

ANTONIO K HUBBARD

HEAD OF GLOBAL INVESTIGATIONS & SECURITY—30+ YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tony Hubbard is a hands-on, high-integrity leader with a standout career in law enforcement, security, and government relations. A respected industry and combat veteran, he is known for creating and leading programs that mitigate risk and eradicate threats in the US and around the world.

By combining real-world experience with genuine compassion, Tony cultivates trust, builds partnerships, and navigates tough political challenges. Throughout his career, he has initiated conversations and fostered cross-border alliances where none existed before.

Tony established a distinguished career with the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). As Deputy Special Agent in Charge of the Houston Division and member of the Senior Executive Service (SES), he leads enforcement, diversion, intelligence, and investigative programs across 118,000 square miles in Texas, including 645 miles of the US-Mexico border. His teams work tirelessly to take down transnational organizations involved in drug trafficking, violent crime, money laundering, and corruption.

Prior to joining the Houston Division, Tony steered programs and operations as Assistant Regional Director based in Cape Town, Africa. In this role, he intensified the fight against drug trafficking across the 54-country Africa region by opening new DEA sites, spearheading investigations, and building coalitions at the top levels of government and law enforcement.

Earlier, Tony influenced global investigations from a vantage point at DEA headquarters as Acting Section Chief of the Foreign-deployed Advisory Support Teams (FAST) Unit and Group Supervisor of a highly decorated FAST Delta Team. He deployed to Afghanistan, Honduras, and Peru with the US and allied Special Forces, leading to a breadth of intelligence, unprecedented drug seizures, and a shift in priorities that made counternarcotic missions a main priority among law enforcement agencies worldwide.

In a previous assignment as Senior Criminal Investigator in Cartagena, Colombia, Tony worked with the Colombian National Police and military in investigating illicit networks operating in the US, South America, and worldwide. His efforts led to the indictment and extradition of some of the most wanted drug trafficking organizations in Colombia.

Based on his expertise as a leader, mentor, and investigator, he was tapped to be an Instructor with DEA's International Training Section, where he engaged and educated DEA counterparts and law enforcement agencies in 56 countries.

Tony started his career with the DEA as a Special Agent in the Houston Division's Austin Resident Office. Before joining DEA, he was a Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department's elite Metropolitan Division. He also served in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during the Gulf War.

Recently, Tony launched Direct Action Global Consulting, LLC, to provide expert consulting services for corporate and law enforcement clients. He leads engagements, provides training, and advises on risk management, vulnerability and threat assessment, security, emergency preparedness, and complex investigations.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Land Interdiction Awards (two)
DEA Administrator's Awards (two)
International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association Special Award of Honor
Texas 100 Club Award
Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve Award

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Engaging speaker, presenter, and trainer on diverse topics: US and international law enforcement, corruption in policing, the dangers of opioids, intelligence operations, investigative leadership, the DEA's role in Africa, and others.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Working knowledge of Spanish



EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

MA, Business Administration & Management
Webster University

BS, Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement
Administration
Stephen F. Austin State University

SES Leadership Development Program
University of Notre Dame
Mendoza School of Business

Top Secret/SCI Clearance

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