



BIOGRAPHY

Alabama Department of Homeland Security

Joe B. Davis, Ph.D.
Director, Alabama Fusion Center

In July 2011, Joe was appointed as the Director of the Alabama Fusion Center, focusing on both criminal and terrorist-related information sharing and intelligence analysis. He also serves as the project manager for the state-wide K-12 School Safety Program and for Virtual Alabama (a collaborative geospatial program that provides the common operating platform first responders and public organizations). In his previous assignment, Joe served as the Assistant Director for the Alabama Department of Homeland Security and played a significant role in establishing operations in nation's first legislatively chartered state level Department of Homeland Security. In this capacity, he was responsible for the department's daily operations, strategic planning, grant management and administration, information sharing and technology, budget and accounting, maintenance, and office administration.



Joe is originally from Opp, Alabama. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. While serving on active duty, Joe earned a Master of Science in Business Administration from Boston University and a Master of Education from the University of Oklahoma. He received his doctoral degree from Auburn University in Public Administration and Public Policy with an emphasis in homeland security. He has served as an Adjunct Professor at Auburn University Montgomery since 2008, teaching internet graduate and undergraduate courses in homeland security and public safety. Joe is also a graduate of several military schools including the Adjutant General Corps Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He is a member of the National Political Science honor society (Pi Sigma Alpha), the National Public Affairs and Administration honor society (Pi Alpha Alpha), and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Joe retired at the rank of Colonel with over 30 years of active duty in the Army. He worked in a variety of assignments and specialized in the fields of legislative liaison, information technology, and human resource management. Several notable assignments included duty as the Executive Officer for the Deputy Commander in Chief in Panama during Operation Just Cause, Human Resource Director (G1) for the 2nd Armored Division (Hell on Wheels), Director of Headquarters Redesign and Reengineering for the Department of Army in the Pentagon, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Chief of Staff for the Secretary of the Army's Legislative Liaison Office. In his final military assignment, Joe served as the Inspector General for the Alabama National Guard.

Joe is married to Sheila Everidge, originally from Columbus, Georgia. Sheila is a retired Merck Executive Vaccine Representative. Joe and Sheila have 3 daughters who reside in Alabama and Texas.