



CHIEF SAUL RODRIGUEZ

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Master's Degree in Public Sector Management
- Executive Leadership Institute graduate
- Supervisory Leadership Institute graduate
- Thirty years of law enforcement experience

Chief Saul Rodriguez was born at Saint John's Hospital in Santa Monica. He was raised in Culver City by his mother, Guadalupe, and father, Elpidio. Saul grew up in the same family home his mother and father still live in. He has two siblings, Hector and Erica, which live in the area. Saul attended St. Bernard High School in Playa Del Rey. Saul spent most of his young life with family and friends and enjoyed his summers hoping on his bicycle and riding to the beach on the bike path.

Saul attended Santa Monica College and California State University Northridge. He earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management and a master's degree in Public Sector Management with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership. He earned his graduate degree with honors and distinction. Saul began his journey towards a law enforcement career in 1991 with the Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department. While attending the police academy in Whittier, Saul was in the final weeks of



training when he experienced an unexpected medical event causing him to resign from his position as Deputy Sheriff Trainee. Saul pursued his education and eventually found his way back to his career in law enforcement. In February 1995, Saul was hired by the Los Angeles County MTA Police Department dedicated to policing the bus and metro rails in the County. Saul graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy. He worked primarily along the Blue and Green Metro Rail Lines in the County. In the last year with MTA Police Department, he was assigned to a plain clothes crime prevention team addressing violent crimes. The team received several department commendations for combatting violent crime on the rail system.

In July 1997, Chief Rodriguez lateral transferred to the Santa Monica Police Department where he spent the next 27 years. As a police officer, Chief Rodriguez worked various assignments to include patrol division, gang officer, federal task force officer with Homeland Security Investigations, narcotics detective, vice detective and adjutant to the patrol division commander.

In 2008, Saul was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. As a Police Sergeant, he worked several years on various patrol shifts, supervised the K-9 Program, and worked as the Narcotics/Vice Unit supervisor for over five years.

In 2015, Saul was promoted to the rank of Police Lieutenant. As a Police Lieutenant, Saul was assigned to Morning Watch Patrol and manager of the K-9 Program. He served for several years as the Adjutant to the Chief of Police under three different police chiefs. Also, in this role he served as the Lead Public

Information Officer and social media program manager. He also served as the manager of the Professional Standards Section responsible for training, recruitment, hiring and Internal Affairs Investigation.

In 2020, Saul was promoted to the rank of Police Captain. As a Captain, Saul commanded the Criminal Investigations Division responsible for various units, such as Robbery Homicide, Crimes Against Persons, Youth Services, Property, Forensics, Records, and Jail. As a Special Operations Division Commander, Chief Rodriguez led the Homeless Liaison Program, Traffic, Crime Impact Team, SWAT, Mobile Field Force, UAS Team, Mounted Patrol, and Public Service Officer programs.

Throughout his career with the Santa Monica Police Department, Chief Rodriguez has received numerous awards and commendations for his performance both internally and externally from community organizations. Chief Rodriguez is a graduate of Sherman Block's Supervisor Leadership Institute and Drucker's Executive Leadership Institute.

Chief Rodriguez currently resides in Rancho Palos Verdes with his lovely wife, Dr. Noha Zaki, daughters Layla and Selene, and his son Riyan. Chief Rodriguez has two adult children, Vanessa and Noah. Vanessa lives in Michigan and Noah lives in Southern California working at HBO in Culver City.

While not at work, Chief Rodriguez enjoys spending time with his family, staying active, going on hikes in the south bay and watching Steelers football.