



UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Steven A. Sund, Chief of Police

Steven A. Sund was appointed Chief of Police by the Capitol Police Board on June 13, 2019. He joined the United States Capitol Police (USCP) as Assistant Chief and Chief of Operations on January 8, 2017.

As Chief, his responsibilities include leading a Department of more than 2,300 employees, both sworn officers and civilian personnel. He is also responsible for providing the highest quality of security and police services to protect Members of Congress, the U.S. Capitol, and the legislative process; to deter, detect, disrupt and respond to terrorism; to prevent, detect and investigate criminal acts; and to enforce traffic regulations throughout the Capitol Complex and within the Congressional facilities.

In addition, Chief Sund oversees all USCP operations to include public screening and extensive state-of-the-art perimeter screening operations for the detection and mitigation of, and response to, conventional and non-conventional threats. In his role, he also is responsible for the administration of security operations, in coordination with federal partners, at highly visible major public events, such as Presidential Inaugurations and State of the Union Addresses. He also serves as an ex-officio member of the Capitol Police Board.

As Chief of Operations, Sund provided operational support to the Department and managed the Command and Coordination, Uniformed, Operational, Protective, and Security Services Bureaus. He also developed and implemented operational response plans and strategies, and worked to enhance the Department's overall protective capabilities by providing personnel with extensive training and deploying critical equipment such as Tactical Combat Casualty Care Kits.

Chief Sund received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Johns Hopkins University, and his Master of Arts in Homeland Security from the Naval Postgraduate School. He began his law enforcement career in 1990 as a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) patrol officer in the Sixth District. He was assigned as a tactical patrol officer addressing high crime areas.

He was promoted to sergeant in 1995 and lieutenant in 1997. As a lieutenant, he was selected to command a specialized task force consisting of various police disciplines designed to target high crime areas. From 1999 to 2006, as a lieutenant in the Special Operations Division, he planned major events to include the 2001 and 2005 Presidential Inaugurations, numerous events designated as National Special Security Events (NSSE), state funerals, and other high-profile events requiring the coordinated deployment and management of thousands of law enforcement personnel.

In 2006, Chief Sund was promoted to captain and assigned to the Office of Homeland Security and Counter Terrorism. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of Commander of the Special Operations Division. In this assignment, he oversaw a number of specialized units to include the Emergency Response Team; Aviation and Harbor Units; Horse Mounted and Canine Units; Special Events/Dignitary Protection Branch; Major Crash and Commercial Motor Carrier Enforcement; Automated Traffic Enforcement, and the Domestic Security Operations Unit.

As Commander, Chief Sund also served as a lead planner for the 2009 and 2013 Presidential Inaugurations, and he had a significant planning role in the major events designated as NSSEs by the Department of Homeland Security. He is a recognized expert in critical incident management and

active shooter preparedness and response having handled dozens of criminal barricade and hostage situations. His experience involves being the on-scene incident commander during major incidents such as the 2009 shooting at the National Holocaust Museum, the 2012 shooting at the Family Research Council, and the 2013 active shooter incident at the Washington Navy Yard.

Chief Sund has received numerous awards for his event planning, as well as his response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Due to his knowledge and experience, he also has been an instructor with the United States Secret Service in the area of major events planning.

Chief Sund served with the MPD for more than 25 years. Following his retirement, he worked in the private sector for a nonprofit science, technology, and strategy organization as a director in the area of National Security and Intelligence.

It was the camaraderie and commitment to the mission that drew Chief Sund back to law enforcement and to the USCP. "I can't think of a nobler place to serve our country as a law enforcement officer than at the U.S. Capitol," said Chief Sund.