



CAPTAIN GIL SANCHEZ

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Master's Degree in Public Administration
- Executive Leadership Institute graduate
- CATO Strategic Leadership Program graduate
- Twenty-five years of law enforcement experience

Captain Gil Sanchez brings over 25 years of distinguished law enforcement experience to the El Segundo Police Department, where he joined in December 2023. During his tenure at the El Segundo Police Department, he served as the Administrative Services Bureau Captain before recently assuming command of the Field Operations Bureau. In his current role, he oversees the Patrol Division, Investigative Division, SWAT team, active shooter team, South Bay Platoon Area G, wellness/peer support program, FTO Program, K9 Program, and the Community Police Academy (CPA). A dedicated leader committed to fostering trust, safety, and excellence, Captain Sanchez is passionate about developing young leaders and advancing the department's vision through empathy, perspective, and engagement. His career began with the Hawthorne Police Department, where he served in a variety of critical roles, including Patrol Officer, Motor Officer, Field Training Officer, Traffic Investigator and Grant Coordinator,



and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Operator. Recognized for his outstanding service, Captain Sanchez was honored as a recipient of the South Bay Medal of Valor award twice in 2004. He spent 20 years as a member of the Hawthorne SWAT team, demonstrating unwavering commitment to high risk operations. In spring 2014, Captain Sanchez was promoted to Sergeant, overseeing diverse responsibilities such as Patrol Field Supervisor, Traffic Bureau Commander, Special Victims Unit Supervisor, Detective Bureau Supervisor, Field Training Officer Coordinator, K-9 Coordinator, and SWAT Team Leader. He also served on the South Bay Regional Active Shooter Committee as the department's subject matter expert in active shooter response. Advancing to Lieutenant in spring 2019, he assumed command of the Detective Bureau and the Hawthorne SWAT team. His subsequent assignments included Administrative Services Lieutenant, Director of Business License at City Hall, SoFi Stadium Coordinator and Liaison—where he served as Incident Commander for Hawthorne PD during Super Bowl 56—Patrol Commander, and Animal Control Supervisor. In 2019, he was 1 of only 10 selected statewide for the California Association of Tactical Officers' Strategic Leadership Program, an 18-month initiative analyzing leadership in law enforcement and the private sector. He successfully graduated as one of nine in fall 2020.

Captain Sanchez holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership. He also graduated from the Drucker Executive Leadership Institute. His

educational background complements his practical expertise, equipping him to build a safe, productive work environment with high morale and an impeccable organizational brand that delivers exceptional value to the citizens of El Segundo.

Deeply dedicated to his profession, family, and the South Bay communities, Captain Sanchez embodies a commitment to self-improvement, helping others, and ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens and fellow officers. In his free time, he enjoys trout fishing with his sons, coaching them in baseball, playing golf, going on bike rides and walks with his wife, and playing fantasy football. He is a huge Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Dodgers fan. Captain Sanchez looks forward to forging strong strategies and relationships within the El Segundo Police Department to further enhance its reputation and service to stakeholders.