

INTRODUCING RDPO AL ROCCA

RESERVE DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

Al Rocca joined the Los Angeles County Reserve Probation Officer program in 2015, working with the Long Beach Gang Unit's Intensive Gang Supervision Program (IGSP). He comes from a background as a police officer, park ranger, and EMT. Al started his public service career with AMR ambulance where he handled 911 calls and also pioneered Southern California's first "Bike Medic" program, working as part of bicycle-based paramedic team for large events. After putting himself through the Riverside County Sheriff's Academy, Al began a career in law enforcement, working as a Park Ranger, and then he became a Police Officer.

He started out at the small Calipatria Police Department in rural Imperial County, CA. Al remembers working as the only officer on duty during his shifts, "When you have no partner to call in risky situations, you immediately learn the value communicating with people and developing connections within the community," he said. He developed his strong communication skills and learned the values of community-oriented policing.

This year also marks Al's 10th year with the military reserve. He is a staff sergeant in the California State Guard, having worked in assignments ranging from a anti-terrorism force protection team (Military Law Enforcement) to public affairs with a military history unit. During this time, Al has received many awards and even a congressional citation for his efforts in preserving military history. He believes in education and with help from the G.I. Bill has earned five college degrees, including a B.S. in Organizational Psychology and a M.A. in Organizational Leadership from Concordia University, Irvine.

In his spare time, he runs a charity search and rescue organization he founded in 2020. He has expanded to having teams in three states and is actively engaged in developing highly training drone operators to assist in Search and Rescue/ Fire Prevention missions throughout Southern California, Nevada, and Texas.

Originally from Yorba Linda, California, Al now lives in Orange County. He loves spending time with his boxer dog, Bentley and is a self-proclaimed "Sci-Fi Nerd" with a hobby of building full sized replica movie vehicles which he uses in parades and events, his vehicles so far have included a Jurassic Park Jeep, a Gotham City Police Car, and a Batman motorcycle.

Congratulations Al Rocca, on being named the Los Angeles County Reserve Probation Officer of the month!

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