

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Yousry (Yost) Zakhary

Chief Zakhary started his law enforcement career with the City of Woodway. He started out as a dispatcher in 1979 and worked his way up the ranks as a police officer, supervisor, and investigator. He was appointed Chief in 1985. In 2001, he was appointed City Manager/Public Safety Director.

Chief Zakhary holds a B.A. in Management and a M.A. in Public Policy and Public Administration from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He is a graduate of the 160th Session F.B.I National Academy.

During his tenure at Woodway, Chief Zakhary worked diligently on improving all employee pay, retention and benefits, and improving technology utilization within the department and communications county-wide. In February 2009, Woodway became the 14th department in the State of Texas to receive the certification of recognition for completion of the Texas Police Chiefs Association Prestigious Best Practices Recognition Program.

Chief Zakhary is an active participant in many law enforcement related positions and offices. In October of 2009 he was elected to serve as 4th Vice President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and has served on numerous IACP committees. In October of 2013, he was sworn in as President of the IACP. While representing IACP, Chief Zakhary has had the privilege of traveling to several countries and meeting with top key officials from each of those countries.

Chief Zakhary is an Adjunct Professor at Baylor University and McLennan Community College. He serves as chair for the M.C.C. Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Board and the county-wide E.M.S. Committee which serves the entire county.

Chief Zakhary has served as the Board President of the McLennan County E-9-1-1 Board of Managers since its inception in 1986.

Chief Zakhary is married to Julie and they have twin daughters, Lauren and Emily, age 20.