

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Sandra Hutchens

Sandra Hutchens was sworn in as the 12th Sheriff-Coroner for Orange County in June of 2008. She began her law enforcement career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 1976. With more than thirty-five years of service in law enforcement, Sheriff Hutchens possesses invaluable experience in nearly every facet of law enforcement.

Sheriff Hutchens leads more than 3,800 sworn and professional men and women who serve in areas as diverse as Patrol Operations, Criminal and Special Investigations, the County's Crime Lab and Courts, Coroner's Office, as well as those who serve in Orange County's five jails that collectively comprise the eighth largest jail system in the nation. The department provides a variety of vital public safety services to our communities. These include direct patrol services to more than 700,000 residents within the county's unincorporated areas and via contract to thirteen municipal cities, the County's three harbors, John Wayne Airport, and the Orange County Transportation Agency.

Professional affiliations include membership in the Major County Sheriffs' Association, where she serves as vice-president, the National Sheriffs' Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Orange County Chiefs' of Police and Sheriff's Association. Sheriff Hutchens serves as a board member for the California State Sheriffs' Association and the Orange County Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership. In 2012, she was appointed to the POST Commission by Governor Jerry Brown and currently serves as the Commissioner Chair. In addition, the Sheriff sits on the Board of Directors for the Orange County United Way and is an Advisory Board Member for the National Law Enforcement Cancer Support Foundation.

Counter-terrorism training received in Israel, travels to Pakistan and Russia, and leadership training at the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute and the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative course at Harvard University have provided Sheriff Hutchens with the expertise and vision needed to effectively lead an organization as diverse as the Orange County Sheriff's Department.