

## **Carmen Best**



Deputy Chief Carmen Best oversees the Patrol Operations, Criminal Investigations, Special Operations Bureau, and the Community Outreach section.

Carmen Best has worked for the Seattle Police Department since 1992. Her assignments include Uniformed Patrol, School Safety, Department Spokeswomen, Patrol Supervisor, Media Relations Supervisor, Watch Commander, Operations Lieutenant, Narcotics Proactive Commander, Robbery/Gangs/Fugitive Commander, Community Outreach Commander, South Precinct Commander, and Assistant Chief of the Criminal Investigations Bureau and Deputy Chief of Police.

Carmen has a B.A. from Western Illinois University and a certificate in Police Management from the University of Washington and a certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia. She completed the Senior Management Institute for Police in 2006, the FBI National Academy in 2010 and the Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Academy in 2013. She received the 2015 “Newsmaker of the Year” award from the Seattle Black Press. She is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Latino Police Officers Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the FBI National Academy Associates. She is on the trustee board for Lakeside School.

She is married and has two daughters who are both attending college.