



United States Marine Corps

**Major
Rigoberto Valenzuela**
Deputy Police Chief
Provost Marshal's Office
Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma AZ



Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela joined the Parker Police Department as a Police Explorer from 1980 to 1983 and was assigned to work various duties such as parade details, Town of Parker functions, etc.

Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela worked as a Reserve Police Officer from 1984 to 1985. During 1985, he attended the 3-month Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA), located in Tucson, Arizona. Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela obtained his Police Officer certification.

After graduation from ALETA, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela began a career as a certified Police Officer with the Town of Parker, Arizona. During 1989, he became an Investigator/Corporal for the same department specializing in suicide, homicide, arson, and burglary investigations. Additionally, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela was certified as an Accident Investigator/Re-constructionist.

In 1991, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, responsible for everyday patrol operations. In addition, Deputy Police Chief was leader of the Special Weapons Attack Team (SWAT). Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela obtained his certification as a SWAT Leader and Trainer in 1992 from 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela was promoted to Police Lieutenant in 1999. Additionally, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela performed duties as Acting Chief of Police until 2003, when he officially assumed the position of Police Chief. Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela held this position until 2005, when he officially retired from Parker Police Department holding the rank of Chief of Police.

Also in 1999, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela obtained a Private Pilot's License to perform as Pilot in Command for local Search and Rescue teams in Parker, Arizona.

During his last years as Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela attended school and

became a certified Funeral Arranger and Cremationist. Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela worked for the Parker Funeral Home until he was offered a supervisory position in Yuma, Arizona.

From 2005 to 2008, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela performed as the Superintendent for Johnson's Mortuary.

During 2008, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela returned to law enforcement as one of the first Police Academy Instructors for the Marine Corps Civilian Law Enforcement Program (MCCLEP); as a contractor for Homeland Security Solutions Inc. Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela attended a 5-week Police Instructors' Academy in Newport News, Virginia at which time he was certified to teach at the MCCLEP academies.

In late 2008, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela left HSSI and was hired as the Services Officer for PMO MCAS Yuma at the rank of Lieutenant.

During 2009, Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela was promoted to Captain and later worked in the capacity of Acting Deputy Police Chief.

Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela was promoted to the rank of Major in 2011 and currently serves as the Deputy Police Chief for PMO MCAS Yuma.

Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela's law enforcement education includes:

Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy Tucson, AZ

Police Officer Certification 10/1985

Marine Corps Police Academy Newport News, VA
Technical or Occupational Certificate 03/2008

Marine Corps Commanders Academy Wilmington, NC
Police Commanders Course Certification 10/2009

Arizona Western College Yuma, AZ
16 credits in Language
40 credits in Criminal Justice

Dignity University Houston, TX
54 credits in Funeral Arranging

Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela has attended numerous training seminars on leadership while instructing throughout the United States on various law enforcement topics. He has attained numerous college credits from hundreds of hours of specialized training received over his 40-year career. Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela has had the privilege to instruct with Dr. Henry Lee, renowned Forensic Science Investigator.

Deputy Police Chief Valenzuela's Personal awards and certifications:

Certificate of Appreciation, American Legion Post 19 Memorial Day Events, 06/2007

Citation of Merit, Disabled American Veterans, 07/2007

Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Assistance, The American Legion, 06/2007

Meritorious and Distinguished Service Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 05/2007

Recognition, Commendation for Outstanding Service to the Town of Parker, 05/2002

Certificate of Merit, For Extraordinary work with Background Investigations for New Employees and Successful Investigations, 12/1997

Certificate of Appreciation, For Instructing the Pepper Spray Class, La Paz County Safety Committee, 12/1997

Recognition of Achievement, Cultural Behavior of Gangs, MCCD, 11/1992

Certificate of Appreciation, City of Mesa, AZ, 11/1992

Public Safety Officer of the Year, Parker, AZ, 02/1992

Armorer's Course Certification, Glock Perfection

Police Firearms Instructor Certification, NRA, 02/1990

Advance Traffic Accident Investigation Certification, POST, 01/1987

NRA Police Firearms Instructor, NRA, 04/1990

High Risk Instructor Certification, POST, 09/1993

AZ POST/NRA Patrol Rifle Instructor, 04/1999

NRA Law Enforcement Patrol Rifle Instructor Development School Certification, NRA, 04/1999