

Commander Cameron Knauerhaze

Commander Knauerhaze started his career at the Westminster Police Department in 1997 after serving as a reserve police officer for the City of Laguna Beach. As a patrol officer, he's worked assignments such as: Field Training Officer, the community policing team, and public information officer. In 2002, he was promoted to the position of detective assigned to the Department of Justice- Meth lab task force. He returned to WPD where he was assigned to auto theft and ultimately the robbery/homicide unit. After 6 years in detectives, he was promoted to Corporal and reassigned to patrol. In 2012, he was promoted to patrol sergeant where he has worked as a frontline supervisor and Public Information Officer.

Commander Knauerhaze is a three time recipient of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award, and a recipient of the Westminster Police Department's Medal of Courage and the Medal of Merit, and was nominated for the prestigious, international Herman Goldstein award from the Center of Problem-Oriented Policing for community work done in the Little Saigon area of Westminster.

Commander Knauerhaze acts as a council member for Crime Survivors Inc., a non-profit based in Orange County that aids victims of violent crimes and their families. He also is an advisory board member for the Chapman University School system, Criminal Justice Program.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management from Cal State Long Beach; a Master of Arts degree in Communications from Gonzaga University; an Executive Certificate in Advanced Negotiations from Notre Dame; and is a graduate of the Human Resource Management Certificate program at UCI.