

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

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Richard Van Houten is the President of the Fort Worth Police Officers' Association, first being elected to the position in January 2008. The Fort Worth Police Officers' Association is the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all sworn officers of the Fort Worth Police Department with an authorized strength of over 1500 officers protecting a community of almost 800,000 residents. He is a Sergeant with the Fort Worth Police department and has 23 years in law enforcement. He was a member of the National Institute of Justice and Harvard Kennedy School of Government Executive Session on Policing and Public Safety (2008-2014). He served on the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT) Board of Directors and currently serves on the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) Board of Directors.