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**Biography**

Johnny Williams is the former Executive Associate Commissioner of Field Operations for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and later the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) during the INS merger.

Williams has more than 30 years of experience in the planning and execution of law enforcement operations such as investigations, detention and removals, intelligence, national security unit and border operations. Among Mr. Williams many assignments, he was the Border Patrol's sector chief at both El Centro California and San Diego California and later The Regional Director for all of INS's operations for the 7 western states.

Additionally, Mr. Williams conducted several joint operations with foreign countries. He implemented Operation Gatekeeper during his tenure, which has been lauded as the "most innovative border operation to date." Williams' innovative strategies also include Operation Tarmac, which leveraged information technology to investigate and minimize post 9/11 threats at our Nation's airports. Mr. Williams also conducted a comprehensive study on the Border Checkpoints and their usage.

During his time at INS and later at DHS, Williams was responsible for all aspects of the agency's field operations, including managing a workforce of 30,000 based worldwide. In this role, Williams implemented a state of the art intelligence gathering and analysis system, an innovative detention and removal system and institutionalized the National Security Unit within the INS to carry out specialized investigations into terrorist linked activities. He also initiated steps to decrease the backlog of citizenship applicants while making the screening process more rigorous and effective.

Mr. Williams received the Presidential rank Award in 2003 for his work with DHS.

Johnny was the Group Vice President for Homeland Security including Justice, Healthcare and the FBI for HPTi, a high end Technology delivery company based in Reston Virginia. As Group VP, Mr. Williams was responsible for operations for half the company's resources. In his five year tenure he led the company to more than 90 million dollars in revenue wins for the company.

MR. Williams has served on policy panels for the Brookings Institute, Keenan Institute and MPI, publishing critical immigration policy documents for consideration by the current administration. He has served on the Board of Directors for small IT company and in an advisory capacity for others.

**Topics Mr. Williams can discuss, among others, include:**

**Topic A:** How technology can aid law enforcement in war on terror and other strategic programs.

**Topic B:** America's interaction with other countries in law enforcement and fighting terrorism

**Topic C:** Border control and drug interdiction's impact on national security

**Topic D:** Outcome-based enforcement Operations

And of course win themes – procurement strategies, etc

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