

United States Capitol Police

Chief Matthew R. Verderosa Biography

Chief Matthew R. Verderosa began his federal law enforcement career in 1985 with the Supreme Court of the United States Police. Soon after, he transferred to the United States Capitol Police in 1986, and served in a variety of roles providing uniformed patrol duties in both the Uniformed Services Bureau and the Patrol/Mobile Response Division. He was promoted in 1990 to Detective and served within the Department's Protective Services Bureau providing dignitary protection, special event planning, and investigative services.

As a sergeant, beginning in 1992, Chief Verderosa held several assignments on the First Responder Unit and in the Patrol/Mobile Response Division. He also spent four years in the Internal Affairs Division where he conducted both criminal and administrative investigations for the Department.

Chief Verderosa was promoted to lieutenant in 1998 and was assigned to the Capitol Division, where he drafted and implemented several major security plans including the operational security plan for the Impeachment Trial of the President, and Senate Chamber security staffing plans. Chief Verderosa served as the Strategic Planning Division Commander and Accreditation Manager, leading the Department to its first accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) in November 2002. During the 2001 Anthrax Remediation initiative, Chief Verderosa served as an incident command post commander for a period of seven months. In his final assignment as lieutenant, Chief Verderosa served as the Assistant to the Chief of Police, providing oversight to the Administrative Staff until promotion to Captain.

In 2004, as a Captain and later as an Inspector, Chief Verderosa was assigned to the House Division where he served as the Operations Commander and then-Division Commander, providing operational and administrative leadership to the Department's then-largest and most diverse organizational element. Chief Verderosa also served as the Chief of Staff for the Assistant Chief where he oversaw staffing initiatives, policy development and assisted the Assistant Chief in coordinating the activities of all operational units.

Promoted to Deputy Chief in 2008, Chief Verderosa served as Commander of the Training Services Bureau, and was responsible for Department's in-service and Recruit Officer training; served as Acting Director of the Office of Human Resources, initiating many procedural reforms and internal controls, and also overseeing the human capital portion of the hiring process for the historic merger with the Library of Congress Police. Chief Verderosa also served as the Acting Chief Administrative Officer overseeing the Office of Administration and the Department's administrative functions for approximately one year. As Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Verderosa assisted the Chief Administrative Officer in the running of the Office of Administration providing coordination between elements, providing technical assistance and oversight to several sworn promotional processes, and represented the Department to our Congressional oversight entities. Chief Verderosa commanded the Department's Disciplinary Review Task Force from July 2013 through December 2015, where he coordinated most Department disciplinary matters for the Chief, Assistant Chief, and Chief Administrative Officer.

On May 1, 2015, Chief Verderosa was appointed as the Assistant Chief of Police and Chief of Operations, responsible for all Department operations. During his tenure as Assistant Chief, he was responsible for security during major demonstration activities and events including the 2015 Papal Visit, the 2016 State of the Union address and many other events, as well as the day to day law enforcement operations of the Department.

Chief Verderosa was appointed as the Department's 9th Chief of Police on March 21, 2016. Chief Verderosa earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware and a Master of Science degree in Management from the Johns Hopkins University. In May 2017, Chief Verderosa will complete his 32nd year of federal law enforcement service.