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Byron Oedekoven is a nationally recognized expert in law enforcement, public safety, corrections, and association management. Certified as a Professional Peace Officer in Wyoming for four decades, Byron exemplifies dedication to service. He has earned the highest professional achievements: command-level leadership in the Gillette Police Department (1974-1986), four terms as Sheriff of Campbell County, (1987-2003), and twenty years as Executive Director for the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs (“WASCOP”)(2003-2023).

Byron Oedekoven is a Senior Consultant with Public Safety Strategies Group, LLC, a national consulting firm providing subject matter expertise and services for public agencies and private firms across the United States. He works with Executive-level leaders from small agencies to Fortune 500 Companies providing PSSG’s clients with a broad portfolio of services: organizational and leadership studies, staffing, strategic planning, leveraging and developing technology, enterprise security, and relationship development.

Sheriff Oedekoven (ret.) has led national, state, and local law enforcement organizations, and is well-known as a champion for professional training, juvenile justice initiatives, and advancing new and emerging technologies. He has been appointed by his state’s governor(s) to serve on the Wyoming Peace Officer’s Standards & Training Commission, the Wyoming Criminal Justice Advisory Board, the Governor’s Substance Abuse and Violent Crime Advisory Board, and the Governor’s Council to Prevent Impaired Driving. He was named Wyoming’s “Peace Officer of the Year” in 2002, and was recognized for Leadership, Dedication and Commitment by the DEA’s Denver Field Division in 2022.

Byron is a strong advocate for juvenile justice, having provided leadership in the development of Juvenile Justice Partnerships, Diversion, In-Jail School, and School Resource Officer programs. He has facilitated the advancement and implementation of new technologies, including Enhanced 911, computer forensics, and vehicle video cameras. He has coordinated jail accreditation by the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCHC). He has served as Wyoming’s Representative to both the Rural State Crime Conference and Rural Executive Management Institute.

Byron is a graduate of Excelsior College in Albany New York, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Development, and the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Staff and Command. He is also an active cattle rancher in the beautiful state of Wyoming.