

Lieutenant Emada Tingirides



Lieutenant Emada Tingirides was born in the city of Los Angeles to a single mother and was raised in Watts and South West Los Angeles. After one year in Monterey Park, Lieutenant Tingirides moved to Chatsworth California throughout her High School and College years. Emada is the grandchild to a former Corrections Officer and teacher of 35 years, and the daughter of a nurse practitioner. It would only be a matter of time before she would decide to become a police officer in the City she grew up in and has a long family history.

In 1995 Emada joined the Los Angeles Police Department and completed her probationary period in the West Los Angeles Area. She worked in Downtown Los Angeles, Central Division before moving to Southwest Area where she served as a Senior Lead Officer for five years. Emada promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2006 and completed her probationary time in Harbor Division. In 2007, Southeast Area Community Police Station was in search of a supervisor who had the ability to overhaul and reinvigorate the Community Relations Office. Emada saw an opportunity to return to the community in which she was raised and transferred to Southeast Area with the goal of uniting a community and bridging the historical gap between law enforcement and the community it served. During this same time Emada returned to college and obtained a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from National University.

In 2011 Emada was selected by the Chief of Police to coordinate the Community Safety Partnership Program (CSP) along with Attorney Connie Rice of the Advancement Project. CSP has dedicated police officers assigned to seven public housing developments in East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles and the community of Watts. The primary purpose of this program is relationship-based policing, addressing quality of life issues in public housing, youth programming and providing safe passage for kids to get back and forth to school safely. Because of the CSP Program and the dedicated officers assigned to it; violent crime in the major public housing developments is down. Lieutenant Tingirides' singular dedication to nurturing relationships with the people and partners of South Los Angeles has inspired her subordinates to embrace the important tenets of community-based policing and with remarkable success. Her personal motto: "The impossible is truly possible." Her goal is to expand the Community Safety Partnership Program into all 14 public housing Developments in the City of Los Angeles as well as communities struggling with crime and building relationships with law enforcement.

In December of 2015 Lieutenant Tingirides along with her husband Deputy Chief Phil Tingirides received the honor of being named by Governing Magazine the Public Officials of the Year. Emada was also named one of Los Angeles' most influential woman by Los Angeles Magazine. One of the Tingirides' highest honors was being selected and invited by the White House to be Michelle Obama's guest for the 2015 State of the Union Address. In June of 2016 Emada was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and is currently a Watch Commander working 77th Street Patrol Division in South Los Angeles where the first CSP program has been implemented outside of a public housing development and centered around a neighborhood with a park that has seen its share of violence. This CSP site is known as the "Harvard Park Zone".

Emada continuous to dedicate her law enforcement career to the South Los Angeles community while being married to the LAPD Deputy Chief of Operations-South Bureau, the mother of two children and a beautiful blended family of six kids.