

Interim Police Chief Roy Campos City of Westminster

A lifelong Californian, Chief Campos was born in Compton and raised in Norwalk, graduating from Norwalk High School in 1975. While attending Cerritos College in 1977, he answered a bulletin board ad for the position of Police Student Worker for the Los Angeles Police Department and was assigned to the office of famed LAPD Police Chief Daryl F. Gates (co-founder: SWAT, D.A.R.E.). Budget restraints precluded him from full-time employment with the LAPD. Chief Campos was quickly hired as a deputy sheriff by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department graduating first in his Academy's class earning distinction as Honor Cadet.

In April 1979, a year later, Chief Campos joined the Downey Police Department, eventually working at every rank within the department, including, ultimately, being selected as the city's eighth police chief in 2005. After more the 30 years with the City of Downey Chief Campos retired in 2009. Just ten months into his retirement, he was asked to serve the City of Signal Hill as Interim Police Chief. Following a seven-month residency there, he worked for the cities of Irwindale then Bell in identical roles. It was Chief Campos' cumulative experience as a police chief that prompted the City of Westminster to offer him the Interim Chief of Police position in June 2016.

Chief Campos is the second youngest of nine children born to Nacho and Lupe Campos. He credits the values and examples set by his late parents as being the foundation of the policing philosophy he has possessed throughout his career: treat people with respect, empathy and dignity.

Chief Campos and his wife, Jeanie, have been happily married for 33 years. They have two adult children, son Michael Campos (married to Andrea), and daughter Marisa Trautz (married to Ryan), who are expecting their first child, a boy, in September 2016. It will be the Campos' first grandchild. Chief Campos credits his wife, parents, eight siblings, wonderful in-laws and beautiful children as the source of his inner drive and for providing him with tremendous support throughout his life and law enforcement career. He also recognizes the many colleagues and mentors who have contributed greatly to his proud policing career. Chief Campos believes it is essential to teach and share with others in law enforcement all of the knowledge that he has been fortunate enough to attain throughout his career.

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