

MARK SHIELDS

Mark Shields joined the police service in London in 1976.

Throughout his career the focus of his work was on organized crime and intelligence. At 28 years of age he headed the City of London Police Special Branch investigating terrorism and political extremism.

Mark worked as the UK police drugs and organized crime liaison officer for the National Criminal Intelligence Service and was posted to Frankfurt, Germany. During this stage of his career his focus was on international drug trafficking and Russian organized crime.

Later, at New Scotland Yard he commanded investigation teams tackling organized crime in London; including kidnaps, armed robberies and drug trafficking. He led many high-profile investigations including a plot to kidnap Victoria Beckham.

In 2003 he was then promoted to Detective Chief Superintendent and headed Scotland Yard's Special Branch unit in charge of international terrorism playing a key role in investigations of British nationals kidnapped in Iraq.

In 2005 he went to Jamaica where he was appointed Deputy Commissioner in charge of crime and intelligence for the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

Mark served with the JCF for five years engaged in modernizing the police service, improving the standards of criminal investigations and developing an intelligence-led approach to policing Jamaica's crime hotspots.

Since leaving the JCF in 2009, he established SHIELDS Crime & Security Consultants in Kingston, Jamaica, providing a range of security management services, crime investigation and consulting on technology to prevent and detect crime. His articles in the media and appearances as a commentator on crime in Jamaica has kept him in the public eye.

Mark is a member of the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica steering committee on the crime & justice. In 2017 he was appointed Commodore of the Royal Jamaica Yacht Club.

He is married and has three children. His interests include sailing, personal fitness and supporting Arsenal Football Club.