

SECURE THRU EXPERIENCE

John D. Beers

A graduate of Morton College with an A.A.S. in Law Enforcement, John has been the Director of Safety and Security at Hilton Chicago for over 10 years. John is a former Emergency Medical Technician, with a total of 22 years of Physical Security, Emergency Preparedness, and Life Safety experience. As Director of Safety and Security, John oversees a team of professionals with an average tenure of 15 years that are all CPR and First Aid certified though the American Red Cross and hold AHLA certifications in Alcohol Awareness and City of Chicago Fire Guards.

PRESIDENTIAL & FOREIGN DIGNITARY EXPERIENCE

- Chief Liaison to the Secret Service and other Federal Agencies regarding Presidents, Heads of State, Statesmen, foreign Dignitaries, Corporate Executives visits, worldwide media events and fundraisers.
- In 2008 President Barack Obama named each of his cabinet members at The Hilton Chicago. This 15 day process transformed The Hilton Chicago
 into The White House. This invaluable experience set us apart in the managing of dignitary security.
- In 2011 The Trans Atlantic Summit was hosted at The Hilton Chicago. This event attracted approximately 4000 protestors over a ten day period.
- In 2011 The President of China hosted an event at The Hilton Chicago. This event drew approximately 2000 protestors.

TRAINING

- Workforce Antiterrorism Awareness and Prevention
- 101 National Life Safety Code

CERTIFICATIONS

- Board Certified in Security Management
- Certified in Hospitality Security Management
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Instructor for General Industry in CPR, First Aid, and Tips Instructor
- U.S Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- State certified Emergency Medical Technician trained in advanced life saving techniques
- Certified Office of Emergency Management Responder
- Board certified in security management as a Certified Protection Professional (CPP)
- Certified Hotel Security Director (CLSD) through the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA)

AWARDS

- United States Secret Service Director's Recognition Award Presented by: The United States Secret Service
- Joint Operations Command Award Presented by: The City of Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, The White House and The Chicago Police Department.
- The White House Communication Agency Award Presented by: The United States Secret Service Communications Division
- The Chicago Police Department Outstanding Citizens Award Presented by: The Chicago Police Department

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chicago Police District Advisory Council
- Principal Area Contact for Law Enforcement Agencies
- American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS)
- Board Member of Greater Chicago Hotel Loss Prevention Association (GCHLPA)