

## Lifetime Achievement *Michael Cerretto*



On October 1, 2018, Director Michael J. Cerretto Started in his current position as Director of Emergency Communication - 911 for the City of Rochester, where he oversees the 911 Center that handles all emergency calls for the County of Monroe, NY, which includes the City of Rochester. The center handles over 1 million calls for service for 68 Police, Fire and EMS agencies.

Before that, Lt. Colonel Michael Cerretto oversaw all audits for the New York State Police's Professional Standards Bureau at the Division's Headquarters.

From 2015 to July 2018 Lt. Colonel Cerretto served as the Director of the NYS Office of Counter Terrorism, after he was appointed to the position by Governor Cuomo in December 2015. As Director, Lt. Colonel Cerretto led all units within OCT, and worked closely with the NYS Intelligence Center, the State Police, the New York City Police Department, the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Forces, local and federal partners, and the private sector to strengthen counter terrorism efforts across the State. During his time there, Lt. Colonel Cerretto implemented one of the most robust Red Teams programs in the nation, which in 2017 alone conducted exercises at more than 900 locations across all 62 counties in New York State. He also developed a new Cyber Incident Response Team at the governor's request, and built a strong critical infrastructure fieldwork program, which worked with the public and private sectors to conduct security assessments at critical facilities across the State. Lt. Colonel Cerretto chaired the State's Executive Committee on Counter Terrorism (ECCT) and sat on the Homeland Security Senior Advisory Committee (HSSAC). In September of 2017, in response to Hurricanes Irene and Maria, Lt. Colonel Cerretto led more than 25 Troopers on the first-ever NY State Police mission to an area outside the continental United States, to support hurricane relief efforts in the Virgin Islands.

From 2013 to 2015, Lt. Colonel Cerretto was Commander of Troop A in Batavia, NY where he oversaw more than 400 police members and civilians across eight counties. During his time there, Lt. Colonel Cerretto led the investigation of the Western NY manhunt effort to find two escaped inmates from Dannemora prison.

Prior to that, he served as the Troop E Zone 1 Commander for 12 years, where he supervised more than 70 employees in three counties, including Greater Rochester. From 2003-2005, Lt. Colonel Cerretto served as a Captain for Internal Affairs in Western New York, and from 1996-2002 he was a Lieutenant in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation for Troop E. Lt. Colonel Cerretto has also been an Investigator, Sergeant/Station Commander, and Uniformed Trooper with the State Police. Director Michael J. Cerretto was a member of the New York State Police for more than 31 years, and is a Navy veteran.

