



GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Edward Medrano, Chief of Police



Edward Medrano was appointed Chief of the Gardena Police Department in 2007, and is temporarily overseeing the Police, Streets, and Development Services Department. In this capacity, he proudly leads one hundred and fifty dedicated law enforcement personnel, and an additional one hundred city employees in the areas of public works, community and economic development, planning, engineering, building services, code enforcement, and permitting and licensing, and has budget oversight of operations totaling roughly \$30 million.

Throughout his law enforcement career, Chief Medrano has been involved in all facets of police work, and is a strong advocate of innovative and proactive policing strategies. Currently, he is teamed up with the University of Illinois at Chicago as a national trainer and subject matter expert in the field of Procedural Justice.

Chief Medrano is the Executive Board Chairman for the Los Angeles Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LA CLEAR), and the Chairman of the Executive Board for the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LA-HIDTA). Additionally, he serves as the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) Vice-President, and is a contributing member to the Law and Legislative Committee. Presently, Chief Medrano is working with the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Office on a Collaborative Reform Team.

As a United States Marine Corps Veteran and Reserve Officer, Chief Medrano has a passion for community service, youth development and promoting constitutional policing. In addition to fostering a vibrant Police Explorer Program, of which he was a product, Chief Medrano teaches at the Police Academy on the topics of community policing, leadership, professionalism, and ethics.

Chief Medrano possesses a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degrees in Executive Leadership, in addition he is graduate of the FBI National Academy. He and his wife, Sonia, have five children.