

Biography of David R. Ramos



David R. Ramos, Sr. is currently the Deputy Director for the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, (OEMC) in the City of Chicago overseeing the planning, training and exercise department. OEMC provides Chicago residents with 911 police, fire, and emergency medical services and coordinates major emergencies, special events, communication system, and provides technology among other forms of support to assist the 44 City department's with services to protect the lives and property for all residents in the City of Chicago.

In 2008, David was appointed as the Executive Director for Cook County's Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (CCDHSEM). He held this position for over three years and was the first Hispanic ever to hold this high position in Cook County Government. CCDHSEM is responsible for the coordination and collaboration of all emergencies; man made or natural disasters with all County departmental services and agencies, incorporating all first responders for the County's 134 municipalities, 30 townships and unincorporated areas, a region with more than five million residents in the second largest county in the nation.

In October 1998, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White appointed David to serve as the Intelligence Liaison Investigator for the Secretary of State - Security Fraud Division where he was responsible for working with local law enforcement with identifying individuals who used the Pyramid Schemes against senior citizens. David worked with all agencies in Cook County, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI) and the United States Attorney General office in this endeavor to bring charges against those who committed this act.

In July 1994, David was accepted as a cadet in the Chicago Police Department. As a young cadet, his first assignment was at the East Chicago Ave. 18th District in Cabrini Green, in what at the time was one of the city's most dangerous neighborhoods. His assignments included; the Gang team, Tactical team, the Area 3 Gang team, the Saturation team, and an Administrative Aide to the Assistant Deputy Superintendent. Prior to being appointed Director of Homeland Security, David was assigned as an Investigator for the City of Chicago's Corporation Counsel Office – Public Integrity and Investigation Division. David had led the charge with capturing the city's notorious slumlord, which was later responsible for paying the City of Chicago \$1.5 million.

In 1990, David went to work as a supervisor for the Cook County Recorder of Deeds office. He was subsequently promoted to oversee five departments and over 60 employees in operations that ranged from Title Express, Cashier Services, UCC, Index, and the Mailroom. Together, these operations handled thousands of documents each year and generated millions of dollars in revenue for Cook County. He was the youngest person ever to hold this position and the first Hispanic.

David is a decorated 25 year Chicago Police Officer, prior to leaving the department he most recently received a Distinguished Service Award for capturing a wanted person who kidnapped and car jacked a women and her two children from Wheeling, Illinois. He is also a recipient of a Life Saving Award, Special Service Award for the 2012 NATO Summit, he has over 40 honorable mentions, 20 citizen letters of recognition, 2 Chicago Police Commendations, a CAPS award, a City of Chicago – City Council Resolution, 3 Cook County Resolutions, 8 resolutions from various towns and villages, a Cook County Crime Stoppers Award and an award from the United States Secret Service, along with many other distinguished Leadership & Community Service Awards.

David previously served as an Adjunct Professor for the City Colleges of Chicago; he has served on many boards and committees. Presently, he is the president of one of the Chicago Park District's at Smith Park, President of one of the Chicago Public School's at Ogden International School of Chicago; he is also the secretary for the Chicago Public School's Local School Council Advisory Board and a board member of the Polish Triangle Coalition. He is the former President of the Chicago Grand Neighbors Association in the West Town Community. David holds two Master's degrees from Calumet College of St. Joseph; he is married and has three wonderful sons.