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The International Security Management Association (ISMA), a premier global membership association of preeminent security executives representing multinational organizations from all industries, has announced the selection of Lord Parker of Minsmere, former Director General of the UK Security Service and current Lord Chamberlain of the Royal Household, and Carlos Velazquez, Mexico Country Security Manager for Shell, as recipients of the 2021 and 2022 ISMA Distinguished Achievement Awards. The award is a meaningful, industry related award that recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions in the security profession in the public or private sector as a practitioner, provider, or technologist.

"We are very pleased to announce the selection of Lord Parker and Mr. Velazquez as the recipients of the 2021 and 2022 ISMA Distinguished Achievement Awards," says Liz Chamberlin, Executive Director of ISMA. "The pandemic prevented us from making an award in 2021, and we were thrilled to honor these two worthy recipients during our member meeting in June."

"Lord Parker's leadership in dealing with the security threats and attacks faced by the United Kingdom and its allies throughout his career has been exemplary and stands out as an extraordinary example to ISMA's global membership, many of whom who also hail from a range of corporate security and public service backgrounds," says Chris Rackow, President of ISMA's Board of Directors.

Carlos Velazquez leads the Coparmex Security Working Group in Mexico, and "his work to create partnerships to reduce hijackings and theft in the El Bajio region of Mexico, and the resulting marked impacts for both his company and others operating there have demonstrated real impact for the industry," says Rackow.

Lord Parker and Carlos Velazquez join a select group of individuals who have been similarly recognized by ISMA for their outstanding contributions to the security profession.

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