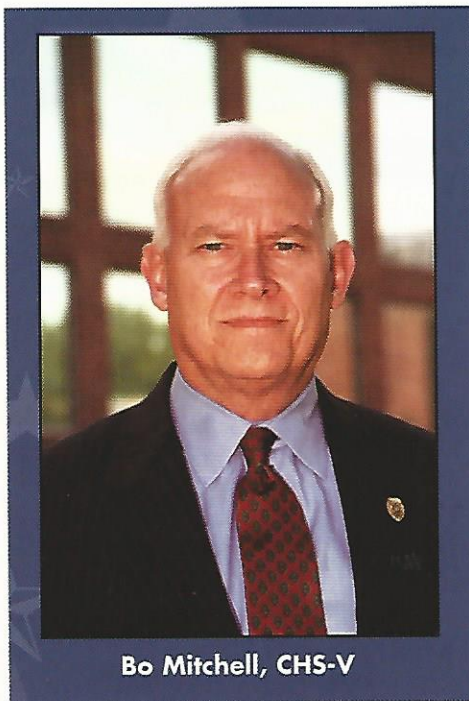




## Member Spotlight:

### Focus on Connecticut CHS Members Bo Mitchell, CHS-V



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**Bo Mitchell**, CPP, CHS-V, CIPS, TFCT3, CERT, CMC, earned his bachelor of science degree from New York University and served in the United States Army Reserve for 5 years. He served as the police commissioner of Wilton, Connecticut, for 16 years. He is a recognized authority on emergency preparedness and has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Hartford Courant*, *The Stanford Advocate*, and several other publications.

Mitchell is Certified in Homeland Security at level-V, the highest designation granted to Homeland Security professionals by the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security. He has been certified as an infrastructure protection specialist by the Office of Infrastructure Preparedness, a trained field controller for TOPOFF 3 by the Department of Homeland Security, and a community emergency response team member by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He is also a certi-

fied management consultant with the Institute of Management Consultants.

#### *How has the CHS program impacted you?*

In law enforcement, training is the oxygen that allows the organization to survive. Earning CHS-V was and continues to be a critical part of my training to serve organizations regarding emergency response and training for an array of threats. I have been trained by the best, and I continue to work with the best.

#### *What goals or objectives do you hope to achieve through your participation in the CHS program?*

My goal is to continue taking advantage of all the resources the CHS program offers so that I can be even more prepared and able to guide organizations in incident prevention, emergency preparedness, crisis response, and business resumption. The CHS program offers continuing education and networking in a discipline that is rapidly and continuously changing.

#### *In your opinion, what efforts need to be made to improve our nation's homeland security efforts?*

As Hurricane Katrina demonstrated, our country still needs to work on developing effective methods to face off a major catastrophe caused by a HAZMAT incident, bio or chemical attack, hurricane, etc. In order for our nation to have an adequate homeland security system, the federal government needs to make it a top priority in terms of developing a vision, carrying out a strategy, properly training personnel, and providing adequate funding.