



James P. Wolak, Captain

James Wolak, a 23-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was promoted to the rank of Captain by Sheriff Lee Baca and assigned to East Los Angeles Station. East Los Angeles Station is responsible for policing the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles and the cities of Commerce, Cudahy, and Maywood.

Captain Wolak's career with the Sheriff's Department began in 1989. After graduating from the Sheriff's Training Academy and being named the Honor Cadet of his class, he worked at Men's Central Jail, Lakewood Station, and the Recruit Training Unit. Upon being promoted to sergeant in 2000, Captain Wolak worked at Temple Station and in the Personnel Unit. In 2004, Captain Wolak promoted to lieutenant and was assigned as a watch commander at Norwalk Station, Service Area Lieutenant in the city of Paramount, Operations Lieutenant at Industry Station and finally, Executive Aide for the Undersheriff.

Captain Wolak received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Cal Poly Pomona and a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Woodbury University.

Captain Wolak was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and resides in San Dimas with his wife of 22 years, Dawna. They have two boys and two girls. His son, Bryan, attends the United States Military Academy at West Point. His two daughters, Mary and Sarah, are heavily involved in competitive cheerleading and the youngest, Michael, started kindergarten this year. In his spare time Captain Wolak enjoys spending time with his family, reading, and working out.