

Communications Division.

## Maj. Mike Hilliard (Ret.) Baltimore Police Department, Maryland Baltimore, MD

Michael Hilliard began his 27-year policing career in 1975 as a patrolman in an economically depressed neighborhood in East Baltimore. He later served as an internal affairs Detective. As a Sergeant, he supervised an undercover squad that investigated violent crimes and low-to mid-level drug crimes. As a Lieutenant, he coordinated the department's youth programs. When assigned to the Northeast District, he helped establish the largest citizens' patrol in the mid-Atlantic area, the NorthEast Citizens' Patrol. Hilliard also served six Chiefs of Patrol as an executive officer. In his final position before retirement, he directed 911 operations and police dispatch as a Major in the

Hilliard noticed during his narcotics work that violence erupted when police arrested the head of an organization. He observed, "The subordinates don't sit down with lawyers; they kill each other over territory." While serving in the Chief of Patrol's office, he lobbied for narcotics units to warn patrol units before high-level busts, so they could prepare for the violent fallout.

After retirement from the police department, Hilliard became Community Services Director at HARBEL, a nonprofit community organization that provides alcohol and drug abuse prevention and recovery, housing, crime prevention, and other neighborhood services. He assisted the leaders of the 27 member communities in stabilizing and improving these communities with respect to crime, housing, sanitation, zoning, transportation, and education. Since his retirement from HARBEL, Hilliard has worked with LEAP's staff to implement Community Responder Programs in cities throughout the country.

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