

Captain Richard J. Harpham
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lakewood Station

Richard J. Harpham, a 32-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was promoted to Captain by Sheriff Jim McDonnell and recently assumed operational command of Lakewood Sheriff's Station, providing police services to the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, and Paramount. Lakewood Sheriff's Station provides law enforcement services to approximately 250,000 residents in a 23-square mile region.

Captain Harpham began his career with the Sheriff's Department in 1986. After graduating from the Sheriff's Training Academy, his assignments included the Eugene Biscailuz Center Jail and Lakewood Sheriff's Station. In 2000, he was promoted to sergeant and remained at Lakewood Sheriff's Station. Overall, Captain Harpham was assigned to Lakewood Sheriff's Station for over 16 years and worked in each of the five contract cities. In 2004, he promoted to lieutenant and enjoyed assignments at Cerritos Sheriff's Station, Internal Affairs Bureau, Personnel Administration Bureau, and, most recently, Lakewood Sheriff's Station as the Operations Lieutenant.

Captain Harpham holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Management and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy. Additionally, Captain Harpham is a long-time resident of Lakewood and coached varsity football at Lakewood High School. He has been married for over 30 years to his wife, Gina, and has three adult children, one of which is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy assigned to Carson Sheriff's Station. Captain Harpham enjoys spending time with grandchildren, hunting and working out.