

Daniel R. Koenig

Commander Dan Koenig was born and raised in Los Angeles. After serving in the military, he joined the Los Angeles Police Department in November 1970. During his career, Dan has worked all four of the Department's geographic bureaus giving him a broad view of the city and its diverse communities. Dan has also held a number of staff positions managing operations, investigations and administration. In 1982, Dan authored the now internationally famous DARE Program. In 1995 and 1996, Dan was assigned as the Department's Gang Coordinator with responsibility for several interagency efforts to address gang prevention, intervention and suppression efforts. Additionally, he was instrumental in developing the Department's Gang Tracking System which has since grown into the CalGang Gang System, a national database that facilitates the exchange of gang information. During that time, he also conducted the investigation into and wrote the final report for the Mark Fuhrman Task Force.

With the Department's reorganization in August 1997, Dan was given command of Management Services Division where he provided direct staff support to the Chief of Police. He was responsible for administering Department grants, strategic planning, institutionalizing community policing and budgeting. In June 1999, Dan was promoted to Commander and assigned as the Department's Governmental Liaison Officer. In that position, he interacted regularly with City, state and federal officials providing testimony and insight to numerous legislative bodies. In September 1999, Dan was assigned to the Board of Inquiry into the Rampart corruption scandal and authored the Board's final report. After the report was released, Dan lectured extensively sharing the lessons learned from the Rampart experience to assist other law enforcement executives in shoring up their agency's risk-management systems. Following that, Dan was assigned to implement the Consent Decree which included development of the Department's Audit Division.

During his career, Dan was awarded the Los Angeles Police Department's Police Meritorious Service Medal on two occasions: The first in 1986 for his work on DARE and the activation of Anti-Terrorist Division and the second in 1993 for his work in implementing Community Policing. Dan was awarded the Police Meritorious Unit Citation in 1989 for his work as the Officer-in-Charge of Hollywood Vice. Dan also received the Department's Leadership Award for his work as the Commanding Officer of Southwest Patrol Division during 1994.

In May 2003, Dan retired due to his selection as the Police Commission's Executive Director where he served until June 2004. For the past ten years Dan has provided management consulting, technical assistance and training to the top level management teams of several public safety and private sector organizations. He is the Senior Performance Auditor for Veritas Assurance Group, Inc., and a Special Consultant to the Management Consulting Services Bureau of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).