

## ***HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE***

### **JOSEPH F. KING, PhD. '64**



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Joseph F. King, from St. Vincent Ferrer, Flatbush entered Power Memorial Academy in September, 1960. After graduation in 1964, Joe attended St. Francis College, where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in History in 1968. After college, Joe began his 33 years of service with the U.S. Customs Service/Homeland Security, starting as an Investigator, then Special Agent, then Supervisory Special Agent. In 1995, he was assigned as the Supervisory Special Agent in Charge of the Terrorist and Middle East Division, US Customs in New York and starting in 2001, he spent two years as Chief, National Security Section, for the Department of Homeland Security in New York.

He has extensive criminal investigative, undercover, and court testimonial experience in the European Union and the Middle East. He served in a variety of command and managerial positions, including Group Supervisor, Regional Program Manager and Assistant Special Agent in Charge, in areas dealing with National Security, International Terrorism, Money Laundering, Black Market Armaments and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Weapons. Over the years, Joe has served on numerous special assignments, including Special Investigator for the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the White House Task Force on the Iran-Contra Matters.

While working for the Customs Service, Joe received a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College in 1975, a Master's Degree in Philosophy from the City University of New York in 1990 and a PhD in Criminal Justice from the City University of New York in 1999. His doctoral dissertation was on the history, development and centralization of the police in the United Kingdom and the United States. He joined the faculty of John Jay College in September, 2003 and is currently on staff as a Professor for Terrorism and Organized Crime.

He has had published two books, "The Development of Modern Police History in the United Kingdom and the United States", which was awarded the 2006 Adele Mellen Foundation Prize for "distinguished contribution to scholarship" and "Counter-Terrorism in Comparative International Context" and he has been the recipient of many awards from organizations such as the International Association of Police Chiefs and the New York City Police Department, as well as the U.S. Customs Service.

Joe and his wife, Joyce King, a retired U.S. Postal Inspector, split their time between homes in Brooklyn and Quogue, N.Y. As you can imagine, Joe has many memories of his time with the Customs Service, but he recalls with great fondness his assignments throughout Europe and especially Ireland, where while stationed at the Dublin Embassy, he was able to trace his family history, finding cousins and becoming an Irish Citizen.