



Harlin McEwen

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Harlin R. McEwen has been in the field of law enforcement for over 48 years. He has served as a Patrol Officer, Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Chief of Police. After serving as Chief of the Cayuga Heights (NY) Police Department he served as Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services where he was responsible for overseeing training and registration of all police officers and peace officers in New York State. He then served as Chief of Police for the City of Ithaca (NY) where he was instrumental in implementing modern technology and computerization and advancing training and professionalism of the force. In 1996 he retired from his position as Chief and was appointed as a Deputy Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Washington, DC where he provided executive oversight for new FBI Criminal Justice Information Services such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) 2000 Project and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). In April 2000, he retired from the FBI and active law enforcement service and was presented the prestigious FBI Medal of Meritorious Achievement by FBI Director Freeh. In November 2000, the International Association of Chiefs of Police at their Annual Conference in San Diego honored Chief McEwen by presenting him with the first IACP Lone Star Distinguished Award in recognition of his exemplary service to the IACP as Chairman of the IACP Communications & Technology Committee. He continues to serve as Chairman of the Communications & Technology Committee of the IACP, having served in this capacity for more than 28 years. He also serves as Communications Advisor to the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, the Major County Sheriffs' Association, and as an advisor to the FBI, the National Institute of Justice, the U. S. Department of Homeland Security and various other local, state, and federal agencies. He is a member of the Department of Homeland Security SAFECOM Executive Committee and currently serves as Vice Chair of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) and is a member of the U.S. Department of Justice Global Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Global Executive Steering Committee. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the FBI National Executive Institute. Chief McEwen is a Life Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs' Association, the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO). Chief McEwen has written numerous articles and lectured extensively throughout the United States and internationally. Chief McEwen was elected Honorary President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police during the Annual Conference held in Boston in October 2006. This was only the second time in the history of the Association that a person has been named Honorary President. He is a Fellow in the Radio Club of America and at the 2006 Annual Dinner Meeting of the RCA was honored by being named the first recipient of the RCA/NPSTC Richard DeMello Award for his many and longstanding contributions to public safety communications.

