BIOGRAPHY

Howard Schwartz retired from the FBI in April of 2011, after 23 years of service. He was the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division. Howard then joined the City of New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) as the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations. The New Orleans OIG has produced 84 indictments/convictions, 43 administrative terminations/suspensions, and over \$120 million dollars in fraud prevention for the City of New Orleans. Howard also created a Fraud Awareness Presentation which is now mandatory training for all City of New Orleans employees. During his tenure in the FBI, Howard directed all public corruption and government fraud investigations. He provided direct oversight in the prevention of potential government fraud in excess of \$20 billion dollars in connection with the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico from the Deepwater Horizon. He provided direct oversight in the prevention of potential government fraud in excess of \$31 billion dollars in connection with the rebuilding of the levees in New Orleans, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. After the storm, Howard initiated and led the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force in New Orleans. He also assisted in the formation of the National Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This Task Force developed into the National Disaster Fraud Center which is the central repository for all disaster related fraud in the United States.

Howard has provided public corruption and government fraud training to more than 2,000 law enforcement officers and prosecutors within the United States and more than 500 law enforcement officers and prosecutors internationally. He has also provided this training to more than 1,000 Office of Inspectors General personnel. He has been certified as an expert witness in three different Federal Judicial Districts. Howard was invited to Prague, by Richard Graber, the United States Ambassador to the Czech Republic, where he addressed a five nation symposium on public corruption and government fraud. Howard has been the key speaker, trainer, and instructor for multiple national and international conferences and symposiums on public corruption and fraud. For his work, Howard has received both the prestigious Attorney General of the United States Award for Fraud Prevention, and the Director of the FBI's Award for Distinguished Service.

Howard Schwartz has served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Inspectors General (AIG) since 2012. He also currently serves as the course manager for AIGs Certified Inspector General Investigator (CIGI) Institutes. Howard also provides instruction/training at the AIG Institutes for both Investigators and Auditors.

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