
Edward Michel, CIIG

Profile

Results-driven Interim Inspector General offering more than 30 years of local and federal law enforcement expertise in the mitigation of fraud, waste, abuse, public corruption and civil rights violations. Accomplished Communications Program Manager versed in the successful utilization of social media to educate and protect the public from current and emerging threats.

Former FBI Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force Coordinator, Inspector-In-Place and Media Spokesperson with a proven record of accomplishment in leading United States Intelligence Special Agent's in the successful disruption and dismantlement of Transnational Organized Criminal and Terrorist Organizations.

Proven success in rehabilitating organizations under duress from poor leadership and restoring critical stakeholder collaboration resulting in improved office-wide transparency, mission critical success and inter-agency collaboration.

Areas of Expertise

- Developmental leader
- Outstanding communication skills
- Mitigation of fraud, waste, and abuse
- Mitigation of public corruption
- Senior-level media spokesperson
- Budget origination / implementation
- Social media coordination
- Project planning / policy origination
- Tulane Professor / Risk Management and Threat Assessment
- Community collaboration with diverse populations
- Diversity and training program manager

Experience

INTERIM INSPECTOR GENERAL | 11/2020 - Current

City of New Orleans - New Orleans, LA

- Restored OIG operational and administrative critical mission success during a chaotic transition.
- Repaired strained stakeholder relationships while retaining effective employees.
- Regained trust and confidence of U.S. Federal Law Enforcement Agencies which facilitated federal indictments of government officials who were utilizing their public office for personal gain.
- Developed and implemented an operational budget ensuring limited resources were utilized in an efficient manner fostering transparency with the Ethics Review Board.
- Assessed, developed and implemented cyber intrusion testing procedures with the Department of Homeland Security. Applied necessary measures ensuring secure OIG bulk data acquisition, storage and transmission.
- Developed and implemented a communications plan to inform the Ethics Review Board, City Council and the public concerning the initiatives of the OIG.
- Implemented and coordinated a collaborative effort between OIG Audit, Evaluations, Investigations and Administrative Divisions which improved productivity and transparency.
- Restored confidence with the Quality Assurance Review Committee regarding the future operational tempo of the New Orleans Office of Inspector General.
- Established the New Orleans Office of Inspector General Citizens Academy enabling for significant engagement and collaboration with business, civic and religious leaders.

FIRST ASSISTANT OF INVESTIGATIONS & IT PM | 11/2019 - 11/2020

Office of Inspector General - New Orleans, LA

- Formulated and implemented a plan to investigate and mitigate allegations of misconduct by New Orleans Police Department executive personnel.
- Incorporated the use of social media to educate the public about fraud, waste, abuse and public corruption.
- Provided leadership, guidance and direction concerning investigative strategies to combat fraud, waste, abuse and public corruption.
- Assessed strengths and weaknesses of IT protocols and implemented strategies to ensure the successful accumulation, transmission and storage of sensitive bulk data.

ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | 07/2012 - 11/2019

Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI - Houston, TX

- Mitigated significant threats to the Homeland as the FBI executive leader of the financial institutional fraud, criminal, counterterrorism and counterintelligence programs.
- Formulated, approved and implemented tactics and strategies concerning criminal and administrative operations of the FBI Houston Field Office, to include Corpus Christi, Bryan College, Texas City and Beaumont satellite offices.
- FBI Inspector-In-Place ensuring compliance with financial management protocols. Led investigations of employee misconduct to include Equal Employment Opportunity Act and Office of Professional Responsibility violations.
- Directed FBI Houston Community Outreach and Media Programs to build a broad based coalition in a diverse cultural environment.
- Recommended and established program and personnel resource allocations, in accordance with DOJ Threat Review Prioritization principles.
- Conducted threat assessments concerning Critical Infrastructure integrity to include port and border vulnerabilities.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | 12/2010 - 07/2012

FBI Headquarters - Washington, DC

- Standardized and implemented improved metrics data to enable the FBI Assistant Director to communicate the successes of a 2000 member entity with a significant operating budget to the U.S. Congress, House Oversight Committee and the General Accounting Office.
- Significantly improved operational coordination of FBI Intelligence Analysts and Information Technology personnel resulting in enhanced electronic tracking and mitigation of terrorists.
- Developed scorecard proficiencies to determine correlation between expenditure of resources and successful disruptions of risks.
- Coordinated joint duty operations between multiple agencies of the United States Intelligence Community and International Law Enforcement Agencies to identify and mitigate threats to the Homeland and abroad.
- Prepared and submitted annual budgets for review by the U.S. Congress and Government Accountability Office.

SENIOR SUPERVISORY RESIDENT AGENT IN CHARGE | 10/2007 - 12/2010

FBI - Baton Rouge, LA

- Repaired strained relationship with the United States Attorney which resulted in expedited grand jury indictments and prosecutions.
- Identified risks through sophisticated investigative techniques which mitigated systemic public corruption resulting in the convictions of police officers and senior city prosecutors who were using their public office for personal gain.
- Established FBI Baton Rouge as the primary law enforcement leader in the area and was awarded the Integrity Award for my relentless pursuit of fraud, waste and abuse by the Office of Inspector General, H.H.S.
- Created and led the Baton Rouge Public Corruption Task Force which mitigated systemic corruption within the Baton Rouge Capitol.
- Directed organized and violent crime investigations, to include kidnappings, bank robbery, major theft, fugitive, and child abduction matters.
- Led the FBI Baton Rouge Resident Agency to include Special Agents, Task Force Officers and Intelligence Analysts in the mitigation of public corruption and health care fraud.
- Established the Financial Institution Fraud Task Force and Health Care Strike Force ensuring mitigation of insider threats.

SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT | 11/2005 - 10/2007

FBI - Washington, DC

- Developed a minimal internal control system to protect the integrity of Indian Gaming, a \$26 billion dollar a year industry which exceeded the combined revenues of Atlantic City and Las Vegas casinos.
- Developed, and implemented a national training agenda for 430 Indian Casinos to mitigate the most prevalent threats facing Indian Gaming to include public corruption, fraud, and forensic analysis as well as organized crime.
- Recruited and led several United States Intelligence Community members by combining the resources of more than 20 agencies to safeguard Indian Nation Resources. Successfully implemented Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requirements established by the U.S. Congress.
- Mitigated Crimes on the High Seas by securing U.S. interest in collaboration with U.S. allies abroad.
- Developed and implemented an operational regulatory unit to conduct audits to comply with U.S. Congressional requirements of the Child Protection and Obscenity Act to prevent the exploitation of children.

SPECIAL AGENT | 12/1996 - 11/2005

FBI - Mobile, AL

- Developed and led a coalition of multiple federal and local law enforcement agencies in the mitigation of threats posed by corrupt public officials and narcotic traffickers.
- Primary case agent on complex public corruption undercover investigations, which successfully mitigated corrupt law enforcement officers.
- Conducted investigations resulting in successful prosecutions of federal criminal violations to include financial institution fraud, public corruption and civil rights.
- Served as the FBI Mobile Media Spokesperson and Evidence Response Team Leader ensuring sensitive information was processed and shared with the public to locate suspects under indictment.
- Primary case agent targeting police officers and D.E.A. Task Force Officers who illegally seized and redistributed narcotics.
- Initiated the empanelment of a Special Federal Grand Jury which indicted seven police officers and a D.E.A. Task Force Officer who were convicted under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

POLICE OFFICER | 05/1992 - 12/1996

New Orleans Police Department - New Orleans, LA

- Assigned to Superintendent of Police as a New Orleans Police Spokesperson.
- Apprehended suspects, prepared case reports and testified in courtroom hearings.
- Mitigated domestic-related disturbances and protected victims from harm.
- Field Training Officer responsible for creating and implementing developmental plans for police recruits in the areas of automobile accident investigations, criminal investigations and crime scene management.
- Developed initiatives focusing on Crime Prevention and Community Outreach programs.

Education

Tulane University - New Orleans, LA | Master of Arts

Masters of Professional Studies , 12/2017

Tulane University - New Orleans, LA | Bachelor of Arts

Paralegal Studies, 05/1992

Published Articles

Diversity of Computer Systems to Mitigate Risks

Warning Policymakers of Military Surprise Attacks

Denial and Deception Practices Utilized by Foreign Intelligence Agencies : Impact on US Policymakers

Analytic Pitfalls in the Special Intelligence Estimate on Soviet Military Assistance to Cuba

United States Intelligence Community Evolution and the Creation of the All-Source Analysis