

Chuck Wexler

Chuck Wexler, appointed as the Executive Director of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in 1993, leads a staff engaged in police and criminal justice research, management studies and consulting, publication of research findings, technical assistance, demonstration projects, and executive development and selection. PERF is a membership organization of law enforcement chiefs from the larger police agencies in the country. It was founded more than a quarter century ago by a number of chiefs who saw a need for an organization dedicated to progressive thinking about difficult issues in policing.

During his tenure at PERF, Wexler has been directly involved in numerous technical assistance, research and consulting projects to improve the delivery of police services. Examples of major projects include his work coordinating the development and implementation of a comprehensive anti-crime strategy in Minneapolis that is now a model for public-private cooperation. He has been involved in policing projects in Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Northern Ireland, Kingston, Jamaica, London and the Middle East. In each of these projects his purpose is to more efficiently deliver policing services to the community. He oversaw PERF's analysis of the investigation into the Washington sniper incidents, serving as co-author of PERF's report, *Managing Multijurisdictional Cases: Lessons Learned from the Sniper Investigation*. He also co-authored *"Good to Great" Policing: Application of Business Management Principles in the Public Sector*. Most recently PERF released a report "The Gathering Storm - Violence in America" which has tracked the acceleration of violent crime in the United States.

Prior to joining PERF, he worked as an assistant to the nation's first Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy where he identified exemplary local initiatives and helped craft national policy.

A native of Boston, Wexler held a number of key positions in the Boston Police Department. As Operations Assistant to the Police Commissioner, he played a central role in the agency's management of racial violence in the wake of court-ordered desegregation of the Boston School System. He was also instrumental in the development and management of the Community Disorders Unit, which earned a national reputation for successfully prosecuting and preventing racially motivated crime.

Wexler graduated from Boston University with a liberal arts degree. He earned a masters degree in criminology from Florida State University and a Ph.D. in urban studies and planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He has been an instructor at Bowdoin College and MIT.

In February 2006 he was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) for his extensive work with British and American police agencies.