



LOS BANOS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Los Banos has been in my family's blood for generations...both my grandmothers Violet Germino and Betty Grandlund lived in Los Banos, as did their parents. My mom and dad have called Los Banos home all their lives, graduating from Los Banos High in 1964. My sister and I, my wife and children, countless cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews are all proud to call Los Banos home.

As a child, I attended Henry Miller Elementary, Los Banos Junior High and I graduated from Los Banos High School in 1991.

Following graduation from high school, I served as a volunteer Firefighter for Merced County Fire, out of the Los Banos station for over two years; but it was a ride-along with then Merced County Sheriff's Sergeant Bill Allen, where I found my love of law enforcement.

I attended Merced Junior College and amongst my many classes was one with, then Los Banos Police Chief, Michael R. Hughes. I was fascinated by his stories which only energized me even more. I'd joke with Chief Hughes that I'd have his job some day.

I transferred to California State University (CSU) Stanislaus and in 1995 where I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. After graduation, I put myself through the Police Academy in Modesto California, graduating in December 1995. The day I graduated the Police Academy I was hired by the Los Banos Police Department (LBPD), by Chief Hughes.

Between 1995 and 2000, I held a number of positions with LBPD, including patrol officer, detective and K-9 handler.

In 2000, I found myself interested in narcotic enforcement. My wife and I had just married, and with no children, I pursued a position with the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. I was hired as a Special Agent, out of the Fresno Regional Office where I spent my days with some of the smartest and hard working police officers I'd met. We travelled the State dismantling clandestine methamphetamine laboratories, working surveillance and arresting major drug traffickers. But I missed Los Banos and more importantly the hard working men and women of the LBPD. I found that nothing was more satisfying to me then serving my community and NO ONE does that better than the professional staff at LBPD.

In 2002, after my wife had our first child, I decided to return to LBPD.

In 2003, I returned to college to begin work on a Master's Degree and after several years of commuting, attending classes part-time and working full-time, in 2007, I was awarded a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. In 2003, I was also promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant where I spent time supervising both a patrol team as well as LBPD's Detective Unit.

Pride in Service, Integrity in Action

In 2005, I was promoted to the Rank of Police Commander. During my time as Commander, I had the opportunity to oversee all aspects of the Police Department.

In the spring of 2009, I attended the 237th Session of the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The National Academy is a 10 week program with curriculum focusing on leadership, management, law, health/fitness and education. It was an amazing experience that I owe to the City of Los Banos.

On my birthday in May 2010, I was sworn in as the Chief of Police for the City of Los Banos. Nothing has been as rewarding or challenging then serving as your Chief of Police.

In 2013 and 2016, I was honored to serve the residents of this community as the Interim City Manager for the City of Los Banos.

My greatest accomplishments however, rest in my family as a husband and father. I have been an active parent in all of my children's activities from school to sports. I was a Board Member for the Los Banos Tiger Sharks swim team, an assistant coach for Tigers youth football and a Police Activities League flag football coach. I have been a proud member of the Los Banos Elks for over 12 years.

I have been married over 18 years to the love of my life. We have two children together who are proud students in the Los Banos Unified School District.

Serving the Los Banos community is my honor. However, keeping our community safe is a job for all of us. Our biggest challenge as a community is instilling the values of respect, humility, accountability and a sense of responsibility for one's own actions on our youth, and it all starts at home, with you!

Should I ever be of any service to you please contact me directly:

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