



The Gerard Anthony Duggan Award was established following the untimely passing of its namesake in October, 2011. Gerard had dedicated his professional career to improving commercial emergency management and business continuity planning. He put into place business recovery and continuity plans for major Canadian organizations such as IBM and the Canadian Tire Corporation. He worked tirelessly with the Toronto Chapter of the Disaster Recovery Information Exchange, a non-profit association of professionals dedicated to the exchange of information on all aspects of business continuity management.

One of Gerard's most passionate endeavours was making every attempt

to bridge the gap between public and private organizations when it came time to prepare for and deal with natural and man-made disasters.

To that end the award was created to recognize those that improve dialogue with and between the public and private sectors and who exemplify cooperative and inclusive values as a government, corporation, group or individual in the field of public safety, disaster management or business continuity.

This year, 2013, the **Toronto Emergency Medical Service** is the recipient of the Gerard Anthony Duggan Award.

With regard to the reasons behind the choice of recipient for this award, Toronto EMS is a major participant with the Centennial College Emergency Management and Public Safety Institute School of Community and Health Studies.

They offer guidance and support to the school, including their degree program application for Ministerial consent to the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board. Their input includes advice in curriculum design and content, including preparation, response and business continuity planning. Additionally, they contribute to exercise design, simulation, participation and evaluation for exercises.

Toronto EMS works there alongside such organizations as the International Association of Emergency Managers, the Disaster Recovery Information Exchange, the Canadian Red Cross, Emergency Management, Ontario, Ontario Power Generation, and the University Health Network, to name but a few.

This is an exciting partnership that provides curriculum content that is in high demand from the public safety sector and which will ultimately bring higher education opportunities for public safety services personnel.

Toronto EMS continually fosters relationships between public and private organizations and these works will only serve to improve response to disasters and events in the future. It is for this and a myriad of other good works that we have named them the receipt of the **2013 Gerard Anthony Duggan Award**.

This award's 2012 inaugural winner was **George S. Rice Jr.**

Mr. Rice has a diverse professional background including public policy, community & youth development, media relations, information and communications technology management, economic development, international relations, as well as ten years of law enforcement experience. He has planned, managed and directed local, state, federal and international public policy and public service efforts; designed and implemented organizational effectiveness, fund raising, and technology development strategies; researched and authored/co-authored publications and articles; and has developed and conducted workshops, presentations and lectures including national television and radio appearances.

Mr. Rice began his professional career as a licensed private investigator in Maryland. While working for various clients, he conducted a variety of criminal and civil investigations. After which, he moved on to the public sector, working for the FBI in Baltimore.

In 1987, Mr. Rice accepted an appointment with the Drug Enforcement Administration, where during 10 years as a Special Agent he conducted investigations of major trafficking organizations and represented DEA in a host of media, legislative, criminal intelligence, youth development and public awareness campaigns.

In 1997, Mr. Rice accepted a position with the Brady Center, as Associate Director for Law Enforcement Relations, where he worked with law enforcement executives, criminal justice practitioners, and school & government administrators on programs and legislative campaigns designed to reduce and prevent gun violence throughout the country.

In 1999, Mr. Rice began working for The Enterprise Foundation as Director of Community Safety, managing the Foundation's national programs bringing police and community-based organizations together to work on crime prevention and community development. He was subsequently promoted to Director of the Safety and Neighborhood Leadership division, managing the Community Safety, Youth Development and Volunteerism departments.

In 2001, Mr. Rice accepted the position of Executive Director for the Center for Youth as Resources, an international, youth-based community development organization, and subsequently moved on to work with the Center's parent organization, the National Crime Prevention Council, where he directed the mobilization of law enforcement, community groups and public policy makers nationwide, by developing and directing public affairs and mass media education campaigns. Mr. Rice later took on a position with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments as the Assistant Executive Director, overseeing a host of policy-related and organizational functions.

In 2006, Mr. Rice accepted the position of Executive Director of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, the world's oldest and largest nonprofit professional organization dedicated to the enhancement of public safety communications, and as of July 1 of this year he transitioned to the role of Executive Director of the 911 Industry Alliance (now the Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies), an organization established in 2005 to represent the emergency communications industry in the development of technology infrastructure and policy, for the good of public safety and the public it serves.

Mr. Rice was the board president of the Chesapeake Search and Rescue Dog Association, a former regional search and rescue service provider. He also served on the board of the Braintree Institute, a community development research organization, in addition to currently serving as a Trustee for Alvernia University. Mr. Rice is also a member of the Police Executive Research Forum, a co-founder of Rage For Peace, a former anti-violence and suicide prevention organization and was a writer for the on-line magazine, *horizonmag.com*.

Mr. Rice attended Mt. St. Joseph High School in Baltimore, Md. and later Alvernia University in Reading, Pa., where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration, graduating with Dean's Honor's in 1985. Mr. Rice also holds a CPM in Public Management from the George Washington University in Washington, DC. He has been married to Becca Knox since October of 2002 and currently resides jointly in Silver Spring, Maryland and Palm Bay, Florida.