



**ADELANTE AWARD**  
**COMMISSIONER DAVID E. CHONG**  
**Public Safety Commissioner for the City of White Plains**

Beginning January 2010 David E. Chong became the Public Safety Commissioner for the City of White Plains, New York. He is in charge of the overall operations of the largest Department in the City of White Plains, with an annual budget of approximately 65 million dollars. Reporting to him are the City Police, Fire, EMS and 911 services.

Previously he was the Police Commissioner for the City of Mount Vernon, NY. His daily activities included the overall control and operation of the eighth largest municipal Police Department in the State of New York, the second densest populated city in New York State and the seventh most densely populated city in the United States. His last year's budget was well over 23 million dollars. Commissioner Chong was appointed Mount Vernon's Police Commissioner at the end of May 2006 and served as the City's Police Commissioner for 3 ½ years. During his tenure in office the Police have increased arrests, summonses, and narcotics seizures, while overall crime has steadily declined. The Mount Vernon Police Department is a nationally and New York State accredited department and the only Police Department in the lower Hudson Valley to receive federal stimulus funds for its innovative community policing strategies.

David Chong has served in the law enforcement community for over 30 years. After serving over 22 years, Mr. Chong retired as a Lieutenant Commander of Detectives from the New York City Police Department in November of 2002 and was appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety for the City of White Plains. In February 2006 he retired to pursue his Ph.D. in academics and to teach at the university level. He returned to law enforcement as the Police Commissioner of Mount Vernon, NY after just one semester.

During Mr. Chong's career within the New York City Police Department he served in many high profile assignments including the Tactical Patrol Unit, as an undercover Detective infiltrating Asian Organized Crime and Gangs, and as a Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Lieutenant Detective Commander in units such as The Mayor's Social Club Inspectional Task Force, Public Moral Division, Narcotics Division, Organized Crime Investigations Division, Organized Crime Control Bureau, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Homicide Squad, the 77th, 104th, and 5th Precincts on Patrol, and retired as the Commanding Officer of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau's Global Intelligence Unit, formed shortly after the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Mr. Chong has received numerous awards and medals over his law enforcement career, over 119 medals and honors while in NYPD alone and was honored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2007 "Excellence in Leadership" award and in 2005 as the Society of Asian Federal Officer's "Man of the Year, The NYPD Asian Jade Society's "Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Organization of Chinese Americans "Dynamic Achiever Award". His most recent honors include the 2011 Salvation Army "Community Service Award" and the 2011 Slater Center "Community Service" Award.

Commissioner Chong holds an Associates Degree in Business Marketing and Finance from Queensborough Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College, and a Masters of Public Administration from Marist College. He is a graduate of the 204th session of the FBI National Academy, and has attended training in Israel, London, France, and the Headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency on international terrorism, suicide bombers and law enforcement intelligence. Commissioner Chong is also an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Berkeley College.