

**Shelly M. Vander Veen**  
**Sparrow Private Investigations, Chief Investigator**  
[svanderveen@sparrowprivateinvestigations.com](mailto:svanderveen@sparrowprivateinvestigations.com)  
**ofc: (323) 333-3864**

## Profile

---

California Licensed Private Investigator and Certified Process Server, with a history of being a dedicated law enforcement officer with 29+ years of Law Enforcement experience in public service, police force activities, and planning and managing investigations. Reputation of a strong work ethic, adept in surveillance techniques, background investigations, and case management, while maintaining strict confidentiality and ethical standards. Excellent communication and problem-solving skills, ensuring client satisfaction and timely results. Retired from law enforcement at the rank of Chief of Police.

## Professional Experience

---

California License Private Investigator, PI #189455 (2022 to present)

Certified Process Server, LA County #2023084581 (2022 to present)

CITY OF CLAREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT- Claremont, CA (1993-2021)

Distinguished 29-plus year career ensuring public safety. Positions held include:

Police Chief (2017 to 2021)

Captain (2014 to 2017)

Detective Bureau Lieutenant (2007 to 2014)

Sergeant (2003 to 2007)

Detective/Corporal (2000 to 2003)

Police Officer (1994 to 2000)

Reserve Police Officer (1993 to 1994)

## Awards and Recognition

---

***41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District Woman of Distinction (2019):*** Recognized by State Assembly Member Chris Holden as the first female Police Chief in Claremont as well as being a well-respected leader making a positive impact on the community promoting a culture of inclusion and respect.

***Claremont PD Award of Excellence (2013):***

--Awarded for supervising ***investigation*** that led to the recovery of a 14 year-old enticed to Ca. with intent to sexually assault

***California P.O.S.T. Certificate of Excellence (2009):***

--Awarded for ***investigative*** excellence following a robbery, attempt homicide case.

Claremont PD Award of Excellence (2009):

--Awarded for supervising ***investigation*** that led to arrest of suspect involved in the attempt murder of Claremont resident.

County of Los Angeles Commendation (2002):

--Recognition of dedicated service ***as a Police Detective*** demonstrated by numerous contributions for the benefit of all citizens of Los Angeles County

Claremont Police Commission Award of Excellence (2001):

--Awarded for leading ***investigation*** with arrest of 2 suspects following a rape, arson, and attempt murder of Claremont resident.

City of Claremont Employee of the Year (2013, 2017)

Claremont PD Supervisor of the Year (2005, 2007, 2009, 2010)

Claremont PD Officer of the Year (1996, 2001)

**Education & Training**

---

POST Command College (2011)

POST Supervisory Leadership Institute (2008)

Bachelor of Science in Human Services: Criminal Justice (1991) Siena Heights University, Michigan

Associates of Arts in Psychology (1991) Siena Heights University, Michigan

*Selected Professional Development Coursework:*

|  |  |
|--|--|
| POST Background Investigations                           | Public Records Act                                 |
| Internal Affairs Investigations                          | Traffic Collision Investigations                   |
| Homicide Investigation                                   | Traffic Collision/Railroad Crossing Investigations |
| Crimes Against Children Inv.                             | Field Evidence Technician                          |
| Behavioral Analysis/Interview & Interrogation Techniques |  |

**Professional Associations**

---

California Association of Licensed Investigators (CALI), (2022 to present)

CEO, Claremont Police Foundation, (2022 to present)

California Police Chiefs Association, (2014 to present)

International Association for Property & Evidence (2008 to present)

California Police Officers Association, Lifetime Member

California Narcotics Officers Association, Lifetime Member

President, Claremont Management Association, (2017-2021)

Vice-President, Claremont Police Management Association, (2007 to 2011)

Vice-President, Claremont Police Officers Association, (2003 to 2005)