

CHIEF SHARON PAPA



Sharon Papa is a 39-year law enforcement veteran with a diverse background and experience. She worked for the Santa Monica Police Department, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department, and the Los Angeles Police Department before being sworn in as the Chief of Police in Hermosa Beach on October 1st, 2013.

Her executive level experience includes almost eight years as the Transit Police Chief in Los Angeles, nine years as a Commander with the LAPD and seven years as an Assistant Chief of Police for LAPD Chief William Bratton. She has overseen Patrol Operations, Detective Divisions, Specialized Enforcement Teams, Support Services Personnel, Jail Operations, Media and Community Relations, Human Resources, Training Division, Facilities, Motor Transport and Budget and Finance.

She has been a champion of a wide variety of innovative programs such as the LAPD Military Liaison Program, which won national recognition and was presented with an award by President George W. Bush in the Oval Office of the White House. She also created the first Animal Cruelty Task Force in the country consisting of both Sworn Police Officers and City Animal Control Officers working jointly to investigate and prosecute animal abuse cases in the City of Los Angeles. The team was featured in a television episode on Animal Planet.

Chief Papa is a highly sought after public speaker and mentor. She routinely lectures at high schools, college campuses, and universities. She believes everyone has an obligation to share their knowledge and abilities with their subordinates. She regularly meets with employees from within her agency as well as from other law enforcement agencies to provide feedback and guidance so they can attain their career goals.

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She is an active member of the Board of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County and has served as president on two occasions. She was recently appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to serve as a Commissioner for the LA County Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, and she is currently serving as the 1st Vice President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association.