CHIEF DONALD L. SHINNAMON, SR. (Ret.)

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Donald L. Shinnamon, Sr. currently serves as an aviation consultant. He most recently served as the Chief of Police for the City of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, retiring from public service in late 2010. Prior to Port St. Lucie, he was the Director of Public Safety for the City of Holly Hill, Florida and the Chief of Police for the City of Gainesville, Florida. Chief Shinnamon began his public safety career with the Baltimore County, Maryland Police Department. During his service there, he attained the rank of Colonel and held the position of Chief of Operations. While with Baltimore County, he led successful efforts to build an aviation program and had direct command of the aviation unit for over ten years.

Chief Shinnamon served as the chair of the Aviation Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) for over 15 years and has chaired the Government Service Committee of Helicopter Association International and the Aviation Committee of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association. Further, he has served on the Aviation Committees of the National Sheriffs Association, the National Fire Protection Association and is a past president of the Mid-Atlantic Helicopter Association. Chief Shinnamon has been honored by the Airborne Law Enforcement Association with their Robert L. Cormier Award for leadership in the advancement of aircraft in public service, by the IACP with their Excellence in Police Aviation Award and by Helicopter Association International with their MD Helicopter Law Enforcement award.

A certified police officer and firefighter, Chief Shinnamon holds a master's degree from the University of Baltimore, completed a fellowship at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and graduated from the aviation safety program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. An experienced police aviator, he is an active commercial pilot, rated in both helicopters and airplanes and holds an advanced ground instructor certificate.