

DAVE BERTINI

Captain Dave Bertini is a 23-year veteran of the Pacifica Police Department in Pacifica, California. He was promoted to captain in January 2008 after serving as a sergeant for over 12 years. He's worked as a patrol officer, gang officer, and detective and is currently the department's field services (patrol) division commander.

Captain Bertini has been involved in training since 1996 when he started teaching at the College of San Mateo. He's now an adjunct professor in the college's Administration of Justice Department. He teaches semester-long classes on "The Criminal Justice System," "Special Issues in Law Enforcement," and numerous subjects in the Basic Academy Modular format. He also teaches for the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium including search and seizure, laws of arrest, interrogation, in-progress crimes, NIMS (National Incident Management System), SEMS (Standardized Emergency Management System), and ICS (Incident Command System).

Captain Bertini also has extensive experience teaching officer safety and survival along with "Patrol Response to the Active Shooter Incident" and "Active Shooter Response" in the Basic Police Academy. In addition, he's an in-house instructor for a myriad of subjects at the Pacifica Police Department.

A graduate of the College of San Mateo, Captain Bertini holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Saint Mary's College and a master's degree in Military History from Norwich University. He's a POST (Police Officer Standard and Training) certified instructor and a graduate of California POST's one-year intensive Master Instructor Development Program designed to create a cadre of highly trained law-enforcement instructors throughout the state.

In 2007, Captain Bertini was awarded the POST Excellence in Training Award (formerly the Governor's Award) for developing a 24-hour course on "Psychological Survival for Police Officers" as well as for his work in training police officers throughout the state.