

Paul DelPonte  
Executive Director  
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Paul DelPonte is an accomplished nonprofit executive, award-winning communicator and consumer advocate.

As Executive Director of the National Crime Prevention Council, his work is focused on expanding NCPC's impact and introducing McGruff the Crime Dog® to a new, digitally savvy generation of Americans.

Over his decades-long career, DelPonte guided a range of nonprofit organizations, foundations and corporations to reach broader audiences through digital outreach and other communications, including leading the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, positioning the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's largest domestic initiative to make pivotal health policy changes, and launching the National Academy of Medicine's landmark work on medical errors.

Other major accomplishments include leading a coalition to promote greater civic engagement, boosting public education on how forests help protect the environment, and coordinating campaigns on mental health parity, dietary supplements, child nutrition, and to increase NIH funding.

His work has earned a number of awards, including PR Campaign of the Year for work to strengthen fresh poultry labeling rules, the prestigious Thoth Award for The Men's Health public service announcement campaign featuring Morgan Freeman, and the SABRE Award for Public Service Campaign.

He began his career working for Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.). Afterward he shifted his focus to nonprofit advocacy, bringing visibility to hunger in Africa and the U.S.

DelPonte was instrumental in the establishment of the Alliance for Aging Research, where he spearheaded Project Independence for Older Americans which led to more than a \$1 billion increase in federal aging research. He served two terms as Commissioner on Aging in Montgomery County, Maryland, helping the county gain recognition by the World Health Organization as an age-friendly community. Advocating for older Americans has remained a focus of much of his work, including author of "License to Steal," a report for the Gray Panthers highlighting widespread financial fraud and abuse committed against seniors. In 2015, he had his own "McGruff® Moment," when he came forward as a whistleblower to stop theft and fraud in a federal job training program for seniors and veterans.

DelPonte is a graduate of The Catholic University of America, and was a community organizing fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.