

Carl Rowan, Jr.
Chief of Police



Carl Rowan Jr. possesses a unique combination of legal and law enforcement experience that is particularly well suited for sophisticated law enforcement and security policy development and problem solving. He was presented the “2013 Golden Best Award for Safety and Security” by the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District in Washington, DC, which is comprised of Washington’s major business leaders. He is a subject matter expert on active shooter matters and lectures extensively on that, and other, emergency preparedness issues.

He began his law enforcement career as a Deputy US Marshal in Washington, DC, where he handled diverse matters such as fugitive investigations, witness and judicial protection. He later left the Marshal’s Service to attend the Georgetown University Law Center where he graduated in 1978 with a Juris Doctor degree and gained entry to the DC Bar Association.

He then joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent in the metro Washington area where he specialized in violent crime investigations, undercover assignments, and SWAT operations. He later became a supervisor in the FBI Legal Counsel Division at FBI Headquarters and handled a wide range of civil claims against the agency and also provided investigatory legal support to agents in the field.

Upon leaving the FBI, Mr. Rowan entered the private practice of law specializing in administrative, regulatory, and legislative matters, as well as white collar crime counseling and internal investigations. He became a partner in a major national law firm, but also maintained a corporate security consulting firm with a former US Secret Service agent and a former member of the US intelligence service. The company focused on investigations, due diligence inquiries, and protection matters for corporations and government clients.

In 2000, he was named the Vice President for Global Security at a multi-billion dollar software company based in San Mateo, California with 130 offices in 34 counties. He managed a staff of 40, including investigators, an executive protection team, and a contract security element. His security department also worked closely with the Silicon Valley High Tech Crimes Task Force, the US Secret Service, and the FBI on cases involving theft of identity, corporate espionage, and Russian organized crime.

He returned to the Washington, DC area in 2002 as a Chief of Police to lead the law enforcement functions of a highly specialized rail and transportation company, created post 9/11, to support security agencies of the federal government on a global basis. The company’s security division was certified as a law enforcement agency by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Most recently, Mr. Rowan has served as a Vice President of a major global commercial security company as well a Vice President for a large regional (Eastern seaboard) commercial security company. He focused on operations, sales, and training, helping both organizations improve their operational reputations and significantly enhance their business portfolio.

Mr. Rowan has appeared on “60 Minutes,” Fox News, CNN, and MSNBC as a subject matter expert and has also written numerous articles on law enforcement issues that were published in the Washington Post, the Washington Times, the New Republic, and other publications.