

Bio – Gerald “Jay” English

Jay has over 23 years of Public Safety, Telecommunications and Management experience. He served with the United States Air Force in airborne Electronic Warfare and Electronic Intelligence. Prior to his Air Force service Jay served with the United States Marine Corps Reserve while attending college on a Military scholarship. Jay transitioned to a career in public safety and public safety technology after his tour with the Air Force.

PUBLIC SAFETY / TECHNOLOGY Jay has worked in a variety of assignments in Public Safety, including Police, Fire, EMS and Public Safety Command Staff positions. He has managed numerous organizations and been responsible for operational management, budgets, training, and professional development for several different Public Safety divisions. His experience includes Patrol, Investigations, and Command of two consolidated Police/Fire/EMS 911 Communications centers, a consolidated County wide Fire-EMS communications center, Law Enforcement patrol divisions, and a County Detention facility. Jay also served for over 9 years as a certified Firefighter and EMT for several jurisdictions in both volunteer and paid Reserve roles. He is currently employed as the Director of Communications Center and 9-1-1 Services for the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO). He is also a member of the Emergency Response Team for the Seminole County (FL) Dept. of Public Safety under the Office of Emergency Management. Jay possesses both an engineering and operational knowledge of public safety networks, systems and operations.

In addition to his Public Safety experience, Jay continues his service to the United States and currently holds the rank of Lt Col with the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. He currently serves as the Inspector General for the Florida Wing. In this capacity he is responsible for Investigations and Inspections for over 4,700 personnel as well as millions of dollars in aircraft, vehicles, and fixed assets. Immediately prior to this posting, Jay served as the Group IV Commander for the Colorado Wing based at Peterson Air Force base, in Colorado Springs, CO. In addition, Jay served as the Director of Logistics for Colorado, where he was responsible for the allocation, movement, tracking, and management of transportation, communications, aviation, and personal supply gear for Wing Wide operations in support of Homeland Security, Search and Rescue, and Disaster Response and Relief operations. Previous assignments have included tours as a State Director of Homeland Security, Assistant Inspector General, Director of Operations and Safety Officer. Jay is a rated Pilot and Airborne Electronic Reconnaissance (ARCHER) specialist. He is a graduate of the National Inspector General College and recipient of the Charles E. Yeager Aerospace Achievement award, two Commander’s Commendations, and the Exceptional Service Medal.

EDUCATION: Jay holds a Masters Degree in Technology Management, a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications Engineering, a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies and an Associate of Applied Science in Electronic Intelligence Collection.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the International Engineering Consortium (IEC), the Project Management Institute (PMI), the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the Airborne Law Enforcement Association and the American Legion.