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### Building an international law enforcement exchange

Long before homeland security became a household term and almost a decade before Sept. 11, one of Georgia State's own public safety experts established an organization to fight terrorism at home and abroad.

Criminal justice professor Robert Friedmann initially founded the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) in 1992 to help provide protection for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. GILEE's mission – to enhance law enforcement executive development and international cooperation for the provision of better law enforcement services and public safety – has proven to be highly sought-after around the globe.

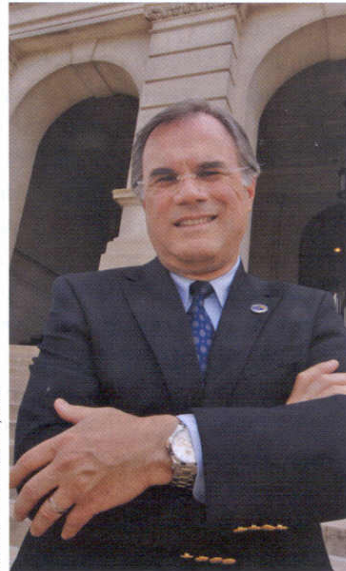
"What we're offering is peer-to-peer on-site training," Friedmann says. "You take a chief of police from say, Atlanta, and send them to Israel to see how Israeli police respond to not only terrorism but an increase in crime," Friedmann says.

GILEE also brings law enforcement officials from all over the world to Georgia to see how state and local police operate here. GILEE has led 92 training delegations with 458 graduates and has trained or briefed more than 4,000 law enforcers across the globe.

Friedmann's unique work has not gone unnoticed. His efforts have garnered praise by Gov. Sonny Perdue and from groups such as the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. During the 2007 session of the Georgia General Assembly, both the Senate and House of Representatives recognized Friedmann and GILEE for their invaluable security service. Senate Resolution 589 states, "The members of this body recognize GILEE for its tremendous service to the law enforcement community in Georgia and around the world, commend its law enforcement exchange program with the Israel National Police, and heartily express their gratitude for GILEE's indispensable efforts in defending the citizens of this country from terrorism and other threats."

In May, Friedmann was named the first Distinguished Chair of Public Safety Partnerships in the Department of Criminal Justice, a move that will only better position GILEE as the pre-eminent center for international law enforcement cooperation.

"The establishment of the distinguished endowed chair is a tremendous achievement for GILEE as it recognizes well over a decade of intensive work with the leaders of the law enforcement community, and thus it will guarantee the continuity of this university program for years to come," Friedmann says.



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