

Kirk J. Albanese

Deputy Chief

Chief of Detectives

Deputy Chief Kirk J. Albanese was born in 1956 in Mount Pleasant, New York. He moved to Los Angeles and started his police academy training on November 17, 1980. Deputy Chief Albanese has steadily moved up through the ranks: including, police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and commander. On March 29, 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police by former Chief William J. Bratton.

During his 33 year career Deputy Chief Albanese has held assignments in Patrol, Gang Enforcement, Narcotics, Internal Affairs, Juvenile and Administration. While at the police officer rank, he was a Senior Lead Officer, and as a sergeant, he supervised a Community Policing/government based problem solving unit called FALCON (Focused Attack Linking Community Organizations and Neighborhoods). As a lieutenant, he was assigned to Internal Affairs as both an officer-in-charge and as a Chief Investigator.

As a Captain, he has held command positions at Juvenile Division, 77th Street, Wilshire, Foothill and Mission Area Police Stations. As an Area commanding officer, he was credited with establishing innovative crime reduction systems including, the "War Room Concept" where crime is analyzed and "Daily Missions" are assigned to patrol and detective personnel through a "Daily Briefing" meeting. This process ensures that all personnel assigned to the command are accountable and working toward the reduction of crime.

Deputy Chief Albanese was also credited with planning and opening the first new Los Angeles police station in 28 years. Mission Area Police Station opened on May 1, 2005, and serves the communities of Sylmar, Mission Hills, North Hills, Panorama City and a portion of Granada Hills. He credits the assigned personnel under his command, other City Departments, political leadership and the community for this accomplishment.

Following his promotion to Commander, he was assigned as the Assistant Commanding Officer, Operations-West Bureau, assuming responsibility for the police station Areas of Hollywood, Wilshire, West Los Angeles, Pacific, and West Traffic Division. Following this assignment, he was assigned as the Assistant to the Director, Office of Operations. It is this position that Deputy Chief Albanese held prior to being promoted to Deputy Chief.

Upon his promotion, Deputy Chief Albanese assumed command of Operations-South Bureau. As the commanding officer, he was responsible for 77th Street, Southwest, Southeast, and Harbor Areas, along with South Traffic Division. Operations-South Bureau covers an area of 67 square miles and serves more than 700,000 community members with 1700 officers and 159 civilian employees.

In January 2010 Deputy Chief Albanese was assigned as the commanding officer of Operations-Valley Bureau. In this capacity he was responsible for the San Fernando Valley portion of the city. This area encompasses 220 square miles and serves 1.7 million people. Police services include seven Area commands and Valley Traffic Division. Staffing for Operations-Valley Bureau includes 2,400 sworn personnel and 250 civilian personnel.

In November 2011, Deputy Chief Albanese was selected by Chief of Police Charlie Beck to serve as the Department's Chief of Detectives. As Chief of Detectives, Deputy Chief Albanese has line responsibility for the six commands that make up Detective Bureau. The commands include: Robbery Homicide Division, Detective Support and Vice Division, Gang and Narcotics Division, Juvenile Division, Commercial Crimes Division and Scientific Investigation Division. In addition, Deputy Chief Albanese has functional responsibility for the 1800 detective personnel who serve city wide.

Deputy Chief Albanese is a member of several professional and community based organizations including, the Los Angeles County Peace Officer Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Los Angeles Women Police Officers Association. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management from the University of Phoenix. His personal interests include travel, physical fitness, and spending quality time with his wife and two children.