

## **Arif Alikhan**

Arif ("RF") Alikhan has a diverse and distinguished background having served in several senior counterterrorism, law enforcement, and homeland security positions with both the U.S. government and the City of Los Angeles.

Arif began his 25-year government career as a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles for nearly a decade and then as a senior advisor to two U.S. Attorneys General during the George W. Bush administration on cybercrime and intellectual property issues.

During the Obama Administration, he was the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security where he led policy initiatives on counterterrorism, countering violent extremism, intelligence and information sharing, and transborder crime. He was later appointed to the faculty of National Defense University's College of International Security Affairs as DHS's first Distinguished Professor of Counterterrorism and Homeland Security.

Arif served for over a decade with the City of Los Angeles in three different senior level positions. He was the Deputy Mayor for Homeland Security and Public Safety overseeing the Los Angeles Police, Fire, and Emergency Management Departments. He was later the Deputy Executive Director for Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, and Fire Services for Los Angeles International Airport where he led the 1,200 police officers and civilian security personnel protecting one of the busiest airports in the world.

Most recently Arif served as the Director of Constitutional Policing and Policy for the Los Angeles Police Department where he was the highest ranking civilian commander and the first civilian to serve at the rank of Assistant Chief of Police. His command included all legal and legislative affairs, risk management initiatives, policy development, auditing and compliance, media and community relations, and youth programs.

Arif currently is the President and cofounder of Taclogix, Inc., a public safety and homeland security consultancy that works with government agencies and the private sector to develop technologies that help protect communities and critical infrastructure.

He is also a consultant to police agencies throughout the United States on police reform, risk management, and community engagement programs.

Arif is a POST-certified police academy instructor, reserve police officer, and on the board of the NYU Law School's Policing Project.