

## CHIEF LAURA FARINELLA



**Chief Laura Farinella** was hired by the Laguna Beach Police Department in March 2015, prior to that she worked for the Long Beach Police Department for 25 years. While in Long Beach she worked all Patrol Divisions, was a Field Training Officer, Police Academy Recruit Training Officer, Academy Instructor, Administrative Corporal, Internal Affairs Sergeant, and assistant to the Deputy Chief of Investigations. As a commander she managed the Communications Division, East Patrol Division and the Gang and Violent Crimes Division, and was Chief of Staff to then Chief Jim McDonnell.

Chief McDonnell promoted her to Deputy Chief of the Support Bureau, where she managed the Jail Division, Communications and Training Division, the Port Police Division, and the Security Services Division, which included law enforcement support at the Long Beach Airport, Long Beach City College, the Long Beach Marinas, Park Rangers, as well as grant management.

Chief Farinella holds a Bachelor Degree in Communications from Chapman University, and a Master of Science Degree in Emergency Services Administration from the California State University of Long Beach. She is the graduate of the FBI National Academy Class #224, FBI National Executive Institute Class #37, and has attended the FBI Instructor Development and Firearms Courses, Supervisory Leadership Institute, POST Management Course, and Leadership Long Beach.

While in Long Beach she led the Chief's LGBTQ Advisory Group, was on the board of the Central California Area Maritime Security Committee (CCAMSC), was the Executive Director of the Long Beach Police Historical Society, and represented the City of Long Beach on the authority approval board for the Urban Area Security Initiative grant program.