

John Edwards

John B. Edwards has over 44 years of law enforcement experience that covers general law enforcement functions at the local and state level. John has worked uniformed patrol, undercover narcotics, and criminal investigations. His management experience consists of the supervision of narcotics units, drug task forces, general investigation units, major case supervision, and multi-jurisdictional task force creation and management. John started as a uniformed patrol officer, retired from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as a SAC, and then served four years as a chief deputy sheriff. In 2004 John served as co-chair of crisis management for GBI with FBI and Secret Service during the G-8 summit at Sea Island Georgia.

John has a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Southern University. A Master of Science degree in strategic leadership from the University of Charleston. He is an adjunct professor at the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College graduate school at Columbus State University. John is a certified Georgia P.O.S.T. instructor and a nationally certified instructor with the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

John serves on various state law enforcement oversight and advisory boards. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Law Enforcement Education and Trainers Association, The American Society of Evidence-Based Policing, and the Peace Officers Association of Georgia.

John is the author of four books and many national and international publications regarding criminal investigation, police operations, leadership, and management. He has received national awards and recognition from IACP and the BJA for operations and innovative programs and in 2014 was selected for the State of Georgia's Governor's Award in Public Safety for Outstanding Contribution to Profession.

John currently travels throughout the United States lecturing for many federal, state, and local agencies, colleges and universities, and law enforcement associations regarding police and public safety operations, leadership, and management, and seminars based on his books, "The Burden of Command" and "Homicide Investigative Praxis." John is also the author of the "Sunlight over the Marshes" a novel focusing on drug smuggling in coastal Georgia in the 1970's.