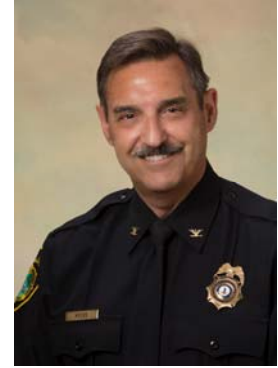


## Bio for Chief Richard “Rick” Myers

Richard W. “Rick” Myers is the Executive Director of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), an organization representing the chiefs of police of the largest cities in the U.S. and Canada. Myers retired as a police chief on Sept. 1, 2017 after serving 40 years in policing, and began with MCCA soon after.



Immediately prior to his appointment with MCCA, he served as Chief of Police for the City of Newport News, Virginia from Jan. 2014- Sept 1, 2017, leading a total staff of almost 600, including 440 sworn officers.

Newport News is Virginia’s fifth largest city, and Chief Myers’ focus was on strengthening the agency’s relationship with its community and engaging citizens in helping to solve and prevent crimes. During his tenure with Newport News, Myers developed strong ties with the diverse community, helping the agency avoid adverse reactions to several officer-involved-shootings and increased citizen cooperation in addressing violent crime.

He began his career in policing in 1977 in the Detroit suburbs and has served as a patrol officer, public safety officer, and Medical Examiner Investigator. He was first appointed as a police chief in 1984, and has led agencies in Plymouth, Michigan; Lisle, Illinois; Appleton, Wisconsin, and from 2007-2011 was the chief of the Colorado Springs, CO Police with an agency of almost 1000 personnel.

During his term as Chief in Colorado Springs, he worked to establish the Police Foundation of Colorado Springs, which has gone on to providing continued support to the agency. He oversaw the tragic Active Shooter incident at New Life Church, and continued to develop the agency’s resources in major event management, which was later tested during the consecutive years of wildfires that occurred after his tenure. Myers led the Colorado Springs PD through a major fiscal crisis when more than \$6 million in budget cuts challenged the agency’s ability to police this major city.

Following his term in Colorado Springs, Chief Myers assisted two cities as Interim Police Chief, including the City of Sanford, Florida, where he was called to provide leadership in the aftermath of the Trayvon Martin homicide. In 11 months at Sanford, Myers worked to improve the relationship between the Department and the Community and assisted in their recruitment of a permanent police chief. In 2014, the Department of Justice included Myers among teams that traveled to Ferguson, MO to assist that region.

In 2009, Chief Myers was appointed to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the international credentialing organization for police departments, communication centers, training academies and campus security agencies. In Jan 2015 Myers was elected President/Chair of the Commission, leading the 21-member board in overseeing the entire CALEA accreditation process. His third and final term with CALEA ends on Dec 31, 2017.

Myers is a Past President of the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, Past President of the Society of Police Futurists International, and has been a Board Member on the Police Executive

Research Forum, the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, and the National Homeland Defense Foundation. He currently serves on the Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula.

Chief Myers received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Michigan State University and has been admitted to the MSU Criminal Justice Alumni Wall of Fame. He is a graduate of all three of the FBI's leadership programs: The FBI National Academy-156<sup>th</sup> Session; the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar-26<sup>th</sup> Session; the FBI National Executive Institute-31<sup>st</sup> Session.

Chief Myers is a published co-author of criminal justice related books, and has been a presenter/instructor at regional and national conferences. Through his LLC, he has provided consultation in several communities. He is married and has three daughters and two grandchildren.

### **Description of Topics Presented by Chief (Retired) Richard Myers at Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police**

- I. Preparing for the Aftermath: Leadership Lessons learned from Sanford and beyond  
In this segment, Chief Myers will share lessons learned from his experience as the Interim Chief in Sanford Florida following the Trayvon Martin incident, as well as his analysis in the aftermath of other volatile scenarios such as Ferguson, MO, Baltimore, MD, Cleveland, OH, etc.
  
- II. Why leaders need to consider the FUTURE:  
In this segment, Chief Myers will share why it is important for police leadership to be thinking about the future, so that decisions made today can contribute to the most desired outcomes in the future. He will share trends and forecasts on future issues of concern to police leaders.
  
- III. Accreditation as an effective management tool for leaders:  
In this segment, Chief Myers will share how effective leaders can leverage organizational change and ensure solid policy development and management structure through the use of accreditation.