



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION COMMISSION

Don Meredith

Commissioner Don Meredith is an experienced law enforcement professional and educator. He currently serves as president of the Los Angeles County Probation Commission providing leadership, guidance and direction to the largest probation department in the world. Don has served as a Probation Commissioner since May 2002 when Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich nominated him for the position and the appointment was unanimously approved by the Los County Board of Supervisors.

Combining his educational background and law enforcement experience, Don serves an adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Mt. San Antonio College. Through this role he has taught and assisted college students into becoming law enforcement professionals and promoting through the ranks.

Don's career in public service began in 1972 when he became a Cadet with the Glendale Police Department and promoted through the ranks to Lieutenant. Don received numerous commendations, awards and medals for community service, distinguished service and heroism during his law enforcement tenure.

His background in law enforcement included assignments in the Detective Bureau with the Gang Unit, Robbery-Homicide Detail, Narcotics-Major Violator Unit and Auto Theft. He also has had been assigned to Tactical Units, Special Enforcement Detail, Professional Standards Bureau, Air Support (Helicopters), School Policing, Community Policing and Traffic Investigations and Enforcement.

Throughout his career Don was responsible for bringing about change to California laws on vehicle theft and tagging. While working Auto Theft, Don realized there was a deficiency in existing law, so he conceived, drafted, and proposed legislation that redefined the laws on vehicle theft, clarified language and increased penalties. This legislation was authored by Assemblyman Pat Nolan and became known as the Omnibus Auto Theft Act of 1989. Don also noted the inadequacy of the California Penal Code as it related to graffiti by taggers and gang members. Again he took up the challenge and working with Assemblyman Pat Nolan conceived legislation that clarified language and increase the penalties for gang related vandalism and tagging.



As a manager with the Glendale California Police Department, Don conceived and implemented the department's first Gang Investigations Unit. A unit that was recognized for its leadership and community approach to gang investigations, enforcement and intervention strategies. The state of California Department of Justice and Department of Education recognized Don's skill in dealing with at risk youth, gangs, drugs and youth related issues and appointed him to the DOJ/CDE CADRE. As a member of this team Don worked with communities, school districts and law enforcement throughout California on gang, drug and safe school issues.

In 1997, Commissioner Meredith was assigned to the Traffic Bureau. In his tenure as the Traffic Bureau Commander, several programs were introduced. During his tenure as the Traffic Bureau commander, several programs were introduced. These programs include the Pedestrian Enforcement Decoy program, a Teenage DUI prevention program "SKIDS," (Student Knowledge through Interactive Driving Skills) which was adopted for use by the military as "SKIDS", (Service member Knowledge through Interactive Driving Skills). Commissioner Meredith also commanded a Regional Multi-agency DUI Task Force Operation on behalf of the California Office of Traffic Safety. These successful programs have now been adopted by law enforcement agencies across the nation.

Through these programs and the hard work of the men and women of the Glendale Police Department, the City achieved its lowest fatality rate since 1953 when traffic accident statistics started being recorded. Don was awarded MADD (Mothers against Drunk Driving) highest award for his leadership against DUI.

In 2006 Don conceived and implemented the Community Services Bureau for the police department. This bureau combined the operations of community policing, school policing, volunteers, retail policing and community outreach programs and community based organizations to address quality of life issues.

While much of Don's life has been devoted to public safety as a law enforcement official, he also serves as a Staff Sergeant assigned to the CSMR, Army Support Group South, 2nd Brigade, 1st Battalion, (Civil Support) Liaison Section, and Military Police at Joint Forces Base Los Alamitos. At the request of the US Army, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, Don has been assigned to temporary duty with the US Army at Fort Irwin since January 2009 as a MP Senior Law Enforcement Instructor. Don's educational



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background includes graduation from the prestigious FBI National Academy, USC School of Engineering, Aviation Safety Management Institute; USC School of Public Administration Delinquency Control Institute; FEMA Emergency Management Institute; Union Institute and University Criminal Justice Management, University of Virginia, Criminal Justice Administration course and numerous other colleges and specialized classes. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Management and is currently working toward a Master's in Emergency and Disaster Management.

Commissioner Meredith recognizes the challenges of the department as it addresses the needs of the adult and juvenile offenders under the department's supervision. This challenge encompasses addressing the needs of the community and public safety through rehabilitation, education and enforcement in order to create positive change in behavior.

Commissioner Meredith believes that in partnership with the community we can reduce recidivism and have positive outcomes for those under the department's supervision.