

Michael Haley was elected Sheriff of Washoe County on November 7, 2006, taking office on January 2, 2007. He was elected to a second four year term on January 1, 2011 and ran unopposed. He is only the second Sheriff in over 64 years to be promoted through the ranks and assume the command position.

Sheriff Haley has an extensive background in all areas of the Sheriff's Office. He began his career as a Deputy in 1980; he has worked in and supervised every division within the Sheriff's Office including Administration, Detectives, Patrol, and Detention. During his tenure on the SWAT Team, he quickly rose through the ranks from team leader to SWAT Commander.

A majority of his law enforcement career has been in a command or supervisory position with a major focus on budgetary restraint and innovation.

Since taking over command of the Sheriff's Office, Michael Haley has made great strides in bringing the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to the forefront of high-tech law enforcement standards. He is responsible for the building of the Northern Nevada Counter-Terrorism and Cyber Center at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. These state-of-the-art facilities provide crime analysts the means to research and evaluate crime statistics throughout our region and coordinate efforts with other law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff Haley in 2007 implemented a technologically advanced method of reporting, tracking, and analyzing crime statistics entitled Area Crime Evaluation System (ACES). This Compstat-based system provides a way for all the divisions of the Sheriff's Office to share information about current crime trends and act proactively to reduce crime.

Michael Haley was born and raised in farming communities in the Midwest. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army as a First Sergeant. He graduated with honors from Northeast Missouri State University with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice while being employed at the Kirksville Police Department. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Secret Service Executive Academy, Senior Management Institute for Police Executives at Harvard University, Southwest Command College for Law Enforcement Executives, and the Drug Enforcement Academy.

In addition to his duties as Sheriff, he serves as Vice-Chair for the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security, Chairman of the Nevada High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, past President of the Nevada Sheriffs' & Chiefs' Association, Chairman of the State of Nevada Network (SONNet) and on the Board of Directors of Leadership in the Counter Terrorism Alumni Association.

