



## *Sheriff Harry Lee*



Harry Lee was born in New Orleans to Chinese immigrants. He graduated from Francis T. Nichols High School where he was both Senior Class President and Student Body President. Harry Lee earned degrees from Louisiana State University and from Loyola University Law School, where he was president of the Loyola Student Bar Association. Harry Lee was sworn in as the first United States Magistrate for the Eastern District of Louisiana in 1971. He was appointed Parish Attorney for Jefferson Parish in 1975 and then elected Sheriff in 1979 – a post to which he was reelected in 1983, 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999 and 2003. Sheriff Lee was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2001. In 2000, the University of New Haven in Connecticut honored him with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. He was also recognized for his outstanding service as Sheriff by the National Foundation for Improvement of Justice in 1998.

Sheriff Lee was Crimestoppers' most staunch supporter. Under his guidance, state legislation was passed providing a \$2 court assessment to fund the Crimestoppers reward program. He also provided office space to the Crimestoppers staff and assisted in developing the Crimestoppers program in surrounding parishes.