



Second District Awardee

Commander Willie J. Miller

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Commander Willie Jewel Miller a 30 year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, is currently assigned to Field Operations Region II, which includes patrol stations in the southwest portion of the County and several countywide bureaus.

As one of the two area commanders in the Division she is responsible for Budget and Personnel matters for 1700 plus employees and oversees a budget that exceeds \$250 million. Commander Miller also oversees the division's promotional process and personnel movement.

Commander Miller reviews use of force investigations, Internal Affairs investigations, citizen complaints, recommends discipline and is involved in evaluating other risk management issues. On a rotational basis, her duties include, responding to deputy involved shootings and critical tactical incidents within her Region.

Throughout Miller's career she has recognized the value of mentoring in her own life and the lives of others. Strong mentors in college and in the beginning of her career influenced her path to success.

As a lieutenant working the Safe Streets Bureau, she received a small state funded grant for a long term mentoring program. Many deputy sheriffs volunteered their time to mentor at risk youths. Several of those matches are still in place now that the mentees are adults. Commander Miller, more than ever, continues to set aside time each week to mentor deputies and professional staff.

Commander Miller is a native of Mississippi, holds a Bachelors degree from Tougaloo College and a Masters degree from the University of Illinois. She is the proud mother of one son, Brandon, who recently graduated from Howard University.

The Los Angeles County Commission for Women proudly salutes Commander Miller for her dedication to public safety and empowering the lives of many.

"...you may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."

-Beverly Sills, American Opera Singer and Manager