

O. Keith Wanke, a Loss Prevention Professional with over forty-nine years of experience, is announcing his retirement

On April 8, 2021, Keith will retire from Dunham's Sports, currently serving as Sr. V. P. Loss Prevention, Audit and Firearms Compliance. He has been employed by Dunham's for the past nineteen years. Keith holds an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Sociology and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University. He began his criminal justice career in 1972 with the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission in Chicago where he worked as a crime analyst and then moved in to the private sector as a Loss Prevention and Safety Manager with Montgomery Ward Inc. Keith then joined Wick's Companies as a Corporate Regional Loss Prevention Manager learning from Wick's forty-eight different retail brands and businesses ranging from department stores to banks. He credits his time with the Wicks Group of Companies for his training and foundation in the loss prevention industry. Keith then accepted a position as Regional Loss Prevention Manager with The Musicland Group, where he earned a number of promotions including V. P. of Loss Prevention during his nineteen years of employment.

Through the years Keith has been an active member in the Loss Prevention community serving as a Director on the National Retail Federation Loss Prevention Advisory Council. He chaired and served on the National Association of Recording Merchandisers Loss Prevention Committee, the Loss Prevention Committee for the Video Software Dealers Association and served on the USPS Mail Order Task Force. Keith is a founding member of the North American EAS Source Tagging Council. He has been a frequent presenter at the NRF Loss Prevention Conference and has published a number of articles and has been quoted and interviewed by numerous newspapers and periodicals. In addition, Keith is a Charter Member of The Loss Prevention Foundation and has been a member of ASIS for the past thirty five years. He is also a member of the International Association of Interviewers, the Loss Prevention Leaders Footwear and Sporting Goods Group and a member of the Corporate Retail FFL Group and the ATF.

Keith is looking forward to spending more time with family, especially his granddaughter, and pursuing his hobbies and travel. It is time!