

## LIEUTENANT GENA BROOKS



**Lieutenant Gena Brooks**, a native Angeleno, was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) in 1988. Throughout her 30-year career she has been assigned to a wide variety of patrol, investigative and administrative functions. Her patrol assignments have included Pacific Area, 77<sup>th</sup> Area, South Bureau Narcotics and Van Nuys Area. In 1996 she promoted to the rank of Detective and has been assigned to Southwest Area, West Los Angeles Area, Investigative Analysis Section and Risk Management Division. In 1999 she promoted to the rank of Sergeant and those assignments have included has Pacific Area, Training Group, and the Office of Operations.

As the Officer in Charge of the Community Policing Unit (CPU) her team was responsible for enhancing the community policing efforts citywide by focusing on the partnerships with the community and the police. The Community Policing Unit was the entity within the Department that had oversight of the Community Police Advisory Boards and Senior Lead Officers. Additionally, CPU maintained liaison with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and monitors the Neighborhood Councils throughout the City and collaborates with the Department of General Services, and the Department of Recreation and Parks on the Safe Parks Program.

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In 2011 Sergeant Brooks promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and those assignments have included West Los Angeles, Gang Impact Team Officer in Charge and Southeast Area, Community Safety Partnership Team.

During those assignments Lieutenant Brooks has been selected to work a variety of coveted assignments and has been involved in the development of the Department's core values, the Board of Inquiry Taskforce, and the implementation of the Federal Consent Decree.

Currently, she is the Officer in Charge of the Community Safety Partnership Team (CSP) and her team is responsible for relationship based policing in the five housing developments in Watts. CSP is an evidence-based, community-entered model geared toward a comprehensive violence reduction strategy. The four areas of focus are community affairs, youth programming, safe passage, and critical enforcement. CSP works side by side with residents and community members to develop and implement sustainable programs, eradicate crime, address quality of life issues all while simultaneously bridging the gap between the community and the LAPD.