Enhancing Public Safety

The award-winning Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) is a joint project of Georgia State University and local, state, federal, and international law enforcement and public safety agencies. In partnership with the corporate sector and civic groups, it offers law enforcement executive development programs by focusing on peer-to-peer on-site training and on international cooperation. GILEE has sponsored professional training exchanges of law enforcement leaders from the U.S. and abroad. Since the 1992 inception of GILEE, more than 1,400 law enforcement officials have participated in over 400 different programs.

“Our signature international program is the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, which allows for exchange of information among leading law enforcement officials in countries around the world.”

Dr. Susan J. Kelley, Dean, College of Health & Human Sciences, Georgia State University

Each year, GILEE takes top U.S. law enforcement officials to Israel and other countries to learn valuable security tactics from their counterparts. They learn best practices from expert peers who frequently handle bombings and other terrorist activities that are increasingly becoming serious threats in and to America. They continue to address other unique crime problems and the need to balance a variety of requests for public safety service.

In return, international delegations come to Georgia to study how the U.S. deals with emergency management, homeland security, violent crime, special events, and the myriad of issues concerning urban and rural policing.

In times of stretched budgets and increasing demand for law enforcement services, GILEE’s extensive community partnerships provide tangible benefits to the law enforcement community, corporate security officers, the business community, and communities at large. More than 28,000 officers have participated in more than 180 special briefings. In 2007, Georgia State University established the endowed Distinguished Chair in Public Safety Partnerships to support GILEE.

GILEE’s professional training programs provide graduates with training credits and recognition from state and international accrediting bodies. The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury recognize GILEE as a professional education training program.

“Austria • Argentina • Canada • China • Colombia • Finland • Georgia • Greece • Haiti • Hungary • Indonesia • Israel • Jamaica • Japan • The Netherlands • United Kingdom

Alabama • Arizona • Arkansas • California • Florida • Georgia • Indiana • Kansas • Kentucky • Louisiana • Michigan • Minnesota • Mississippi • Nevada • New Jersey • New York • North Carolina • North Dakota • Ohio • Oklahoma • Pennsylvania • South Carolina • Tennessee • Texas • Utah • Virginia • Washington D.C. • West Virginia

“GILEE has gained a reputation for participation in many world events such as the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and the 2004 G-8 Summit at Sea Island. I thank and commend GILEE for its proven track record of success for bringing great value to Georgia, to the United States, and to the countries that partner in this valuable exchange.”

U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss
The GILEE Program greatly enhances the professional development of Georgia law enforcement executives through personnel interaction with criminal justice officials in other countries. Participants in GILEE are exposed to crime problems that cross national borderlines and are provided with realistic measures to combat these problems.”

Vernon M. Keenan
Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

“We live in a time when global narcotics trafficking, crime, and terrorism are inextricably intertwined. GILEE is a vital program providing international law enforcement and security leaders the essential perspective, skills, and relationships to meet this challenge now and in the future.”

John C. Killorin
Director, Atlanta HIDTA
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

“I learned first hand on my visit to Israel the strength of redundancy and cooperation in public safety and protection. It is important that we support efforts like that of Dr. Friedmann because without people in the leading edge of public safety in a world of danger at every turn we will not be safe and the world will not be safe.”

U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson

“The partnership among law enforcement, private security, business, and the community is critical if we are to make a lasting impact in controlling crime, making our communities safe, and protecting our homeland. GILEE epitomizes this objective by leveraging private and public resources to bolster the effectiveness of this nation’s law enforcement agencies and stimulating international cooperation, knowledge and best practices.”

John M. Garrigan
Senior VP of Organizational Development
SecurAmerica

“...In these troubled times of global strife and the War on Terrorism, the United States and Israel stand side by side, as friends and allies. We share a common cause against terror and tyranny and for the mutual protection of our citizens. Learning from the expertise of Israeli law enforcement in combating terror will help Georgia’s law enforcement to better protect our citizens and we are grateful...”

Sonny Perdue
Governor of Georgia

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