

Gary D. Lewis Jr.

STRATEGIC PUBLIC SAFETY LEADER

Qualified public safety executive offering 29+ years of diversified experiences to include senior level management, leadership, community relations, crisis communications, and a strategic vision for public safety.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Louisville (*August 2018 – Present*)

Assistant Vice President for Operations / Chief of Police –Develop and implement long-range and short-term plans to deliver solutions that support the university’s goals for internal and external communication related to campus safety and operational issues, innovation, sustainability, financial performance and compliance with all applicable statutes and policies. Engage and interact with departments and university colleagues to coordinate plans and contribute to overall goals of Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and the university. Create, enhance and build upon relationships with the University of Louisville Hospital, Health and Science Center (HSC) campus. Responsible for the supervision of sworn law enforcement officers; security officers, 9-1-1 Communications Center; Clery Coordinator; Access Control, Security & Surveillance Systems; Fire Marshal, Emergency Management and Business Operations for the campus community. Lead and provide oversight to Business Operations transportation function. IACALEA active member and state accreditation obtained in 2019 under my leadership.

Skillsset includes strong community relations and partnerships; developing and executing tabletop (TTX) exercises; full-scale emergency management exercises; crisis communications and response; emergency preparedness, and professional staff development. Responsible for Cardinal Stadium safety/security, crisis management and executive protection oversight for college football game day, and large concert venue experience. Member of the Louisville FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force executive committee member; University of Louisville Diversity & Inclusion; created the ULPD Advisory Board, member of the Commission on African American Male Mentoring initiative.

Cleveland State University (*September 2015 – August 2018*)

Executive Director of Campus Safety/Chief of Police – Served as the Director of Campus Safety/Chief of Police for 18,000 undergraduate students. Responsibilities included budget management: supervision of sworn officers; Dispatch Center; Clery timely reporting; Access Control & Security Systems; and Environmental Health and Safety. Served on the F.B.I. Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Advisory Board with security clearances. My primary focus as the Executive Director of Campus Safety included effective supervision of Emergency Management, Environmental Health & Safety, Police Department, and Access Security/Control Offices and personnel. Additional duties included developing and executing tabletop (TTX) and full-scale emergency management exercises; crisis communications and response; emergency preparedness, and professional staff development. Under my leadership, CSU attained national accreditation from the Commission of Accredited Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Other accomplishments include management of large-scale events e.g., the Republican National Convention (RNC) 2016; Cleveland Cavaliers 2016 NBA championship; presidential and dignitary visits; creation of the CSU Student Police Auxiliary Program, Horse Mounted Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Special Response Team (SRT), FBI Student Academy, and the created internal and external relationships focused on public safety awareness efforts.

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (*July 2013 – September 2015*)

Senior Director, Media and Public Relations - Served as the spokesperson for The Ohio State University, as well as provide communications counsel and strategic issues management to a multitude of university administrators, including senior leaders; Knowledge of FERPA, Ohio Public Records, Clery Act, and Title IX; Supervised media and public relations office and utilized proactive story-telling skills as well as strategically manage crisis communications and issues; Handled public record requests from local and national media outlets; Collaborated with a cross section of university business units, colleges and partners while developing/maintaining positive working relationships with members of the news media; Supported the operations of the office, representing media and public relations at core meetings and engaging in confidential matters when appropriate.

Ohio State Highway Patrol, Columbus, OH (1992 - 2013)

Operations Commander (2012 – 2013) - Security director at the Ohio Expo Center/Ohio State Fair to include providing safety and security to patrons and at the Columbus Crew Stadium; Emergency management and crisis policy development following NIMS protocol; Manage all fiscal appropriations, including payroll/budgeting and purchasing for personnel and facility; responsible for human resource functions, i.e. performance evaluations, discipline, BWC processing, occupational injury leave, Fraternal Order of Police and OSCEA contract labor negotiations; Supervised uniformed and civilian personnel of 20-30.

EDUCATION

Crisis Leadership in Higher Education, certificate of completion (2017)

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Boston, MA

Master of Science (MS), Criminal Justice Administration (2012 - 2013)

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Bachelor of Science (BS), Public Safety Management (2007 - 2010)

Franklin University – Columbus, OH

Executive Management/Leadership Course Session #212 (2003)

F.B.I. National Academy – Quantico, VA

Associate of Arts (AAS), Visual Communications (1989)

Art Institute of Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh, PA

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), Columbus, Ohio (2019 – Present)

Adjunct Instructor

- Courses taught include Leadership, Community Policing Methods and Principles.

ITT Technical Institute, Columbus, Ohio (2010 - 2013)

Adjunct Instructor

- Courses taught include Learning Strategies, Criminology, Criminal Investigations, Cybercrime, & Principles of Policing.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy, Columbus, OH (1998 – 2013)

Instructor

- Courses taught include Communications, Media Relations, Crisis Communication
- Ohio Basic Police Officer’s Academy – Instructor

CERTIFICATIONS

FEMA Courses – ICS 200, 300, 400, 700, 800

Ohio Police Officer’s Training Academy (OPOTA) – Teaching Certificate

Media Relations / Communications – National Public Information Officer’s Association

Technical Crash Investigator (TCI) – Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy

NIMS – Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP)

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)

F.B.I. National Academy Associates (FBI/NAA)