

## **DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN TRAINING AND ADVOCACY CENTER**

### **Biography of Mitchel J. Brown**

Mitch Brown is a 37 year law enforcement professional who recently retired after eight years as a Chief of Police for the City of Oroville, California. During his law enforcement career, he has worked at the city level for small, medium and large departments, as well as holding positions at the state level. He is the former Assistant Chief, California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, where he served for more than 20 years. Mitch is a nationally recognized expert in the field of drug enforcement, Drug Endangered Children (DEC) and Indian Country. In 1995, Mitch researched and wrote his Master's Thesis on "Child Endangerment and the Environmental Health Hazards caused by Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories." In 1996 he was appointed by the California Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning to an advisory board for the DEC Program. He also served as an advisory board member for the California DEC Resource Center. Mitch co-authored and contributed to many articles on DEC including the first Multi-Agency guidebook "Linking Drugs with Child Endangerment" which was published by the California Governor's Office in 1998,1999 and 2000. Additionally, he served as a consultant on six DOJ educational and training video's related to drug manufacturing, drugs and DEC. In 2008 and 2009, Mitch served as a consultant on two videos for the California Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) Commission on "Law Enforcement in Indian Country" and "Drug Endangered Children".

For more than 30 years Mitch has been a law enforcement trainer. His assignments have included being a full-time DOJ academy instructor/program manager, local academy instructor, field training officer, and a national speaker. He also possesses a Junior College and High School Teaching Credential in the field of Police Science, Administration of Justice and teaches a Criminology class.

Mitch is the current chairman of the California Alliance for Drug Endangered Children and a member of the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children where he is co-chair of the First Responder group. Mitch is an active member of numerous community groups which include members from treatment, drug and alcohol programs, behavioral health, public health, probation, and parole, youth groups, rescue mission and Indian Country. During Mitch's career, he has been the recipient of numerous awards for his community service work, including the Governor's "Victims Services and Restitution Award" that he and his wife, Sue Webber-Brown, were presented for their work with the DEC Program. That same year the California Attorney General presented Mitch and Sue the "Leadership Award" on behalf of the DEC Resource Center.