

## **Alana Ennis**



Alana Ennis has a 30 year career in law enforcement, which began in 1974 as a civilian administrative assistant with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department in Dallas, Texas and, later the same year, as a police officer in Carrollton, Texas. In 1976, she moved to North Carolina, where she was born and currently resides, and served as a public safety officer with the Durham Police Department. She rose in that agency to the rank of captain and served in several management positions including Director of Training, Internal Affairs Investigator, Accreditation Manager and Captain of Uniform Patrol.

In May 1992, Ennis was selected as Director of Public Safety for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During her three-year stay she helped to expand the department into a full-service police agency. In 1995, she became Director of Police at Duke University where she managed 144 employees and administered a medical center and campus with a population of over 21,000 people. In December 1998, Ms. Ennis was appointed as the Chief of Police for the City of Burlington, Vermont. During her tenure there, the department received the MetLife Community-Police Partnership Award and the IACP Community Policing Award for a city with a population below 50,000 in 2001. Also that year, she received the IACP Civil Rights Award and the YWCA Susan B. Anthony Trailblazer award.

In September 2003 Ms. Ennis retired from law enforcement and worked in corporate security. She served as the Director of Security and Administration at General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products located in Charlotte, North Carolina. GDATP is a defense contractor with sites in 8 states. Her responsibilities included security operations at all the sites which includes physical security, IT security and the protection of classified information. From 2009-2010 she was Assistant Vice President for Public Safety for the University of South Florida, in St. Petersburg.

Ms. Ennis is co-founder and past president of the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE). She has served on the IACP Civil Rights Committee, the IACP National Law Enforcement Policy Center, and the IACP Ad Hoc Committee on Women Executives in Policing. Over the years she has served on many non-profit boards including several supporting the arts. Some of these include the Durham Art Guild, the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, the Vermont Convention Bureau and the Lund Home (providing medical/educational services for teen mothers). She is a member and past president of the Vermont Women's Forum, a chapter of the International Women's Forum. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Foundation.

She is also a certified yoga instructor and taught yoga in Vermont and North Carolina. Ms. Ennis received her Master's in Public Administration from North Carolina State University.