

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

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Jonathan F. Thompson is the Executive Director and CEO of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Previously, Thompson was Principal of Refero Communications, Inc. Prior to creating his private consulting business, he was Director of External Affairs for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Department of Homeland Security; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Strategy and Operations, US Department of Defense; and Senior Advisor for the Coalition Provisional Authority and Defense Reconstruction Support Office.

Prior to his government service, Thompson served as Vice President, Marketing, Communications and Events for the Software and Information Industry Association, and Vice President, Consumer Electronics Association for strategic relationships, communications and the Consumer Electronics Shows.

Mr. Thompson has worked with many law enforcement organizations, domestically and internationally. Through his service with the Pentagon, Homeland Security and FEMA, Thompson has gained first-hand knowledge of rural, urban, suburban and state law enforcement agencies across 30 states. Through his efforts with hurricane relief at FEMA, he worked closely with many sheriffs in nearly every state from Texas to Maine. "I understand their hierarchy, needs and challenges in the recovery and security aftermath of a major disaster." In a similar manner, Thompson worked with local law enforcement and sheriffs following damaging tornadoes in several Midwestern states. Recently, Thompson assisted a large aerospace client to deal with wide-spread destruction caused by a major wildfire, and the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Working closely with the local sheriff's office, Thompson helped put together a comprehensive community support and preparedness project. His work also included working on several national defense and intelligence programs for another major aerospace and defense services company.

He has extensive senior-level management experience with national associations. His management career has spanned the private sector and the federal government. Thompson has managed geographically dispersed teams as large as 100 full-time and 150 part-time staffs, and budgets as large as \$35 million.