

Rick Crigger Spotlight – The Man Behind BACS



Rick Crigger grew up in Waterford, Michigan, where his Father owned Crigger Welding and Supply Co. He was educated by his Father on business and welding. Rick grew up in a home where, if you needed something, you built it yourself. This lifestyle and mindset, distilled in him from a very young age, is what drives his inventive nature.

While attending Waterford Kettering High School, in addition to working in the family business, Rick worked with his brother-in-law in construction roofing and siding, and also as an orderly at Lourdes Nursing Home. After graduating Rick went on to work in several fields gaining a wide range of experience; he worked as a truck driver, construction project manager, and a keytape computer operator at Michigan Bell. Rick began his 28 year career with the Waterford Police Department in 1975 as a volunteer reserve officer and by the following year he was a fulltime patrol officer. After retiring from the police department, Rick served as the Director of Business Development for O'Brien Waterford Construction.

Rick spent 28 years working several positions at the Police Department, including Reserve Officer, Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Detective/Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, and Administrative Lieutenant. His extensive experience includes road patrol operations, facilitating new start-up programs such as field training officers, mobile data terminals, equipment procurement, policy and procedures, and recruitment. He was also responsible for the supervision of road patrol operations, both as a Sergeant and Lieutenant, including supervision of the dispatch and records bureaus.

Rick began building the design for the inventory control system – which we all know as the BACS System today – in his mind. From there he built a proto type using his woodworking skills. For approximately five years, he spent many hours in his basement working on the design, revising again and again. Rick would discuss his project with his colleagues at the police department; with their input and feedback he continued to revise the system.



“I want to thank my wonderful wife LaVon, my son Matt, daughter Erin, son-in-law Kevin and my grandson Wyatt. They have been the greatest support system throughout my life and in the journey I took to create the BACS System. I really have to thank all of the people who have supported me along the way, there have been many. None of this would have been possible without that backing,” said Rick.

Rick has been married for 34 years to his wife LaVon. They have two grown children, son Matt and daughter Erin. Erin and her husband, Kevin, have given Rick and LaVon their first grandson, Wyatt. An avid woodworker, Rick is in the process of building a classic pedal riding Model T Pickup Truck for his young grandson, a replica of the one he built for Matt and Erin many years ago. In addition to his passion for woodworking, Rick enjoys golfing, coin collecting and travel. LaVon and Rick travel the country in their Fifth Wheel RV, visiting favorite spots such as the Superstition Mountains in Arizona and the beautiful beaches in Florida.



“I commend Rick for his tenacity and determination,” said Sam Hoff, President of LEID Products. “His relentless years of hard work and sacrifice have translated into his vision becoming a reality, with an excellent asset management system benefiting many law enforcement agencies across the country.”

