

Lt. Sam McGhee

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As a lieutenant with the Aurora, Colorado Police Department, Sam McGhee was appointed for two years as the Deputy Executive Director of the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) in March 2012. Prior to that, in 2011, he served in a fellowship with the Interagency Threat Assessment and Coordination Group, (ITACG), located at the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) in Washington, D.C. Previously, he has held a number of senior leadership positions within the Aurora Police Department including: Emergency Services Coordinator, Media Relations Manager, Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Commander and Sector Commander. Career highlights include: Planning for the Democratic National Convention Denver, 2008, Chair of the North Central Homeland Security Region (NCR) and Colorado's Information Sharing

Committee, board member of the NCR and one of the principal architects of the Rocky Mountain HIDTA.

In 2014, Lt. McGhee helped to create the first national strategy and in 2015 the associated implementation plan for the National Network of Fusion Centers. This three-year strategy has helped to guide fusion centers into the complex future of American information sharing. He is currently a member of the Committee on Homeland Security for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and a contributing writer for The Police Chief magazine and Homeland Security Today magazine.

Lt. McGhee travels the country briefing first responders on the Century 16 theater shooting in Aurora, CO; presents the Department of Homeland Security's Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop and has guest lectured at the Naval Postgraduate School, the FBI Academy and the CIA's Sherman Kent School. For over ten years Lt. McGhee served on the board of directors and led leadership retreats for the Leadership Aurora Program, a nine-month Aurora Chamber of Commerce leadership program. Lt. McGhee serves as an adjunct faculty member for Penn State University's School of Public Affairs, Homeland Security Program.

Lt. McGhee has a Master's Degree in Security Studies from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Monterey, CA. He holds a B.S. in Organizational Leadership from Colorado State University and is a graduate of the Executive Leaders and Fusion Center Leaders Programs at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, NPS, Monterey, CA. He is also a graduate of the Organizational Leadership for Executives program at the US Army's Command and General Staff College.