



Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department



Joseph M. Gooden , Captain

Captain Joseph M. Gooden is a 23-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Captain Gooden's career with the Sheriff's Department began in 1988 when he transferred from the Orange County Sheriff's Department. As a Deputy, he was assigned to the Hall of Justice Jail, East Los Angeles Station and Lakewood Station, North Long Beach Project. Captain Gooden promoted to Sergeant in 1999 and was assigned to Altadena Station, Office of the Undersheriff, Internal Affairs Bureau and Leadership and Training Division Headquarters. In 2004, Captain Gooden was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Men's Central Jail, Compton Station and the Office of the Assistant Sheriffs. Upon promoting to the rank of Captain in 2010, Captain Gooden assumed the command of the Internal Affairs Bureau. In October of 2011, Captain Gooden assumed command of Century Sheriff's Station.

Captain Gooden completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Southern California and National University, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science. While at USC, he was a four-year member of the USC Trojan Marching Band. He received his teaching credentials from National University and has been an Adjunct Professor at Pasadena Community College since 1998. In his spare time, he enjoys college football, club soccer, photography, and jazz.