

Michael J. Brown, Sheriff

BEDFORD, VIRGINIA

BIO

Michael J. Brown is a native of Bedford County, Virginia, and has fifty two years (2018) of law enforcement experience on a local, national and international level.

Sheriff Brown is a retired Senior Special Agent, United States Treasury Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. He served in the US Army, Military Police Corps, from 1967 to 1970; as a Tactical Officer, Special Operations Division, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC; as a Staff Support Specialist with the Department of Defense; and prior to his election as Sheriff on January 1, 1996, he served as a criminal justice consultant/instructor with the United States Department of Justice, International Criminal Investigative & Training Assistance Program, in Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Sheriff Brown has directed, since 1998, a national task force dealing with the sexual exploitation of children over the Internet for the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He testified before Congress in 1999 on matters concerning Internet crimes against children (sexual exploitation of children and the problem of child pornography on the Internet), and again in 2001 concerning the COPS Program. He was a member of then Attorney General Kilgore's (VA) Task Force on Identity Theft in 2002, and was selected by then Attorney General Janet Reno, in 2000, to serve on the Crime Technology Initiative Forum, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the White House.

Sheriff Brown is a member of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, National Sheriffs' Association, where he currently serves as the Chair, Education and Awards Committee, and is a member of the Congressional Affairs and Technology Committee. He is also the Vice Chair, Board of Directors, National White Collar Crime Center, and former member of the Board of Advisors, Law Enforcement Innovation Center, University of Tennessee.

Sheriff Brown is a member of, and former Associate Secretary to Hong Kong, International Police Association, the Fraternal Order of Police and, the Association of the United States Army. He is a life member of AMVETS, The American Legion, and the National Rifle Association.

The Sheriff is a graduate of The American University, Washington, DC, with BS Degree in The Administration of Justice and Police Administration. Other advanced training includes the Department of Justice, Executive Development Program; the National Sheriff's Institute and numerous courses of instruction given by the FBI, ATF, US Army, CIA, DEA, and the IRS.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: His concern for community involvement has earned him Citizen of the Year, on two occasions, from the Bedford Chapter of the NAACP.

Additionally, Sheriff Brown was named Sheriff of the Year - 2017 by the National Sheriff's Association.