

Statement of Purpose

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Participating in the Masters in Law Enforcement & Public Safety Leadership (LEPSL) program at the University of San Diego has been an incredibly enriching experience for me. Interacting with the weekly discussions and the learning from the informative posts from so many dedicated and talented law enforcement professionals from across the country on a weekly basis has been the highlight of this amazing program.

Currently, law enforcement is facing some of its most difficult challenges throughout our country. The men and women who wear their badge proudly will be tasked with transformational change. Strong and well-educated police executives and leaders are needed to provide support for their sworn personnel along with leading their respective neighborhoods with quality public safety and community policing efforts. The LEPSL program offers the thought provoking issues that matter in the tumultuous environment of 21st century policing.

As a Senior Lead Officer in the city of Los Angeles, this program challenged me to become a more affective leader to my peers and to the diverse community I serve proudly. The task of problem solving has been impacted with legislative changes and social challenges in some of our communities. The USD program provided me with the tools to properly analyze situations using multiple perspectives, and be able to communicate and facilitate constructive discussions in an effective manner.

Courses such as Conflict Resolution, Communication Skills, Public Safety Law, and Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement, offered me a better understanding of current issues, proactively working on foreseeing upcoming challenges, and garnered the essential tools needed to lead my department. Providing effective community

engagement and collaboration to solve problems will be essential in strengthening our communities trust and public safety.