## George Gascón



Police Chief George Gascón began serving as Chief of the San Francisco Police Department on August 7, 2009. Before that, he was the Chief of Police for the Mesa Police Department in Arizona for three years. Chief Gascón proudly served the Los Angeles Police Department for more than 28 years. In his final assignment before joining the Mesa Police Department, Gascón served as LAPD's Assistant Police Chief and Director of the Office of Operations. Gascón was appointed to the

LAPD in April 1978, where he served as an officer until 1981, when he left the department to pursue a career in business management while volunteering his time as a reserve officer. Gascón returned to law enforcement full-time in April 1987, and quickly moved through the ranks of the LAPD where he served as an Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Commander, Deputy Chief and Assistant Police Chief.

Chief Gascón received a B.A. degree in History from California State University, Long Beach, and a Juris Doctor Degree from Western State University College of Law. He is an active member of the California Bar Association. Chief Gascón's hard-earned expertise in police accountability, community policing, police training, hiring practices, management accountability, and use of force have been highlighted in numerous professional settings. He is a published author. He has written articles concerning police training and COMPSTAT. Chief Gascón continues to share his philosophy of COMPSTAT development and implementation with law enforcement agencies nationwide.