



DANIEL B. SCHWARZBACH

Daniel B. Schwarzbach is the current PSAAC Secretary and has been employed by the Houston Police Department for 35 years, the last 29 years of active duty assigned to the Air Support Division. He entered “Phase Down” with the Department in April 2014 and will remain an active employee of the agency in that capacity until August 2019. While assigned to the Air Support Division, he served as a tactical flight officer (TFO), systems operator (SO) and pilot in command (PIC) of the Department’s Bell 412EP, MD 500E, and S-300C helicopters, as well as overseeing all purchasing and outside maintenance on the agency’s 15 aircraft as the division’s Budget Coordinator. Prior to his assignment in Air Support, he served in patrol and emergency communications. While assigned to patrol, he was a Field Training Officer, Field Performance Evaluator, & Baton Instructor.

Schwarzbach has served on the Board of Directors of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA) since 1998 in various positions, including region director, secretary, CFO and six years as president. He has chaired multiple committees, most notably the Publications Committee, and is the Editor-in-Chief of all ALEA publications including Air Beat magazine, the Association’s bi-monthly journal, and ALEA’s monthly E-Newsletter. He was also recently bestowed with the honorary title of President Emeritus, one of five in the history of the association.

In the first quarter of 2014, Schwarzbach accepted the position of Executive Director / CEO of ALEA. As such, he is responsible for the operations of the association, managing three full-time employees in Frederick, MD, and six independent contractors around the country. He oversees the seven training events conducted annually by the association, as well as representing ALEA at various committee meetings and the annual conferences of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA), the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI), and the Helicopter Association International (HAI). He also is as a member of the National Institute of Justice Office of Science & Technology Aviation Technical Working Group.

Schwarzbach also currently serves as the Director, Government Service on the HAI Board of Directors, having been appointed to the position in April 2013 to fulfill the unexpired term of his predecessor and subsequently elected to serve a full 3-year term beginning in July 2014. He is the Board Liaison to the Government Service and Electronic News Gathering Committees. Prior to his appointment to the Board, Schwarzbach served as a member of the Government Service Committee for many years. He is a past recipient of HAI’s MD Helicopter Law Enforcement Salute to Excellence Award.

During his tenure as ALEA president, Schwarzbach resurrected the dormant Airborne Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (ALEAC) and oversaw the appointment of the original commissioners, specifically for the purpose of developing industry best practices for airborne law enforcement operations in the United States. He devised the plan and secured the funding to hire the commission to develop these best practices. Following the successful completion and adoption of these best practices by the ALEA Board of Directors, Schwarzbach secured additional funding to hire ALEAC to develop an accreditation process, utilizing the best practices as standards for accreditation. Based on his close work with the commission, now doing business as the Public Safety Aviation Accreditation Commission (PSAAC), Schwarzbach was appointed by the ALEA Board of Directors as the liaison between the two organizations. As such, he has worked closely with the commission since its inception. In July 2014, he was proud to be elected to serve as a PSAAC Commissioner.