

Boyd F. Long



Boyd Long is Assistant Chief of the San Diego Police Department, commanding all Patrol Operations. He has been a member of the San Diego Police Department for over 25 years, during which he has served at all ranks in several commands and units, including patrol, traffic, training, investigations and administration. Boyd holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and on the Advisory Board for the Security Network, a technology think tank that reviews worldwide public, private and military technology applications. In addition, Boyd serves on the National University Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Boyd has been an operations leader in major events, including the 1996 Republican National Convention, 1998 and 2003 Super Bowls and two Bio-Technology Conventions. He earned widespread respect for his leadership roles in the Police Department's response to the 2003 Cedar and 2007 Witch Creek wildfires. As a lieutenant in 2003, he served as the executive officer responsible for the management of the Department's personnel and resources responding to the Cedar fire throughout the Eastern Division Command. As a captain during the October 2007 wildfires, Boyd was the incident commander for the northern part of San Diego, where the Witch Creek fire destroyed over 1,030 homes and forced the evacuation of over 250,000 city residents. Throughout the four-day ordeal, he commanded nearly 300 officers and staff daily, in addition to 60 National Guard personnel, assuring safe evacuation, relocation, neighborhood security and reoccupation of the business owners and residents. Not one person was injured during the emergency evacuation of residents and business owners. Also in October 2007, Boyd served as the incident commander at a landslide in the San Diego community of La Jolla. Nearly 75 homes were urgently evacuated as the slide continued to move. The residents were relocated without incident or injury. Boyd managed the site for over three-weeks, assuring the neighborhood remained safe and crime free.

Between 2007 and 2008, as the captain of Northern Division, Boyd was faced with a community that was evenly split over a proposal to ban alcohol from the beaches and bays located primarily within his division during a 12 month impact study, he attended community forums, participated in the politically appointed beach alcohol task force and presented information on the subject to the Mayor and City Council. Throughout the analysis, he remained objective and presented information on the emotionally charged issue without taking sides. The alcohol ban ultimately went to referendum and was approved by a citywide vote.

Boyd has been a driving force in identifying new technology for the San Diego Police Department. As a lieutenant, captain and assistant chief, he used the crime analysis unit as a tool to identify and predict crime as well as allocate personnel resources. As a captain, Boyd oversaw the successful installation of permanent security cameras at an entertainment venue in the beach. Most recently, he embarked on a pilot public/private partnership program to stream video from privately owned cameras into the vehicles of first responders. This program uses existing private cameras as a force multiplier and crime reduction tool without any additional costs to the police department. Since Boyd was a sergeant, he has worked closely with other governmental agencies, community-based organizations, business owners, faith based groups and residents to identify a collaborative solution to reducing or eliminating the chronic homeless population in San Diego. He also oversees the Homeless Outreach Team, a team that combines county social service workers, psychiatric professionals and police officers to work directly with the chronic homeless population to identify appropriate resources and assistance.