

## Criminology & Law Enforcement

### Dawnita Franklin

*Senior Investigator*  
Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity

**Education Background:**

BS Criminal Justice  
MS Public Administration

**Current Job Tasks:**

I conduct investigations into allegations of discrimination, sexual harassment and sex offense for the University.

**Favorite Thing About Their Job:**

Being able to help people who are going through very difficult situation in the workplace or in their academic experience.

**Piece of Advice:**

Find a good internship preferably in the legal field that will expose you to the basic concepts and fundamental of researching, interviewing, evidence gathering and interpreting and applying laws.

### Kevin Lee

*U.S. Postal Inspector*  
U.S. Postal Inspection Service

**Education Background:**

I have a BA and a BS in Business with an emphasis in Accounting and Sociology with an emphasis in Deviance and Social Control. I also have a certificate in Forensic Psychophysiology from the Department of Defense.

**Current Job Tasks:**

I currently work on a narcotics team.

**Favorite Thing About Their Job:**

That every day is different.

**Piece of Advice:**

When looking to get in to the field, try to set yourself apart from the standard applicant. When you are in the field, stay humble and always learn from your experience and the experience of others.



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### Jennifer Johnsen

*Police Officer*  
Irvine Police Department

**Education Background:**

Cal State University, Long Beach—Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

**Current Job Tasks:**

School Resource Officer at Portola High School in Irvine

**Favorite Thing About Their Job:**

I enjoy being able to give kids at my school daily positive contact with Law Enforcement. I also like that I can give help and resources to students who are struggling with parents, drugs, drugs, and mental illness.

**Piece of Advice:**

Make sure you have a clean background, or you will never get the opportunity to do this job. Also, go into this field for the right reason. It must be because you are interested in social work and helping people. Finally, know that society/media is not so supportive of Police Officers right now and make sure you can handle the constant criticism.



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### Gary Tomatani

*Police Lieutenant*  
Hawthorne Police Department

#### **Education Background:**

UC Irvine—Bachelor of Arts in Social Ecology (1993)

#### **Current Job Tasks:**

I am a police lieutenant current assigned to the Administrative Division. I oversee the Training Unit, Jail, Internal Affairs, and Records Bureau. My collateral responsibilities include recruitment, the range and staff, and reserve police officer program.

#### **Favorite Thing About Their Job:**

The profession itself is full of different opportunities. I've worked for the Hawthorne Police Dept. for 23 years, and have been fortunate to work in several different assignments (patrol officer, Special Enforcement Team, detective / school resource officer, patrol sergeant, community affairs/CFMH sergeant, traffic/motor sergeant, patrol lieutenant, detective lieutenant/public information officer, and currently, administrative lieutenant. What career course an individual takes is completely up to their desire and dedication - the opportunities present themselves on a regular basis.

#### **Piece of Advice:**

The best advice for people interested in this profession I have is to keep surrounding yourself with others who have a different perspective. A lot of people new to law enforcement, over a period of five years or so, begin to see their non-law enforcement social circle shrink, while their law enforcement social circle expands. It can lead to a very narrow perspective on issues, and not necessarily one which is congruent with the expectations and thoughts of the general public we serve.

