

James E. McLaughlin

Summary of qualifications

James McLaughlin is a twenty-seven year member of the California Highway Patrol, presently assigned as Chief over the Planning and Analysis Division (PAD). As PAD commander, he provides oversight of the Research and Planning and Special Projects Sections, which are responsible for more than \$50.5 million in projects. He has direct liaison with the state Office of Traffic Safety, Office of Emergency Services, and Department of Transportation. He coordinates the California Child Safety AMBER ALERT Network and serves as chair of the California Motorcyclist Safety Program Advisory Committee. He oversees the Emergency Operations Section and has direct responsibility for all aspects of the Department's Emergency Notification and Tactical Alert Center. In addition, he often provides direct input to executive management on a variety of issues related to department operations.

Prior to his appointment as commander of the Planning and Analysis Division, he served as Assistant Commander of the Department's Golden Gate Division. In that capacity he oversaw field operations at several high-profile Bay Area CHP offices and worked on homeland security issues, including service as Executive Committee member of the Bay Area Joint Terrorism Task Force. He worked in conjunction with other Bay Area agencies on transportation-related issues including congestion relief. During his career he has been responsible for replacement of service weapons and ammunition, developed and implemented statewide Advanced Officer Safety training, evaluated TASER and other less-lethal force options and oversight of acquisition and deployment of weapons of mass destruction protective equipment. He has served as a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Advisory Committee member and chair of the Departmental Occupational Safety Board.

Professional experience

- **Chief – Planning and Analysis Division**
- **Assistant Chief – Golden Gate Division**
- **Assistant Chief – Departmental Training Division**
- **Captain – Napa Area (Commander)**
- **Captain – El Centro Area (Commander)**
- **Lieutenant – Assistant Commissioner, Staff**
- **Lieutenant – Sacramento Communications Center (Commander)**
- **Lieutenant – North Sacramento Area**
- **Lieutenant – Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (Special Assistant to Secretary)**
- **Sergeant – Traffic Operations and Planning Unit**
- **Sergeant – Assistant Commissioner, Staff**
- **Officer – Southern Division**
- **Officer – 1984 Olympic Planning Unit**
- **Officer – West Valley Area**

Awards and Commendations

- **Exemplary Performance Award – 2007.** *In recognition of outstanding work while assigned to Golden Gate Division as Assistant Chief.*
- **Division Chief’s Commendation – 2002.** *Exemplary performance in creating a bilingual community outreach program in the Napa area.*
- **Departmental Certificate of Commendation – 1993.** *Exemplary performance in his duties as special assistant to the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.*
- **Exemplary Performance Award – 1990.** *Exemplary performance while assigned as administrative assistant to Assistant Commissioner, Staff.*
- **Division Chief’s Commendation - 1984.** *Exemplary performance in the Olympic Planning Unit.*

Education

- **1980** – University of California, Davis B. S. Agricultural Economics
- **1993** – University of Virginia (FBI National Academy)
- **2006** – Northwestern University (Executive Management Program)

Personal History

- *Chief McLaughlin has been married for 20 years to his wife, Diane, an elementary school teacher.*
- *The couple lives in Napa with their two teenaged children.*