



## **Maureen S. Rush, M.S., CPP**

*Founder & Principal, The Rush Group, LLC*

Maureen S. Rush, M.S., CPP is a nationally recognized leader in law enforcement, public safety, and security strategy, with a career spanning more than 45 years. She is the Founder and Principal of **The Rush Group, LLC**, a premier public safety and security consulting firm established in 2007.

The Rush Group provides high-level advisory services to public agencies, private-sector organizations, and educational institutions. Leveraging Maureen’s extensive experience—including 27 years as Vice President for Public Safety and Superintendent of Police at the University of Pennsylvania—the firm specializes in strengthening safety operations, enhancing crisis preparedness, and designing effective security strategies. The firm also serves as an Expert in litigation matters.

Recent engagements include serving as Security Advisor to the **Philadelphia 76ers and Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment** during the development of the proposed “76 Place at Market East” arena project, where The Rush Group contributed expertise in safety design, risk mitigation, and community-focused “Safe Corridor” security plans on the streets around the proposed arena.

### **Career Highlights**

- **University of Pennsylvania (1994–2022):**
  - Served as Vice President for Public Safety and Superintendent of Police for 27 years, overseeing eight departments. Managed an a \$45M operating budget, and a team of 181 Penn employees plus 550 contract security personnel.
  - Directed law enforcement, security technology, emergency preparedness, and victim support services across Penn and Penn Medicine’s 2.5-square-mile patrol zone.
  - Led the Penn Police Department to become the **first nationally accredited campus police agency in Pennsylvania** (CALEA, 2001) and maintained accreditation for 15 consecutive years, earning the **Egon Bittner Award for Excellence in Leadership** in 2016. Crime reduction in West Philadelphia on and around Penn’s Campus was a major focus and success point for the Penn Police Department.

- **Philadelphia Police Department (1976–1994):**

- One of the first 100 women hired for street patrol in a groundbreaking DOJ pilot program under Mayor Frank Rizzo.
- Advanced through command ranks, serving in Patrol, Anti-Crime, Narcotics Strike Force, Airport Unit, and the Training Bureau.

### **Leadership & Service**

Maureen currently serves as:

- **President**, Philadelphia Police Foundation (raising over \$1M annually for PPD)
- **Vice Chair**, Philadelphia Police Athletic League
- **Director**, Clery Center Board
- **HOA Board President** (Philadelphia) and **HOA Safety & Security Chair** (New Jersey)

Maureen co-chaired the University of Pennsylvania/Penn Medicine Penn's Way Workplace Giving Campaign (2003–2025), helping raise over \$45M for regional organizations and communities in need.

### **Education & Credentials**

- **M.S. in Organizational Dynamics**, University of Pennsylvania
- Graduate of **Harvard Kennedy School of Government**, **Northwestern School of Staff & Command**, and **FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program**
- **Certified Protection Professional (CPP)** certification through ASIS International
- Lifetime member, International Association of Chiefs of Police and PA Southeastern Chiefs Police

### **Stress Buster**

Maureen is a long time Drummer and singer in a Classic Rock band