

Prima Notte

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Honoring Special Guest:



Assistant Chief
Los Angeles Police Department

Sharon Papa

San Gennaro Foundation Humanitarian Award

Sharon Papa joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1997 when the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Police Department merged with the Los Angeles Police Department. Chief Papa served with the MTA for almost 17 years. Her assignments included Uniformed Patrol, Investigations, Recruitment, Training and Internal Affairs. Chief Papa's assignment with the MTA, from 1990 to 1997, was as its Chief of Police. Chief Papa's leadership, direction and vision contributed significantly to the successful merger of the MTA and the Los Angeles Police Departments.

After joining the Los Angeles Police Department, Chief Papa was assigned as the Assistant Commanding Officer of Operations-Central Bureau. She served in this capacity until she became the official Department spokes-person as the Commanding Officer of Community Affairs Group. Chief Papa was then selected to serve as the Department's Ombuds Officer.

In November of 2002, Chief Papa was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and was assigned as Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Police.

On February 23, 2003, Chief Papa made City history when she was sworn in as the first woman promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Chief Papa is an active member and past President of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County, and is the past chair of the American Public Transit Association Police and Security Steering Committee. She is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Police Executive Research Forum.