

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

John Ortolano

John Ortolano is currently employed as a Captain with the Arizona Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol Division. He is currently assigned as the Highway Patrol's District Four Commander for the southwestern part of the state which has over 560 miles of interstate and state highways to patrol. John has been in law enforcement for 16 years and has a thorough knowledge of highway criminal interdiction, traffic collision investigation, traffic enforcement, and is very active in employ matters. His duty assignments have caused him to work in both the congested metropolitan Phoenix urban areas as well as very remote areas of the state. John currently serves on numerous committees at the agency and meets with agency executive management regularly.

John serves on the Fraternal Order of Police's national board as the Arizona National Trustee as well as serving as the Arizona State Lodge President. John has testified before the state legislature numerous times on various law enforcement matters.

John also currently serves on the National Institute of Justice's "Special Technical Committee" for ballistic resistant soft body armor. That committee is currently tasked with developing, researching and writing the next standards for soft body armor which will be worn by both police and military personnel.

John is currently taking his last class in his Master's program in criminal justice. John has an Associate's degree in Electronics and a Bachelor's degree in Power Plant Engineering. John is a veteran of the New York Army National Guard where he served as a Combat Medic. After serving in the National Guard John served on active duty in the US Navy for six years as a nuclear reactor operator. John is an Operation Desert Storm combat veteran and life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.