

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Chris Magnus

Chris Magnus has been the Police Chief of Richmond, California—a highly diverse, urban community of 110,000 residents in the San Francisco Bay Area—for the past 9 years. He has been significantly involved in strengthening ties between the community and its police force, addressing historically high levels of crime, and implementing reforms within the police department. Both violent and property crime in Richmond are currently at their lowest levels in over a decade. Chief Magnus is involved in regional community corrections efforts, improving services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, as well as a myriad of youth programs and activities.

Prior to taking the Richmond position, Magnus was the Police Chief of Fargo, North Dakota for 6 years where he played a key role in implementing the first two-state regional dispatch system in the nation, a forensic children's interview center, and a refugee liaison program for the area's many new immigrants and refugees.

Most of Magnus's public safety career was in Michigan, where he came up through the ranks of the Lansing Police Department—another urban community with a diverse population. Magnus left there in 1999 as the Captain of Administrative Services. In the early portion of his career, Magnus worked for several years as a Deputy Sheriff with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. In addition to his police service, Magnus worked as a paramedic for a hospital-based EMS provider in southern lower Michigan for 10 years.

Chris Magnus has a Master's degree in Labor Relations and a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. He attended the "*Senior Executives in State & Local Government*" program at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Chief Magnus is a board member of several youth-serving, non-profit organizations, including the Richmond Police Activities League. He is currently the Board Chair of the Child Advocacy Centers of California. Magnus served as the Chairperson of the West Contra Costa County Police Chiefs' Association for two years and he was on the West County Family Justice Center Advisory Board. Chief Magnus was also appointed for a two year term on the Contra Costa County Community Corrections Partnership (CCP).