

LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMANDER

Dina Zapalski



Commander Zapalski has been with the Long Beach Police Department for over 26 years and promoted to the rank of commander on August 2, 2019.

As an officer she worked as a Field Training Officer and a Bike Officer in patrol. She later became a Detective working in the Burglary, Child Abuse, and D.A.R.E. Details. She also served as a S.W.A.T. Hostage Negotiator for six years. She promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2005 and was assigned to Patrol, Internal Affairs, Media Relations, Office of Counter Terrorism, and was the Directed Enforcement Team Sergeant in West Division. She was promoted to Lieutenant in 2013 and worked as a watch commander and Lieutenant of the Vice Investigations Section.

In addition to her primary assignment, Lieutenant Zapalski served as the coordinator for the Cadet Program for many years, the program offers college students the opportunity to gain real life experience throughout various assignments, training and mentoring. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from Long Beach State University. She is also a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, P.O.S.T. Management Course, and Leadership Long Beach 2016.

