

STEPHEN M. SMITH CAPTAIN



Stephen M. Smith, a 28-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was promoted to the rank of Captain by Sheriff Lee Baca in 2009 and assigned to command Parks Bureau. Parks Bureau is responsible for policing 177 county parks, golf courses and special event venues throughout Los Angeles County.

Captain Smith's career with the Sheriff's Department began in 1985. After graduating from the Academy, he worked a variety of assignments, including Pitchess Detention Center, Antelope Valley Station, Lancaster Station, Altadena/Crescenta Valley Stations, Field Operations Region I Headquarters, Medical Services Bureau, Custody Support Services and the Office of the Sheriff. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1993, and Lieutenant in 2000.

Captain Smith has worked on multiple Departmental projects and events, including the transition of the Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety into the Department, California's first activation of the Amber Alert, first licensed County Correctional Treatment Center, the opening of Lancaster and Palmdale Stations, reopening of Century Regional Detention Facility, restructuring of the inmate reception process and the closure of Pitchess Detention Center-South Facility.

Captain Smith has spoken nationally on a variety of subjects involving custody and correctional medicine. He was the keynote speaker at the International Conference on Child Exploitation in Toronto, Canada, where he addressed the benefits of Amber Alert. He has received multiple Departmental awards and was honored by the United States Attorney General and the Justice Department.

Captain Smith resides in Los Angeles County with his wife and has seven children. He has been blessed with twelve grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with family, reading, hiking, swimming and traveling.