



**DAVID BEJARANO**

***Chief of Police, Chula Vista Police Department  
Board Composition: Chief of Police  
(Appointed by the Governor)***

September 1, 2009 David Bejarano was sworn in as the City of Chula Vista's 23rd Chief of Police. Chief Bejarano leads a department of 240 sworn law officers and 90 civilian employees, plus more than a hundred volunteers. He oversees a budget of 49 million dollars and provides law enforcement services to a community of 260,000 residents, the second largest city in San Diego County. Chula Vista is home to the 2009 Little League World Series Champion Park View Little League, U.S. Olympic Training Center, Sleep Train Amphitheater, the Chula Vista Nature Center, J Street Harbor, the Third Avenue Village and Sea World Aquatica. Downtown Chula Vista hosts a number of cultural events; including its Cinco de Mayo celebration, Lemon Festival and Holiday Starlight Parade.

Based on Mr. Bejarano's extensive experience and expertise in dealing with trans-national crime, he has partnered in the past with several security organizations to provide security consulting services for foreign owned companies operating in Mexico. Security services provided include: site security assessments, executive protection, security director/crisis management training, and security backgrounds. Bejarano is also a Founder/Director of Vibra Bank, now Pacific Commerce Bank.

On April 10, 2003, Mr. Bejarano was appointed the United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, by President George W. Bush. The Marshals Service is the nation's oldest and most versatile Federal law enforcement agency, involved in virtually every law enforcement initiative.

Mr. Bejarano chaired the California Border Alliance Group, a program initiated by the President's Office of the National Drug Control Policy known as HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) and the Southwest Border HIDTA Executive Board. The HIDTA program provides infrastructure support for the investigation of international trafficking organizations.

Under Marshal Bejarano's leadership the San Diego County Regional Fugitive Unit was expanded by 50 percent. Mr. Bejarano also served on various national U.S. Marshals Service Policy Committees.

Chief Bejarano joined the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) in 1979 and on April 26, 1999, was sworn in as San Diego's 34<sup>th</sup> Chief of Police. Chief Bejarano provided progressive leadership for 2000 sworn officers, 700 civilian support personnel and 1,000 police volunteers. Chief Bejarano was responsible for an annual budget of \$262 million and for providing police services to over 1.3 million persons. The City of San Diego was recognized at state and national levels as one of the safest large cities in the U.S. and for successfully hosting major national events such as Super Bowl XXXII and XXXVIII, and the Republican National Convention.

Mr. Bejarano established one of the nation's first full-time Elder Abuse Units and Drag Racing Enforcement Units; created a partnership with the City Attorney's Office to establish the nationally recognized Family Justice Center (one-stop shop for addressing domestic violence); and also created the Neighborhood Prosecution Program.

Under Chief Bejarano's tenure, SDPD was recognized as the leader in expanding the use of less-than-lethal equipment, addressing racial profiling and enhancing Neighborhood Policing. Mr. Bejarano is a nationally recognized expert in police/community partnerships, major event security planning, and trans-national crime.

Over the course of his public service and currently, he serves on a number of community based organizations and local and national law enforcement organizations. Additionally, he was appointed by the Governor of California to represent California Chiefs on the Governor's "California Emergency Council", and was selected and served on Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante's "Commission One California." Mr. Bejarano is a former member of the Police Executive Research Forum Board of Directors. He is currently the President of the California Police Chiefs Association and former President of the San Diego County Chiefs and Sheriffs' Association. He also served on the IACP Executive Committee representing California and Hawaii law enforcement executives.

Mr. Bejarano has been the recipient of numerous awards, including being recognized as one of San Diego's "50 Persons to Watch" (2000); one of the nation's "100 Most Influential Hispanics" (1999); San Diego "Diogenes Award" for candor and professionalism in dealing with the news media (2000), and the San Diego Mediation Center's "2003 Peacemaker Award."

Mr. Bejarano is a native of El Paso, Texas, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from National University and served in the U.S. Marine Corps prior to his law enforcement career.

