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Government Affairs & Business Consultant

Chuck Drago brings extensive public sector experience in public policy, government affairs, business regulation, and law enforcement to ILG after over 30 years in state and local government. During his time in state government, Chuck served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Charlie Crist as well as the Deputy Secretary and Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

As the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff, he oversaw eight statewide agencies including the following departments: Law Enforcement, Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Management Services, Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Lottery, Business and Professional Regulation and the Parole Commission. As a senior advisor to the Governor on law enforcement and business regulation issues, Chuck was intimately involved in assisting the Governor in budget and legislative policies. When Governor Crist promoted him to the Executive Office of the Governor, he stated, "Chuck's work managing the state agency that licenses over one million professionals working in a wide variety of businesses has been a tremendous service to the people of Florida."

Chuck came to the Executive Office of the Governor after serving as the Deputy Secretary and Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. As such, Chuck managed a statewide agency that licensed and regulated over one million Floridians and collected more than 1.2 billion dollars in fees and taxes. DBPR is the primary business regulatory agency in the State of Florida and oversees 20 different professions. In addition, the agency licenses and regulates all businesses associated with alcoholic beverages, tobacco, pari-mutuel wagering, hotels, restaurants, condominiums, and timeshares. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the daily activities of 2,000 employees, including 200 law enforcement officers and represents the agency before the Governor, cabinet members, and state legislative committees, boards of directors, community groups, and industry and lobbyist groups.

Chuck Drago is also a former police chief and assistant police chief with over 30 years of progressive law enforcement experience. He served in the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department for 29 years where he retired in the position of Assistant Chief of Police. During his tenure with this city, Chuck received the highest departmental awards and successfully lead some of the city's highest profile cases. After retirement, he was immediately appointed as the Chief of Police for the City of Oviedo, where he instilled a new philosophy of policing and restructured the agency for a more efficient delivery of service. As senior law enforcement executive, he has, in the course of his duties, reviewed and /or investigated over 300 allegations of police misconduct, including violations of police policies and procedures, police vehicle pursuits, K-9 apprehensions, use of force, officer involved shootings, and police vehicle crashes.

AS A POLICE INSTRUCTOR

As a police instructor, Chuck has been recognized for his ability to train law enforcement officers and public sector alike in many police and security topics:

- Florida Department of Law Enforcement certified police instructor (Former)
- Sole narcotics instructor at the Broward County Police and Corrections Academy
- Trained thousands of officers in narcotics investigations, stalking, domestic violence, police management, search warrant execution and workplace violence
- Trained private industry in preventing workplace violence
- Designed and presented first stalking training in the State of Florida

Chuck Drago has proven to be a problem solver with the ability to enter an organization and quickly identify issues as well as the solutions.

- Led three law enforcement agencies through the accreditation process
- Successfully negotiated labor agreements with four different bargaining units
- Proven experience in establishing and utilizing the comp stat management accountability process
- Authored numerous policies and procedures
- Founded and developed field training officers program
- Established anti-stalking /domestic violence programs
- Established and redesigned entire narcotics division
- Managed and introduced community policing in police departments
- Large crime reductions in major police department
- Reduced crime in Central Florida city to lowest recorded levels
- Established departmental promotional process
- Co-authored county-wide model policies on taser use and vehicle pursuits

In addition to his duties with ILG, Chuck Drago is also the President of Drago Professional Consultants where he provides police practices consulting and litigation support to attorneys, government and businesses.

MAJOR AWARDS

- Fort Lauderdale Police Department Officer of the Year (1989)
- State of Florida Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year Nominee 1989)
- 40 Departmental and Public Commendations

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Reserve Law Enforcement Officer, FDLE/Capitol Police
- Florida Police Chiefs Association
- Leadership Seminole Class 10
- Excel Recruiting Inc. Advisory Board
- Fraternal Order of Police, Member, Past Board Member
- Ft. Lauderdale Retirees Association
- Broward County Police Chiefs Association (Past Member)

- Seminole County Police Chiefs Association (Past Member)
- Kids House of Seminole County, Inc. (Past Board Member)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Central Florida Boys Town (Past Member of Board of Trustees)
- Board of Directors, Helpful Hands Inc. of Seminole County
- Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
- Women in Distress (Past Board Member)
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- Oviedo Historical Society

PUBLISHED AUTHOR

- Save Community Policing, Orlando Sentinel (5/25/11)
- State Cracks Down on Unlicensed Activity, Orlando Sentinel 3/18/09)
- The Threat Abatement Group, Police and Security News (11/1995)

SUBJECT OF ARTICLES AND BOOKS

- Crime Beat by Michael Connelly (Nick Scarfo Case)
- Chief Communicator, Community Policing, Seminole Chronicle (4/04)
- Cops Where You Shop, Community Policing, Seminole Chronicle (2005)
- New Oviedo Police Chief, Orlando Sentinel (3/14/04)
- Little Nicky's Big Gamble, Sun Sentinel Sunshine Magazine (8/19/90) (Arrest of Nick Scarfo, Philadelphia mob boss)
- New Police Unit to Stop Domestic Violence Early, Sun Sentinel ("Tag Team" for stalking)
- Lauderdale Cops to Follow Stalkers in Effort to Block Domestic Violence, Miami Herald (7/15/95) ("Tag Team" for stalking)
- DBPR is Cutting Its Own Red Tape, Tallahassee Democrat (12/22/08) ("Accelerate Florida" Program)
- COPS Center Opens in Oviedo Marketplace, Oviedo Voice
- The Mind of a Stalker, Miami Herald (7/4/93)
- Police Aim to Cut Drug Sales Near Schools, Sun Sentinel (Project CRADLE)
- Stalking, Terrorism comes home, Boca Raton Magazine (3/9/94)

Mr. Drago acts as a government affairs and business consultant. He is NOT an attorney.