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### **Captain Jonathan Larson selected as Mission Viejo Chief of Police Services**

**MISSION VIEJO, Ca. (March 9, 2026):** Captain Jonathan Larson has been selected as the Chief of Police Services for the City of Mission Viejo. He begins his new assignment on Friday, March 20.

"Bringing my experience to this team is both an honor and a responsibility that I take seriously," Captain Larson said. "I look forward to serving alongside the dedicated team that works hard every day to provide exceptional policing services to the city of Mission Viejo."

Captain Larson joined the Sheriff's Department in 2006 and first served in custody operations before being assigned to patrol in the city of San Juan Capistrano in 2012.

In 2014, he was assigned to the Special Investigations Bureau's South Gang Enforcement Team, where he was regarded as a countywide expert in criminal street gang investigations. In 2018, Captain Larson joined the North Narcotics team, investigating narcotics sales operations and human trafficking offenses.

Captain Larson then took his investigative skills to the OC Sheriff Homicide Bureau, where he served for three years and also assumed an ancillary duty as an investigator for the Child Abduction Response Team.



In 2022, Captain Larson promoted to sergeant and served in the Central Men's Jail before being assigned to the Special Services Bureau at the Intake Release Center, managing daily operations for the classification of incarcerated persons.

Later that year, Captain Larson was assigned as a patrol operations sergeant for the city of San Juan Capistrano before being selected to serve as the San Juan Capistrano Administrative Sergeant, overseeing operations and special events planning.

In 2024, Captain Larson served as the Operations Support and Intelligence Division Sergeant at the Real Time Operations Center, where he managed the Crime Analysis Unit and the deputies assigned to providing support for in-field personnel to respond swiftly and safely to crimes in progress or developing incidents. Captain Larson was then promoted to lieutenant in 2026 where he most recently served as watch commander for the Intake and Release Center.

Captain Larson has a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management and Security from the University of Phoenix and a master's degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management from Purdue University.



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He has earned much recognition over the years, including being named the 2025 National Real Time Crime Center Region of the Year California Working Group Leader, the 2018 Orange County Gang Investigator of the Year, and the 2013 Elks Lodge Deputy of the Year, among additional accolades.

When not working, Captain Larson enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing golf, and going to the beach.

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