

## **RONALD R. SAUNIER**

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### **LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP**

Accomplished, dedicated law enforcement professional with more than two decades of leading men and women in the pursuit of law enforcement practices and public safety services. A qualified officer degreed in Criminal Justice and a graduate of the FBI National Academy is a lead-by-example officer, faithfully sworn to enforce all laws enacted by federal, state, city and county ordinances by management of the Police Department and supervising department personnel. A committed, loyal, commander skilled in building trust within the community and interagency departments. Recognized as an intelligent visionary with innovative policing concepts, a thorough knowledge of all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, computers, law enforcement techniques, and supervision. An innovator who will accurately assess department's organizational strengths and vulnerabilities, actively intervene to create and energize positive change with administrative, tactical and strategic adjustments. Determine opportunities and threats through comprehensive analysis of current and future trends. A genuine manager with a caring personality, empathetic attitude and honest respect for all people.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Budgeting, Expense Containment  
Media, Public Relations  
Vast Administrative Experience  
Emergency Services Management  
Multi-Jurisdictional Collaboration  
Innovative, Creative, Resourceful  
Community Policing  
Transparent and Accessible

High Integrity, Intellectually Honest  
Reliable Consistent Performer  
Sets High Standards for Self and Team  
Team Builder  
Strategic/Tactical Articulation and Implementation  
Political Discernment  
National Incident Management System  
Incident Command and Unified Command

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Denver Police Department Commander -District Six**

**1991 - Present**

July 2016 to Present

A Commander in the Denver Police Department is appointed by the Chief of Police and is third in the hierarchy reporting to a Deputy Chief and or Chief of Police.

As District Six Commander, responsibilities involve providing police services to the center of Denver to include State Capitol, City and County Building, Wellington Webb Municipal Building, both County and Federal Court Houses, Part of Auraria Campus (home of three colleges) District Six has the highest daytime working population in the State of Colorado. With an authorized strength of approximately 200 employees, the commander owns the responsibility to prevent any crime within the geographical boundaries of the district. Assigned District Six detectives investigate property crimes, street robberies, aggravated assaults, simple assaults and all other crime not handled by the Major Crimes Division. In addition, the district focuses heavily on improving training, reinforcing moral and ethical compasses and having balanced officers sensitive to and engaging with the communities they serve. The district is proud of its record.

Most notable:

- A narcotics team dedicated to the investigation of narcotics complaints that consistently leads the city in number of arrests and cases.
- A community policing initiative with personalized officers building relationships and working in partnership with citizens to reduce crime and disorder.

- Operating a Walk-the-Beat patrol to strengthen police effectiveness on foot or bicycle to make a safer community by providing more interaction between police and community members on the Sixteenth Street Mall.
- A Homeless Outreach Unit (with city-wide responsibility) to deal with homelessness and works with co-responders and outreach providers to help guide the homeless to services they need.
- Support of an initiative for Downtown, East Colfax, and Golden Triangle Business Improvement Districts by supplementing security already provided by the Improvement Districts.
- Collaboration with both state and federal law enforcement partners located within the district, to include Colorado State Patrol, Auraria Campus Police, Federal Protective Services, United States Postal Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Commander**

April 2012 to July

Major Crimes Division

Owned city-wide responsibility for all crimes investigated by detectives assigned to Homicide, Cold Case, Domestic Violence, Sex Crimes, Missing Endangered Persons, Child Abuse, Business Robbery, Check Fraud, Victim Assistance, Crisis Negotiation Team, and Mass Arrest Team.

- Responsible for, managed, or oversaw more than 100 officer involved shootings or critical incidents and more than 300 homicides.
- Handled multiple complex and multi-jurisdictional investigations.
- Handled media briefings for any Major Crimes Investigation. Implemented more transparent information around OIS to include next day in-depth media briefing.
- Assisted in the planning and opening of the Rose Amond Domestic Violence Center.
- Developed / implemented a combined Officer Involved Shooting investigation team with Aurora Police Department.
- Assisted in the development and implementation of the Co-Responder Program to combine mental health professionals with police officers.
- Managed multiple federal grants for cold case homicide and sex assault investigations.
- Increased communication between investigations and patrol division and community.
- Decreased overtime in the Major Crime Division.
- Increased victim-based services to each section.

**Captain, Bureau Commander**

May 2010 to April 2012

Crimes Against Persons Bureau

Oversaw Homicide, Cold Case, Assault, Domestic, Sex Crimes, Missing and Endangered Persons (MEP), and a Victim Assistance Unit.

Lieutenant

January 2009 to May 2010

Pattern Crimes Bureau

Led the Robbery, Bomb Squad, Check Fraud, Sex Registration Compliance Unit, Concealed Weapons Permit Unit.

- Assisted in implementing a Crime Analyst Position
- Used crime based statistics to predict crime patterns

**Early Denver Police Department Job Titles**

1986 thru 2009

Lieutenant, Chief of Staff to Chief of Police, Commander of the Public Affairs Unit

Sergeant, District Six Training Coordinator, Patrol Supervisor

Sergeant, Internal Affairs Bureau

Sergeant, Aid to Deputy Chief of Administration

Sergeant, Aid to Division Chief of Technology and Support

Sergeant, District Three Patrol Supervisor

Technician, Academy Instructor

Technician District Two, Field Training Officer

Patrol Officer, District Two and Five

## **EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS**

Metropolitan State College of Denver  
B.S. – Criminal Justice and Criminology Administration and Management  
Minor - Business Management

Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy  
University of Virginia | Graduated June 2006

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- State of Colorado P.O.S.T. Certified Peace Officer
- KOGA ACT and Baton Instructor
- State of Colorado General Academy Instructor
- State of Colorado and Federal Driving Skills Instructor
- State of Colorado Drug Recognition Expert
- PPCT Defensive Tactics System Instructor
- Force Science Institute
- Incident Response and Prevention to Terrorism Bombing Instructor
- Certified in Hostage Negotiations (FBI and PACTC)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Emergency Services Public Information Officers of Colorado  
International Association of Chiefs of Police  
International Association of Crisis Negotiators  
FBI National Academy Associates  
Police Executive Research Forum  
Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Board of Directors	
Rocky Mountain Law Enforcement Federal Credit Union	1992 to Current
Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons	2012 -2016
President	
Arapahoe Youth League Littleton Leopards   Youth Sports	1997-1998

## **AWARDS**

- Medal of Valor
- Police Merit Awards (Four)
- Official Commendations (Seven)
- Unit Citations (Three)
- Commendatory Letters (Sixteen)
- Letter of Appreciation (Thirty-seven)
- Citizens Appreciate Police
- Command Officer of the Year 2009