

Captain Michael Thatcher Compton Sheriff's Station

Michael Thatcher, a 32-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was promoted to the rank of Captain by Sheriff Jim McDonnell.

Captain Thatcher's career with the Sheriff's Department began in May of 1984 as a Law Enforcement Intern. After graduating from the Sheriff's Training Academy as a Deputy Sheriff in April of 1986, he was assigned to the Inmate Reception Center, Carson Station, Lakewood Station (Long Beach Project) and Narcotics Bureau. Upon his promotion to Sergeant in November of 2000, Captain Thatcher was assigned to Century Station, Operations Bureau (Countywide COPS Team) and as a Special Weapons Team Leader at the Special Enforcement Bureau. In November of 2009, Captain Thatcher was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Century Station, Commercial Crimes Bureau, Narcotics Bureau, Homicide Bureau, and as an Executive Aide at Custody Division Headquarters. In October of 2015, Captain Thatcher was promoted to Captain and assigned to Major Crimes Bureau. He assumed command of Compton Station in March 2016.

Captain Thatcher holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Police Science from Fullerton College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute and University in Cincinnati Ohio. He also completed the Cornell University "Johnson Graduate School of Management" Leadership Institute in Ithaca, New York and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Class #259.

Captain Thatcher and his wife reside in Orange County. They have two children; a daughter who attends the United States Naval Academy and a son who attends Chico State University. In his spare time he enjoys camping, attending live sports events, surfing, and traveling.