

## **Michael P. Callagy**



Mike Callagy is Deputy Chief, Support Services Division, of the San Mateo, California, Police Department. Over the past 26 years, he has worked in, or supervised, every unit and program in within this police department. As a young officer he excelled at narcotics investigations and gained recognition for persuading prosecutors and courts that a suspect's intent to sell narcotics, rather than the amount of narcotics possessed, was the key evidence needed to convict an individual of "possession for sale."

As a sergeant he broke up a major armed robbery ring that netted nine suspects who had committed over 30 armed robberies of banks, auto parts stores and convenience stores. He was able to solve a homicide that resulted in one of only a few death penalty cases in the County. As a captain he went undercover for a year as a high ranking official on the take in order to break up a human trafficking ring. The case, federally dubbed, "Operation Bad Neighbor," remains one of the most successful joint operations in the Bay Area that targeted operators who took advantage of illegal immigrants. Callagy is especially committed to stopping human trafficking in all forms and has become a statewide resource on this issue.

As a captain he often challenged the Investigations Bureau to take on the tough, but important cases. He reopened a 30 year old triple homicide and took on a case that would have wide ranging repercussions, charging that a well-known and respected psychiatrist working for the courts and the County had molested numerous victims in his office. Although all the alleged molestations by the doctor were too old for prosecution under the statute of limitations, Callagy, a practicing attorney, figured how to write a search warrant that sought all the doctors' records. This first of its kind warrant in the United States was granted, and a search of the records revealed new, more recent victims and prosecutable offenses. Multiple counts of child molesting have been filed against the suspect, and charges are currently pending. Victims and their families have taken renewed hope from these efforts that justice will be served in these tragic cases.

Callagy worked to mitigate the impacts of budget cutting in the traffic bureau through technology (automated red light cameras, etc.) and enhanced community participation (using decoy cars and city volunteers enabled the Department to continue addressing the community's concerns about traffic safety by engaging them in volunteer efforts).

He has received the San Mateo Police Department's coveted Joinville Award for excellence in policing, positive impact, and commitment to the community; the City of San Mateo's Quarterly Outstanding Achievement Award; and the 2007 Outstanding Police Officer of the Year award from the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Notre Dame de Namur University, a law degree from Santa Clara University, and then a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University, where he received the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence and Leadership and was selected as the commencement speaker. In September 2010 Callagy received a Master's Degree in Homeland Defense and Security from the Naval Post Graduate School, the first law enforcement officer in San Mateo County to be awarded this degree. His thesis work focused on how homeland security and safety could be increased through police consolidation and mergers. Callagy also attended the California POST Sherman Block Leadership Institute, where he was selected as the class speaker.

His community activities include serving on the Foster City Little League Baseball Board of Directors, the Foster City Youth Baseball League Board of Directors, St. Gregory's School Board, Peninsula Clergy Network Board of Directors, and the Mid Peninsula Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, where he was president for 6 years. He also coaches baseball, basketball and soccer teams.