



Joe Brann

Policing Reforms & Accountability Expert

Joe Brann is the founder and CEO of Joseph Brann & Associates (JBA), a consulting firm exclusively dedicated to improving accountability and performance in police departments. For more than twenty years his firm has assisted police and sheriff's departments with improving their policing strategies, modernizing service delivery, and engaging the community with police as co-producers of public safety.

He has also served as a Federal Court Monitor or Special Consultant responsible for overseeing the implementation of court ordered reforms of several law enforcement agencies. Joe currently oversees reform efforts in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and is assisting the California Attorney General's Office with pattern and practice investigations involving other agencies. He has also assisted with monitoring efforts of the Cleveland and Cincinnati, OH Police Departments as well as the Seattle, WA consent decree. He was the Monitor of both the Riverside and Maywood Police Department Settlement Agreements, both of which were undertaken by the California Department of Justice.

Joe began his law enforcement career with the Santa Ana, CA Police Department – one of the earliest pioneers in the community policing movement. In 1989 he was appointed to serve as Chief of Police in Hayward, CA, where his vision and leadership in successfully integrating community policing principles and problem-solving strategies were recognized at the state and national level and served as a model for other communities. Following passage of the 1994 Crime Act he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as the founding Director for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) in the U. S. Department of Justice. Under Joe's leadership, the COPS Office invested billions of dollars in the advancement of community policing through a variety of nationwide training initiatives, the addition of 100,000 community police officers, and numerous crime reduction and community building programs. During his tenure, he also established 3-1-1 as the national non-emergency number.

Mr. Brann holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from California State University, Fullerton, and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.