

Guest Speakers

Paul Wormeli

Paul Wormeli is an innovator and entrepreneur who has focused his career on the application of information technology to public safety, law enforcement, criminal justice, and homeland security. He has introduced innovative programs in public policy, as well as innovations in the use of technology. He has been active in the development of software products, has managed system implementation for dozens of agencies throughout the world, and has managed national programs in support of law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.

Mr. Wormeli was the first national project director of Project SEARCH and was subsequently appointed by the President as Deputy Administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) in the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Mr. Wormeli helped design the first mobile computing equipment sold in this country to law enforcement agencies. At Project SEARCH, he led the development of a common protocol for interconnecting diverse proprietary protocols to enable the nationwide sharing of criminal history information. Mr. Wormeli managed the staff work and wrote much of the report for the 'Information Systems' section in the report of the National Advisory Commission on Standards and Goals for Criminal Justice. He was the project manager for the development of the first crime analysis handbook published by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). He has been an advisor to the White House on security and privacy, participated in the drafting of Federal law on this topic, and was responsible for the development of numerous state plans to implement the Federal and state laws on information system security and privacy. During his tenure in the Justice Department, he served on the President's Committee on Drug Enforcement.

Mr. Wormeli created and was the first Chairman of the Integrated Justice Information Systems Industry Working Group (IWG), a consortium of over 100 companies, which was formed in 1999 at the request of the DOJ to help improve information sharing in the justice and public safety field. After the IJIS Institute was created as a non-profit follow-on to the IWG, he became the first full-time executive director of the IJIS Institute and served in this capacity until January 2011, while the membership grew to nearly 200 companies. During this time, he was the first Chairman of the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) Communications and Outreach Committee. He has served on the technical advisory committee for the Harvard School of Government Innovator's Network program for law enforcement and justice and on the National Association of State CIOs (NASCIO) Information System Architecture Working Group. He is an associate member of International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), and a corporate member of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International.



In 2009, Mr. Wormeli was appointed to serve on the Committee on Law and Justice (CLAJ) of the National Academy of Sciences, which was created to provide a more scientific understanding of issues pertaining to crime and justice, identifying new areas of research, and participating in resolving scientific controversies.

In 2011, Mr. Wormeli was named by Government Technology magazine as one of the 'Top 25 Doers, Dreamers & Drivers in Public Sector Innovation in the U.S.', one of "an eclectic group of individuals...who share a willingness to challenge convention and find new answers to long-standing issues."

At the 2011 Annual Conference of National Association for Justice Information Systems (NAJIS), Mr. Wormeli was presented the Kelly Bacon award for "Outstanding Service to the Justice Information Technology Community." The award, which is made periodically, recognizes individuals who have made long, sustained contributions to NAJIS and its mission to foster overall improvement of justice information systems nationwide. In 2012, Mr. Wormeli was named as a Senior Fellow in the Homeland Security Policy Institute of the George Washington University.

In 2013, Mr. Wormeli was appointed to serve as the liaison from the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Law and Justice to a panel appointed by the Academies to deliberate on the topic of "Modernizing Crime Statistics in the U.S." The panel is jointly sponsored by the FBI and the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Mr. Wormeli has been a founder of three companies in the law enforcement information systems field, providing compute-aided dispatch (CAD) and police records management system (RMS) software applications to law enforcement agencies. Software developed and implemented by his companies has been used by hundreds of agencies throughout the U.S. and Australia.

Mr. Wormeli is also an author and lecturer on law enforcement and justice technology. Mr. Wormeli writes a blog called The IJIS Factor, which has been named by FedTech as one of the "50 'Must Read' blogs on federal information technology." He is the author of *Mitigating Risks in the Application of Cloud Computing in Law Enforcement*, published by the IBM Center for the Business of Government in 2012. He is a co-author of *CIO Leadership for Public Safety Communications: Emerging Trends and Practices* (Alan Shark, ed., Public Technology Institute, August 2012).

Mr. Wormeli has also been appointed as a lecturer in Police Science at the George Washington University and will be teaching PSSL 6255 Information Management for Justice and Public Safety Professionals.

He holds a B.S. in Electronics Engineering from the University of New Mexico, and an M.S. in Engineering Administration from the George Washington University. He undertook courses in the honors program for industry as a part of the doctoral program in Engineering Economic Systems at Stanford University. He received a certificate in Cross-Boundary Transformation from the John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Education program at Harvard University.