

Ronald J Yearwood Biography

Ronald J. Yearwood, Jr. has been a Special Agent with the FBI for more than 18 years and is currently assigned as Section Chief of Cyber Operations III (CyOS III) in the Cyber Division (CyD) of the FBI. CyOS III manages CyD operations targeting and defeating computer intrusion threats to U. S. National Security, critical infrastructure and economy in focus areas that include the Asia, Middle East/Africa, and Eurasia. SC Yearwood has worked in a number of offices including Boston, Houston, two tours at FBIHQ and one tour in Iraq. As a first office Agent in Boston, Mr. Yearwood conducted computer intrusion investigations on one of the FBI's early computer intrusion squads. During his assignment at FBIHQ, SSA Yearwood provided program management and investigative oversight for both criminal and National Security computer intrusions while assigned to both the Criminal Computer Intrusion Unit and the CT/CI Computer Intrusion Unit. SSA Yearwood then led the Cyber program in Houston managing all Cyber Program violations including intrusions, online exploitation of children, intellectual property rights violations, and internet fraud. He also managed Houston's CART team which he won approval for development into a Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory (RCFL). After assignment to the Counter-Terrorism Division (CTD), Mr. Yearwood was a Watch Commander and Unit Chief in CT Watch, before being selected as an Assistant Section Chief (ASC) for the National Threat Center Section. During this assignment, Mr. Yearwood deployed overseas for a 120-day TDY after completing an assignment with the SET HQ implementation team. Shortly after becoming an ASC, Mr. Yearwood rotated into to International Terrorism Operations Section I where he provided program management and oversight of domestic based IT investigations within the Northeast and Mid Atlantic regions. Mr. Yearwood has been fortunate to have participated in a variety of investigative assignments during his tenure including terrorism investigations and response to emerging terrorism incidents, violent crime/bank robberies, computer intrusions, online exploitation of children, and all other forms of Cyber crime. Before entering the FBI, Mr. Yearwood was a police officer for nearly seven years in the City of Sunrise, FL working road patrol and juvenile crimes/youth gangs as a School Resource Officer (SRO).