



Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department



David L. Fender, Chief
Custody Services Division

David L. Fender, a 38-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was promoted to the rank of Acting Chief by Sheriff Lee Baca in May of 2013, and was assigned to the Custody Services Division Specialized Programs.

Acting Chief Fender's career with the Sheriff's Department began in December 1974, as a pre-academy deputy working at Men's Central Jail. Three months later in 1975, he attended the Department Training Academy and graduated as a Deputy Sheriff. His first assignments were at the Hall of Justice Jail, Men's Central Jail, Lakewood station and Industry station. In addition, he was assigned to the Academy Training Bureau where he worked with Reserve Deputy Sheriffs from the movie industry in filming officer survival training films. In 1986, he was promoted to Sergeant and served at Pico Rivera, Industry, and Walnut stations. He was assigned to Narcotics Bureau in 1990, where he served as a Team Sergeant for station level crews, major violator's teams, and was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Detail supervising a multi-agency clandestine lab team.

Upon being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1996, Acting Chief Fender was assigned to Custody Division where he performed the duties of Watch Commander at the Inmate Reception Center. In 1998, Acting Chief Fender was transferred to Lakewood station and took on the assignment of Service Area Manager for the City of Lakewood. In November 1999, he was assigned the duties of Operations Lieutenant at Lakewood station. Acting Chief Fender was promoted to Captain in March of 2002, and assumed command of Lakewood station. In March of 2008, Acting Chief Fender was promoted to Commander of Correctional Services Division. He then became Acting Chief of Custody Division in May of 2013.

Acting Chief Fender is married and resides in Chino Hills. They have two adult sons. One son lives locally and the other currently resides in Utah. He enjoys spending his free time with his family and loves to travel. He enjoys cruising in the tropical waters of the Caribbean. He also enjoys going to the movies, fine dining, theatre, golfing, listening to country music, and reading materials for critical thinking.