

Michael P. Merritt

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Michael P. Merritt is the Vice President of Corporate Security and has served as the Chief Security Officer for The Home Depot since August 2013.

Mr. Merritt's responsibilities include physical security and access control for the Company's regional support centers and corporate offices; corporate investigations; Emergency Management/Crisis Response and Business Continuity Programs as well as the 24/7 Global Security Operations Center (GSOC); "Duty of Care" program for associates when traveling internationally; and Executive Protection for the Company's leadership and large Company venues when deemed appropriate.

By leveraging technology and adopting a proactive, progressive approach to enhance security Company wide, Mr. Merritt has developed a highly respected Corporate Security Department that is known to provide optimal safety for its associates and conduct complex financial-based investigations and other sensitive corporate investigations which protect the Company's brand and reputation.

Previously, Mr. Merritt served 26 years in the United States Secret Service, having served in protective and investigative assignments in the United States and abroad. Mr. Merritt served as the Assistant Director for the Office of Investigations, where he was the senior official overseeing the Agency's investigative mission and where he had oversight of the Secret Service's investigative divisions and its 165 domestic and international offices. His experience of living overseas for 20 years and his fluency in several languages benefited him in his former position.

Mr. Merritt also served as the Assistant Director for the Office of Administration, where he oversaw all fiscal activities of the Secret Service to include budget formulation and execution, procurement, facilities property management, and administrative services. Mr. Merritt began his law enforcement career as a deputy sheriff for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Tampa, Florida.

Mr. Merritt actively participates in various associations and programs to remain current regarding emerging threats and corresponding countermeasures. He currently serves as a board member for the Domestic Security Partnership (DSP) in support of the FBI/DHS Domestic Security Alliance Council (DSAC); the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE); and Metropol, an Atlanta metropolitan-based partnership between the public/private/academic sector. Mike serves as an advisor on the U.S. Secret Service's Cyber Investigative Advisory Board (CIAB) and is a member of the Education and Training Committee for the DSAC. He is also a member of the

International Security Management Association (ISMA), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI), the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS), and the U.S. Secret Service Association (USSSA).

Mr. Merritt is a native of Marianna, Florida. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from The University of Southern Mississippi.