

Lieutenant Jim Lyster grew up in Linn Grove, Iowa and graduated from Sioux Valley High School in 1968. After high school, Jim attended the University of Montana and graduated in 1973 with a degree in Wildlife Biology.

Jim started working as a Lake Patrol Officer in Clear Lake for the Iowa Conservation Commission in 1975. In 1978, he began his career with the Clear Lake Police Department and attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in 1979. In 1983 Jim also earned an associates degree in law Enforcement from NIACC. Since joining the force, Jim has worked as a Patrol Officer and as Sergeant. In 2002, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where he is still serving.

Jim and his wife Judy reside in Clear Lake. They have one grown son who is married and lives in Chicago.