

CAT. F – LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
CRIME PREVENTION PRACTITIONER ERNIE LONG, AVENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ernie Long began his crime prevention career in 1983 while serving as a police officer in New Jersey. After retiring from the State of New Jersey Ernie moved to Florida where in 1996 he worked in Loss Prevention and Inventory Control for CARMAX. Two short years later and Ernie returns to public service with the City of Aventura where he became their Crime Prevention Coordinator.

In 2002, Ernie became the president of the Florida Crime Prevention Association. When he was sworn in as president, his predecessor advised him that the association had less than \$100 in the bank and was essentially bankrupt. Ernie's passion for crime prevention would not allow him to accept this so he began rebuilding the association with the assistance of his new board of directors. For many years Ernie would lend the association as much as \$5000 just so the association could make it through to the next conference. Slowly, under his leadership the association grew and once again was able to stand on its own. He instilled professionalism in the board and association and established ties with the National Crime Prevention Council. Ernie served as president until 2006, but even after his term, he remained a frequent instructor at the state conferences and even now attends as a vendor representing the Florida Design Out Crime Association (FLDOCA) where he serves as the treasurer.

Ernie has taught crime prevention throughout Florida to both private and public organizations as well as at two National Crime Prevention Council conferences in Washington D.C. He is a certified instructor in a Workplace Violence Prevention, Fire Safety Instructor, and a National Incident Command System Instructor.

In January 2002 Ernie received the Dade County Law Enforcement Officers Charitable Foundation Award for Crime Prevention and was nominated for a LEO award in 2003 and 2004.

He currently serves as a member of the National Crime Prevention Coalition and is a trainer for the National Crime Prevention Council.

It is my pleasure to present Crime Prevention Practitioner Ernie Long with the Florida Crime Prevention Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.