



JAMES WOLAK PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

James Wolak, a 28-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was promoted to Captain by Sheriff Lee Baca and recently took command of Lakewood Sheriff's Station, providing police services to the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood and Paramount.

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 was assigned to Men's Central Jail, Lakewood Sheriff's Station, and the Recruit Training Unit. Upon his promotion to sergeant in 2000, Captain Wolak worked at Temple Sheriff's Station and Personnel Administration Bureau. In 2004, Captain Wolak promoted to lieutenant and was assigned as a watch commander at Norwalk Sheriff's Station, Service Area Lieutenant in the city of Paramount, Operations Lieutenant at Industry Sheriff's Station and finally, Executive Aide for the Undersheriff.

Captain Wolak holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Cal Poly Pomona, a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Woodbury University, and he recently graduated from the Executive Leadership Program at the University of Southern California.

Captain Wolak was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and resides in San Dimas with his wife of 27-years, Dawna. They have two boys and two girls. His son, Bryan, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and is a first lieutenant in the Army; his two daughters, Mary and Sarah, are both seeking their bachelor's degrees and the youngest, Michael, started 5th grade this year. In his spare time, Captain Wolak enjoys spending time with his family, reading, and working out.

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