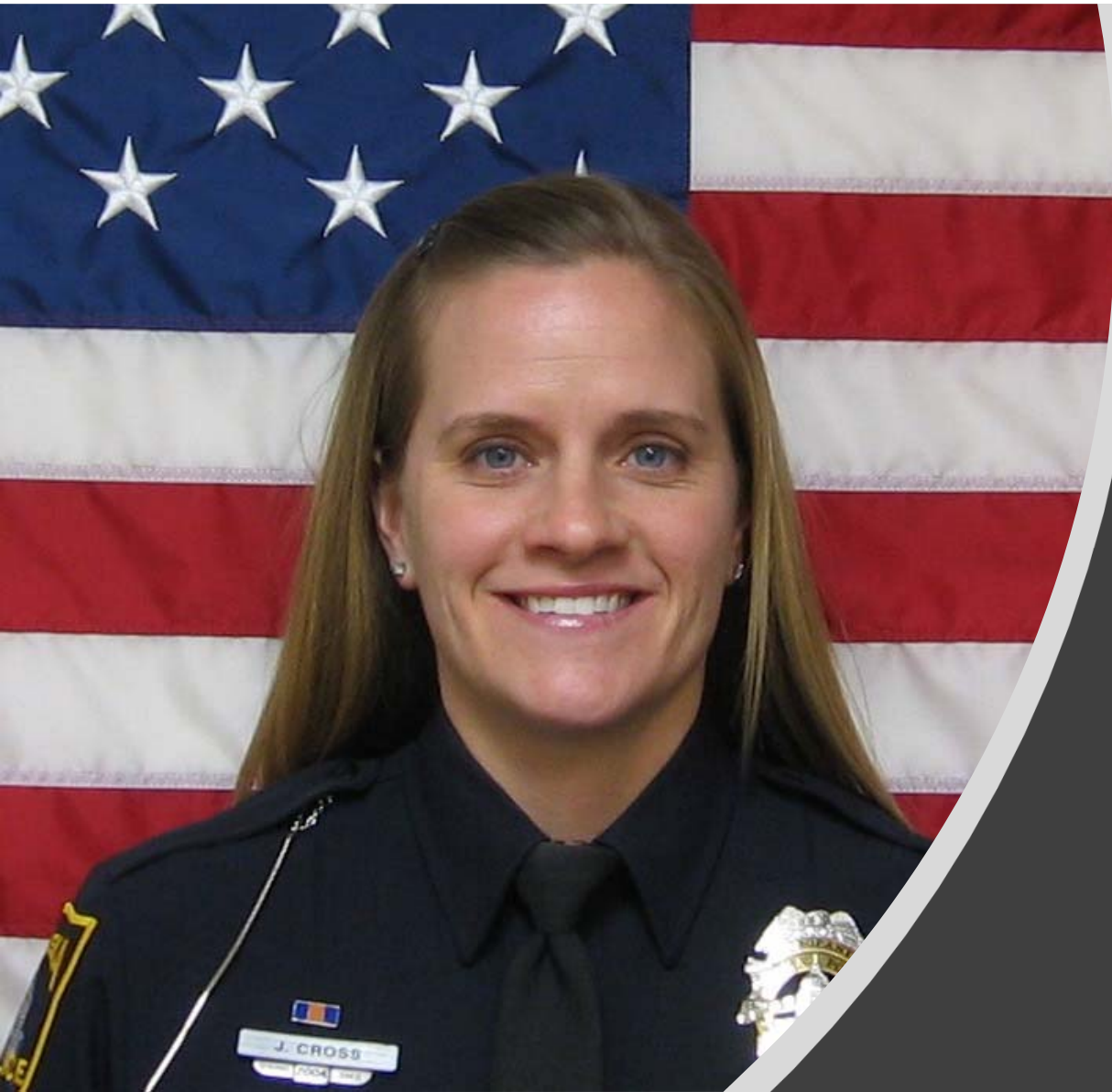
Tim started his career 39 or so years ago at the Cincinnati Zoo as a volunteer in their children's zoo. After completing his last 2 years of high school at the zoo in the Animal Conservation and Care program, he attended Moorpark College's EATM program. Since leaving Moorpark he has worked in many different areas of the animal field, from dolphin trainer to working for Siegfried and Roy in Las Vegas and have worked at institutions from California to Florida to Michigan. Throughout his career he has spent over 27 years working with carnivores, mainly felids. During that time he has had the opportunity to train, hand rear, design exhibits, introduce new exhibit mates, plan and implement animal transfers, as well as establish current husbandry, safety and training protocols for a variety of animals. He is currently at John Ball Zoo and has been there for 30 years. As curator he oversees a large part of the mammal collection. Other duties include development and implementation of the zoo's policies and procedures, safety programs when it involves PDA's or dive programs, play an active role in the master and collection planning, conservation planning, as well as reviewing research projects that the zoo is asked to participate in. Currently he is a member of the AZA Safety Committee and lead for the Escape and Encounters subcommittee, Felid Tag steering committee, as well as a steering committee member with the snow leopard and lion SSP's.



Maria Gallegos

Houston Zoo

Maria Gallegos is the health, safety and security director for the Houston Zoo with more than 30 years of experience in the chemical/refinery industries and zoo/aquarium facilities in Texas. For the last 5 years, she's led the Rangers and all zoowide safety drills and emergency training procedures with multiple departments and external agencies. She leads the Houston Zoo Safety Council and is in the process of Zoowide Incident Command System implementation. Maria is Vice Chair of the AZA Safety Committee and leads the Example Practices Subcommittee.



Lieutenant Jennifer Cross Topeka Police Department

LT Jennifer Cross has been with the Topeka Police Department for 19 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and a Master's in Public Administration. During her time in the TPD, she has served in the Patrol Division, the Investigations Division, Special Operations Bureau and the Administrative Bureau. She is currently the Director of Training and responsible for the initial education of all hired officers, as well as the annual continuing education of all Police Department Employees.

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