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Professional Positions

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
Interim Chief Safety Officer April 1, 2021 - Present

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
University Safety Executive Officer July 6, 2020 - April 1, 2021

ANDE CORPORATION
Senior Vice President, Government and Industry Relations 2018 - 2020

STATE OF UTAH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Commissioner / Governor's Homeland Security Advisor 2013 – 2018

- Served in Governor Gary Herbert's Cabinet for five years as Commissioner of Public Safety and Governor's Homeland Security Advisor. Responsible for the administration, strategic development and daily operations of a statewide law enforcement and public safety organization. Held executive level decision-making, budget and oversight responsibility for all aspects of the Utah Department of Public Safety consisting of over 1,600 employees with an annual budget of over \$190 million. Retired in August of 2018.
- Served as the state's official point of contact for all public safety and homeland security-related matters. Communicated and coordinated with federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement and public safety administrators ensuring information is shared effectively. Regularly participated in classified briefings related to threats that may impact the state and the nation.
- Served as the State Administrative Agent responsible for administration of all federal Department of Homeland Security/FEMA grants being managed throughout the state.
- Specific oversight responsibility for the state divisions and directors of the Utah Highway Patrol, State Bureau of Investigation, State Crime Lab, Statewide Information and Analysis Center, Division of Emergency Management, Driver License Division, Bureau of Criminal Identification, State Fire Marshal's Office.
- Interacted regularly and effectively with agency administrators from all public safety disciplines, private sector representatives, state, local federal legislators, other local elected officials, the news media and the public. Served as an advocate for state and local law enforcement, public safety, emergency management and homeland security services.

Professional Accomplishments

- Thirty-two years of progressive development and accomplishments in executive state and local law enforcement and public safety services. Recently shared experience in the private sector to advance public safety related services.
- Promoted through all ranks of the Utah Department of Public Safety to lead the agency for over five years as Commissioner. Previously served in several critical leadership positions.
- Established a Utah DPS *Cyber Crimes Law Enforcement Unit* in January of 2012. This was the nation's first state cyber-crimes enforcement team and evolved into a project with the FBI titled Operation Wellspring. Proposed and implemented a nationwide network of the state law enforcement agencies to investigate cyber-crimes. Over 30 states are now participating along with the FBI and DHS.
- Designed, proposed and established the *Rocky Mountain States Regional Domain Threat Assessment Group*. Law enforcement agency administrators, governors' homeland security advisors, major city police chiefs and fusion center directors from eight Rocky Mountain States met in Salt Lake City for two days in late 2012 to identify top mutual criminal threats.
Results: eight states now work with the FBI and DHS to establish regular threat assessments, allowing decision-makers from all agencies to pool resources and coordinate operations for simultaneous monitoring of criminal organizations that operate across state borders. The first multi-state effort of its kind; it was used as a model for other regions in the country.
- Recognized nationally as a subject matter expert on topics related to state and local law enforcement, homeland security, intelligence development and effective interagency information sharing. Regularly invited to participate with and present to various groups at all levels of government.
- Held Top Secret Clearance with federal law enforcement agencies. Responsible for receiving and sharing sensitive threat information involving the State of Utah.
- Effectively researched, designed, developed and established the *Utah Statewide Information and Analysis Center* (State Information Fusion Center). Incorporated short and long-term goals with milestones to keep the project on course and on budget. Provided ongoing leadership, expertise, guidance and oversight.
- As Utah Director of Emergency Management, oversaw the response, mitigation and recovery of four Presidential Disaster Declarations with over \$30 million in damages impacting local governments and communities.

Utah and National-Level Appointments & Leadership Roles

- Appointed by Governor Spencer J. Cox to the Utah Personal Privacy Oversight Commission (May 2021 to Present)
- The President's Director of National Intelligence State and Local Law Enforcement Advisory Board (2008 - 2018)
- Appointed by Governor Gary R. Herbert in 2017 to oversee the law enforcement aspects of Operation Rio Grande (ORG). ORG was a successful multi-agency effort to restore public order, help homeless individuals living with addiction, provide alternatives to jail by providing increased opportunities for treatment and recovery programs. (2017 -2018)
- The National Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (2008 - 2018) (2012 - 2014 Chair)
- Represented Governors Huntsman and Herbert on the National Governors Association's Homeland Security Advisors Council (GHSAC) Served twice as Chairman in 2012 and 2018.
- Chairman GHSAC Information Sharing & Intelligence Committee 2013.
- National Counter Terrorism Center's Interagency Threat Assessment Coordination Group Advisory Council 2008 - 2018.
- Utah Emergency Management Administrative Council (Co-chair with Lt. Governor Spencer J. Cox)
- Chairman of the four state Rocky Mountain HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Executive Board's Intelligence Committee.
- Utah State Law Enforcement Representative on the eight state Rocky Mountain Information Network (RMIN) Executive Board (2007-2018) (Twice served as chairman)
- Utah Statewide Information and Analysis Center Governance Board 2007 - 2018
- Utah Governors Commission on Volunteers 2008-2012
- Utah Intergovernmental Roundtable (2012 Chair)
- Chairman Regional Four Corners (UT, CO, NM, AZ) State, Local & Tribal Public Safety Committee
- International Association of Chiefs of Police Homeland Security Committee (2015-present)

Previous Career Experience

STATE OF UTAH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Deputy Commissioner / Governor's Homeland Security Advisor

2007 – 2013

- Served as the Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor. Assists the Commissioner of Public Safety in managing the administration and daily operations of a statewide law enforcement and public safety organization. Held executive level decision-making, budget and oversight responsibility. Served as the state's point of contact for all homeland security-related matters. Effectively communicated and coordinated with federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement administrators in regularly sharing related information. Received classified briefings related to threats that may impact the state and the nation.

Senior Vice President Government and Industry Relations ANDE Corp. *2018 to 2020*

- Served as member of the senior management team in providing effective communication and coordination with North American government and industry leaders.

State Director of Emergency Management

2007 to 2013

- Responsible for overseeing effective administration of the Division in support of local agencies. Served as the State Administrative Agent responsible for administration of all federal Department of Homeland Security/FEMA grants being managed throughout the state.
- Interacts regularly and effectively with agency administrators from all public safety disciplines, private sector representatives, state and federal legislators, other local elected officials, the news media and the public. Serves as an advocate for state and local law enforcement, public safety, emergency management and homeland security services.

Assistant Superintendent of Utah Highway Patrol

2005 to 2007

- Division Director responsible for the day to day administration and the statewide operation of the Dept. of Public Safety's Highway Patrol Division.
- Management responsibility for the division budget and operational requirements.

Director Utah State Bureau of Investigation *2004 to 2005*

- Managed statewide investigative agency with 76 sworn and 18 civilian employees.
- Coordinated services with all local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies.
- Implemented steps that decentralized and restructured the agency to operate more efficiently in closer coordination with the Utah Highway Patrol and local law enforcement agencies.

Deputy Director Utah Division of Emergency Mgt & Homeland Security *2002 to 2004*

- Responsible for the day-to-day operation of the state agency responsible for emergency management and administering the DHS/FEMA grant program for all agencies in the state with budget responsibility of over \$30 million dollars and a staff of 68 employees.

Utah Highway Patrol State Trooper, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Major *1989 to 2002*

- Progressively Served in Headquarters, Vernal, Richfield, Ogden and Salt Lake Section Offices.

Morgan County Utah Sheriff's Deputy and Vernal City Utah Police Officer *1987 to 1989*

Education & Training

Master of Arts Degree in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense) *2009*
U.S. Naval Postgraduate School

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration *2006*
Columbia College of Missouri

FBI National Executive Institute Session 37 *2014*

FBI National Academy Session 216 *2004*
Quantico, VA

Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training Certified *(1987 – Present)*

FEMA Emergency Management State Directors Course *2003*

National Publications

Authored: Naval Postgraduate School Master's Thesis entitled *Critical Accountability: Preventing and Interdicting Terrorist Activity in the U.S. by Effectively Utilizing State and Local Law Enforcement* (2009).

Co-Authored: George Washington University-Homeland Security Policy Institute Research Report entitled *Counterterrorism Intelligence: Fusion Center Perspectives* (2012).

Professional Affiliations

- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- FBI National Academy Associates
- International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators
- Utah Peace Officers Association
- Utah Highway Patrol Honorary Colonels Association
- National Native American Law Enforcement Association (Non-paid volunteer advisor)
- Pioneer Park Coalition Executive Committee (Non-paid volunteer)

Reference Letters Available Upon Request