

### **Thomas J. Nestel, III**



Tom Nestel is a 28-year veteran of law enforcement and presently serves as the Chief of Police for Upper Moreland Township, Pennsylvania. Prior to his appointment as Chief in 2007, he dedicated 22 years to the Philadelphia Police Department where he attained the rank of Staff Inspector and gained experience in a variety of policing functions. Nestel began his law enforcement career as a member of the newly formed Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Transit Police. Nestel has conducted extensive research on the use of public domain surveillance systems (CCTV) and assisted in the authoring of the operating policy to guide Philadelphia's program. He has also conducted several studies to determine the effectiveness of red light camera systems on intersection safety. He has earned three Master's degrees – Criminology from University of Pennsylvania, National Security Studies from the United States Naval Postgraduate School, and Public Safety from St. Joseph's University. He is presently pursuing a PhD in Criminology from the University of Pennsylvania. Nestel is a fourth generation police officer whose father was widely admired as an innovative district commander with the Philadelphia Police Department during the 1980s.