

Commissioner Don Meredith is an experienced law enforcement executive and educator. 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. In 2016, the Board of Supervisors appointed Don to the Probation Department Oversight Work Group to identify strategies to improve department operations, accountability, transparency and community partnership.

In his role as Commissioner, Don has served as the Commission's president, vice-president and sergeant at arms. He currently serves as the Commission's representative on the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Probation Training Center, the only dedicated Probation Training Academy in California.

Don's educational background includes graduation from the prestigious FBI National Academy, USC School of Engineering, Aviation Safety Management Institute graduate program; USC School of Public Administration Delinquency Control Institute graduate program; FEMA Emergency Management Institute; Union Institute and University Criminal Justice Management, University of Virginia, Criminal Justice Administration course and numerous other college and specialized classes. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Management.

Combining his educational background and law enforcement experience, he serves as a Professor of Criminal Justice at Mt. San Antonio College and El Camino College. Don is also a credentialed California Commission on Police Officer's Standards and Training Instructor. As a POST Instructor Don instructs classes at the Rio Hondo Police Academy and Los Angeles County Probation Academy.

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 includes 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.

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. He also served on various grant review committees for California Department of Education.

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 currently serves as a First Sergeant assigned to the California State Military Reserve, 79<sup>th</sup> Support Brigade, State Military Police, headquartered at the California National Guard Armory in National City.

At the request of the US Army, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, Don was assigned to duty with the US Army at Fort Irwin for four years as an MP Senior Law Enforcement Instructor.

Commissioner Meredith recognizes and understands the challenges of the department as it addresses the needs of the adult and juveniles under the department's supervision. This challenge encompasses addressing the needs of the community and public safety through rehabilitation, education and enforcement to create positive change in behavior. He is actively working with community groups, the department and Board of Supervisors on programs to reduce recidivism and have positive outcomes for those under the department's supervision.