POLICE OFFICER EBRAHIM ASHABI

Officer **Ebrahim Ashabi** was born in Iran as a Shiite Muslim. He was forced into self-exile in 1982 following the Islamic Revolution and the subsequent war with Iraq. After spending time in Europe, he was able to reach New York City, where he lived for a time before moving to Washington, D.C. Officer Ashabi eventually settled in California and joined the Long Beach Police Department in 1997. From 2004 to 2010, he was assigned to the Long Beach Police Department's Office of Counter Terrorism, where he was responsible for collecting, analyzing, and investigating criminal intelligence related to international and domestic terrorism, organized crime, and extremist activities.

Officer Ashabi went to Afghanistan in 2010 – 2011 and assisted the U.S. Coalition Forces with counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) efforts. Upon his return, he joined the Beverly Hills Police Department where he is currently assigned to patrol duties as a Field Training Officer (FTO). He is also a member of the SWAT Team and the Sniper Cadre. He has been training and teaching law enforcement and the United States Military regarding Islam, the Middle East, and terrorism since 2003. Officer Ashabi holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of La Verne and a Master's degree from the California State University, Long Beach. He published his first book in 2010, *The Evolution of Radical Islam*, prior to his deployment to Afghanistan.