

Chief Michael G. Sullivan joined the United States Capitol Police on June 30, 2025. During his 30-year law enforcement career, Chief Sullivan has focused on increasing transparency, improving departmental efficiency, and fostering strong relationships between officers, elected officials, and the community.

Chief Sullivan's policing career began with the Louisville Division of Police in Kentucky in 1995. Following the department's transition to the Louisville Metro Police Department in 2003, he rose through the ranks to serve as Deputy Chief from 2016 to 2019. Chief Sullivan was recruited to join the Baltimore Police Department, where he served as Deputy Commissioner from 2019 to 2022, overseeing the Operations and Compliance Bureaus.

Chief Sullivan served as the Interim Chief of the Phoenix Police Department (PPD) from 2022 to 2025. He spearheaded major reforms and operational improvements that led to significant policy changes and enhanced community engagement. Chief Sullivan also played a critical role in guiding PPD through a Department of Justice "pattern-and-practice" investigation, ensuring that necessary reforms were made in a meaningful and sustainable manner. Additionally, he overhauled PPD's use-of-force policies, ensuring officers receive updated training on best practices, and restructured the Organizational Integrity Bureau to reinforce accountability within the department.

A graduate of the University of Louisville, Chief Sullivan holds both a bachelor's degree in Police Administration and a master's degree in the Administration of Justice. Chief Sullivan's leadership credentials include training at some of the nation's top law enforcement institutions, including: the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course, the FBI National Academy, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACO)/MacArthur Foundation Institute on Juvenile Justice, and the Major Cities Chiefs Association Police Executive Leadership Institute. In 2018, he was recognized by the Police Executive Research Forum with the Gary P. Hayes Award, which recognizes promising leaders in policing.