



City of Long Beach

Police Commissioner Search



Process Overview

- ✓ Michael Tangney is selected as Acting Police Commissioner in early January.
- ✓ A panel of law enforcement and community experts serve on the search committee.
- ✓ Thirteen applicant resumes are received and reviewed.
- ✓ Three finalist candidates are interviewed by all search committee members.
- ✓ Michael Tangney is selected unanimously by the committee.

Selected Words of Praise from Search Committee Members

“Mr. Tangney’s executive leadership experience in the department coupled with his demonstrated ability to trim costs while increasing police productivity make him the natural person for this role.”

“I am confident that the Police Department will be in good hands under Mr. Tangney’s command.”

“Acting Commissioner Tangney has been the model of a community oriented police officer throughout his career. He not only knows the community, he knows the individuals not just as a cop but as a neighbor, a coach and community figure... (one of the other candidates) talked about ‘learning the job.’ I don’t believe we have time for that.”

“Tangney because of his local knowledge, impressive record of service, and grasp of fiscal issues, was simply the best.”

“The City is in a difficult financial situation and must have a Commissioner who knows the department and has the ability to make immediate changes.”

Future Goals as Permanent Police Commissioner

- Greater accountability through tracking performance measures
- Continued improvement of morale
- Additional cost savings and efficiency
- Seek additional grants to offset service costs
- Improved community relations efforts
- Expanded role for auxiliary department at special events



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Mission Assigned by Administration

- Provide cost-effective, accountable, community-oriented policing to the City of Long Beach

Results as Acting Police Commissioner

Annual savings

- In light of the anticipated hiring freeze, neither D/Lt. Thomas Sofield nor D/I Bruce Meyer will be replaced. As detailed below, those two positions, as well as additional restructuring results in the following annual savings:

D/Lt. Thomas Sofield salary and benefits	-	\$225,000
D/I Bruce Meyer annual salary and benefits	-	\$212,000
	Total	\$437,000
Eliminate (1) Det. Sergeant designation	-	\$ 6,790
Eliminate (1) Det. designation	-	\$ 5,908
	Total	\$ 12,698

- Reassign Domestic Violence to Detective Division
Reassign (2) Police Officers back to Uniform Patrol
- Reassign Street Crimes Unit back to patrol,
Reassign (3) Police Officers back to Uniform Patrol
- Reduce T.A.R.U.
Reassign (1) Police Officer to Uniform Patrol

By reassigning these officers back to the Uniform Patrol, the minimum manning overtime costs are reduced by \$200,000

Total anticipated annual savings \$649,698

Year-to-date update of actual savings and increased income

- Minimum manning overtime was reduced for two-week period of 1/25/2012 through 2/1/2012 compared to the same period in 2011, resulting in cost savings of \$18,000
- Using (3) light duty personnel to contact warrant holder to clear up their legal issues resulted in \$2,190 in fines collected by the Long Beach City Court

2011-2012 year-over-year Statistics

- Moving violations increased by 101%
- Parking violations increased by 24%
- City Ordinance violations increased by 17%



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POLICE COMMISSIONER SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Honorable Scott Mandel

- Long Beach resident and attorney
- Member of the Long Beach City Council
- Member of the Long Beach Auxiliary Police
- Worked with the US Attorney's Office Criminal Division and Legal Aid Criminal Defense
- Clerked in Hudson County Criminal Court

John C. Gallagher

- Served on four previous Police Chief Committees across Long Island
- Served as the Suffolk County Police Commissioner, 12th largest Police Department in the Nation, for seven years
- Former Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County
- Deputy Suffolk County Executive for Public Safety
- Board of Directors, Police Reserves of Suffolk County
- Graduate of the FBI National Academy's Prestigious National Executive Institute
- Executive Dean, Suffolk County Community College, Grant Campus, Professor of History and Political Science, Suffolk County Community College

Dean Lawrence Cunningham

- Associate Dean of St. John's Law School
- Served as Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx County District Attorney's office as a member of the office's Appeals Bureau
- Former Professor for three years at Texas Tech University School of Law, where he taught criminal justice-related courses and directed a criminal litigation clinic
- Published widely in the fields of criminal justice, juvenile justice, animal law, appellate litigation and legal education



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POLICE COMMISSIONER SEARCH COMMITTEE

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James E. Mulvaney Jr.

- Former Deputy Commissioner at NYS Division of Human Rights
- Former member of Governor's Inspector General Panel reviewing \$26 Billion in federal stimulus spending for fraud, waste, abuse and civil rights violations
- Former Director of Corporate Intelligence at KPMG where he designed a variety of compliance programs for public and private sector clients
- Long time Long Beach resident, active in education issues and community organizing
- Masters of Science in Administration of Security and Criminal Justice

William Owens

- Former Director of Security at Long Beach Medical Center working extensively with the Long Beach Police Department
- Former member of the Long Beach Zoning Board for 13 years and Member of the NAACP
- Long time Long Beach resident serving as former Vice Chair of the MLK Board and formed the Minority Coalition in Long Beach

Glen L. Spiritis PhD

- Former Deputy & City Manager, City of Long Beach
- Former Commissioner of Community Development, Village of Hempstead
- Former Senior Staff Member, American Planning Association, Washington DC
- Former President of Long Island Community Development Organization
- Former Vice President of New York State Urban Council
- Former School Teacher, Long Beach Public Schools
- Former Adjunct Faculty Member, Adelphi University Graduate School, Suburban Studies
- Former Member Nassau County Traffic Board
- Former Member Nassau County Economic Development Board
- MS & PhD- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Urban & Environmental Science