

# Chief Thomas Chaplin

## Walnut Creek, CA Police Department



Tom Chaplin has served as the Police Chief for the city of Walnut Creek since July 8, 2013. Prior to his appointment, he served with the Citrus Heights Police Department for seven years. While at the Citrus Heights Police Department, he served as a lieutenant in the Patrol Division and the Investigative Services Division. He also served as commander in the Patrol Division and Investigative Services Division. In addition to being a member of the department start up team, he spent nine months in the role of deputy chief of police.

Chief Chaplin spent five years with California Department of Justice. During this time frame, he was assigned as special agent on the Sexual Predator Apprehension Team, California Bureau of Investigation, Sacramento Regional Office; a special agent supervisor for the Investigative Support Team - California Attorney General's Office - Northern California; and a special agent in charge for the Mission Support Branch, overseeing the Professional Standards Group, Background Investigations Group, and Litigation Unit.

Chief Chaplin started his law enforcement career with the Sacramento Police Department. In the Sacramento Police Department, Chaplin served as a community services officer, a patrol officer, field training officer, neighborhood police officer, detective, Academy instructor, and other assignments. Chief Chaplin served as an instructor at the police academy for the controlled substances block of instruction. He also served as an instructor for in-house training in the following areas: expert testimony, surveillance, VICE, informant management, search warrant preparation, investigations, proactive child sexual exploitation investigations, and undercover operations.

Chief Chaplin incorporated and served as president of the Citrus Heights Police Activities League. He was a Governor appointed Commissioner for the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (2016-2019). He is on the board of directors for the California Police Chiefs Association, where he serves as chair of the Training Committee. He is chair of the Contra Costa County Police Chiefs Association. He is an Executive Fellow for the National Police Foundation.

Chief Chaplin has been the recipient of numerous leadership and service awards, including the Joseph Molloy award from the California Police Chiefs Association, a Distinguished Service Ribbon from the Citrus Heights Police Department, a Medal of Valor from the Sacramento Police Department, three Paul Harris fellow awards from Rotary International, and he was named Special Agent of the year while at DOJ.

Chief Chaplin holds a bachelor's degree in occupational studies and a Master's degree in emergency services administration, both from California State University, Long Beach. He is a graduate of the 44th class of the California command College. He is an adjunct professor for the University of San Diego and for National University. He has published an article in the California Journal of Law Enforcement titled; Cybercriminals have Passed Law Enforcement By. Let's Catch Back Up!