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Captain Matt Timmins selected as North Patrol Chief of Police Services

SANTA ANA, Ca. (Dec. 23, 2025): Captain Matt Timmins has been selected as the new North Patrol Chief of Police Services, serving the city of Villa Park and the county's northern unincorporated areas. He will begin his new assignment Friday, Dec. 26.

"I look forward to working alongside the dedicated professionals who provide exceptional service to the county," Captain Timmins said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute my experience and leadership to this hardworking team."

Captain Timmins joined the Sheriff's Department in 2007 and worked in custody operations before serving as a patrol deputy in Dana Point, where he served as a field training officer and a school resource officer.

He promoted to sergeant in 2019 and was assigned to the Men's Central Jail before joining the Media Analysis Bureau, where he developed and implemented the department's bodyworn camera program in 2021. Captain Timmins' integral leadership ensured the efficient and effective deployment of this large-scale program to more than 1,000 personnel.

Captain Timmins also served as a patrol sergeant in Yorba Linda, a supervisor in the SAFE Division, overseeing internal affairs investigations, and as the department's Public Information Officer, handling media relations and communications.



Most recently, Captain Timmins served as a lieutenant with the Custody Operations Division, managing day-to-day operations at the Intake Release Center.

Captain Timmins has a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Phoenix and a master's degree in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership from the University of San Diego. He also served four years in the United States Air Force, leading teams to protect high-level security assets.

When not working, Captain Timmins enjoys spending time with his family, camping, golfing, and snowboarding.

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