

Rafi Ron: Bio

Mr. Ron is a leading aviation and Homeland security expert with more than 40 years of security and counter-terrorism experience worldwide. Federal and state authorities as well as members of the news media have recognized him as an authority on the subject.

Mr. Ron is the former Director of security at Tel-Aviv Ben-Gurion International Airport and the Israeli Airport Authority from 1997 to 2001. In 2001 formed New Age Aviation Security and New Age Security Solutions where he is President and CEO. In that capacity he manages aviation security related projects in the US and internationally, including: threat and vulnerability studies, security planning, system design and integration, and training.

He has provided guidance for airports in the US, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. His company has been hired by leading law enforcement agencies to develop counter terrorist training programs.

In his early career, Mr. Ron was a paratroop officer in the Israeli Defense Forces and served in many active combat missions. He helped establish the EL-AL sky marshal program, serving as a sky marshal himself for a time. Mr. Ron was the Chief Security Officer at the Israeli Embassy in Mexico and the Israeli Mission to the U.N. in NYC (1972-1975). He took part in the major revamp of security in Israeli Diplomatic missions world wide after the high profile terrorist attack against the Israeli Olympic team in Munich (1972 Olympic games).

Mr. Ron spent twenty years in Israel's Prime Minister Office as an operational intelligence and special operations officer and retired at the rank equivalent to full Colonel.

Mr. Ron was hired by Massport immediately after 9/11 to upgrade security for Boston Logan Airport, an achievement that was widely recognized by the Federal Government and the industry. Among the new programs he instituted was the development of the Behavior Pattern Recognition (BPR) protocol that helps authorities identify terrorists before they endanger airports or aviation travelers. The concept is now being implemented in various airports and mass transit systems. At the request of several government officials, Mr. Ron has provided input on aviation-related legislation. His public activities include testifying before house and Senate committees on airport security, participating with National Academy of Science, guest lecturing at US universities, and providing interviews for major newspapers, magazines, radio and TV networks.

As a member of the Airports Counsel International (ACI) World Standing Security Committee, Mr. Ron received the Award of Excellence for Lifetime Service by Aviation Security International, ACI, and International Air Transport Association in 2002.

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