

Stephen L. D'Arcy
Bio

Steve D'Arcy is currently a faculty member at California State University, Sacramento in the Criminal Justice Department. He retired as Undersheriff of Placer County, California in November 2007. He was appointed Undersheriff in November of 1994. As the second in command, he was responsible for all the daily operations of the Placer County Sheriff's Department.

The Placer Sheriff's Department employs nearly 500 people with an annual budget in excess of 65 million dollars. Prior to his appointment as Undersheriff, Steve served with the San Jose Police Department for 24 years, retiring as Captain of Detectives. While at San Jose, he served as the Internal Affairs Unit Commander under Chief Joseph D. McNamara and later, was appointed to Office of the Chief of Police, Staff Inspections.

With nearly 40 years of experience in law enforcement, he is a graduate of St. Mary's College in Moraga, California, with a BA in Public Management and obtained a Master's of Science degree in Management from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He holds a teaching credential and taught Internal Affairs Investigations at California State University, San Jose, from 1988 to 1998. He is a nationally recognized expert in police procedures, use of force and criminal investigations, testifying in federal and state courts. He is also a graduate of California POST Command College, Class 9.

Steve has authored many law enforcement articles and received numerous awards. He has served on several statewide committees and local boards of directors such as the Auburn Rotary Club, Peace for Families and the Placer Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. He was the training chairman for the California State Sheriff's Association "Seconds-In-Command," member of the State Attorney General's Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Committee, and a member of the United States Attorney's Anti-Terrorism Committee for the Eastern District of California.

Steve and his wife, Vickie, are the parents of five adult children and grandparents of three. When not at school, Steve's time is spent with his family, working on his property and traveling.

He believes that law enforcement is the most challenging, most complex profession in America today. No other career is required or expected to do more for society. He sees the challenge for the future as ensuring that all law enforcement agencies continue to attract and retain intelligent, honest and ethical people.