

Magda Fernandez

Chief of Police/ Vice President of Public Safety

Port of San Diego Harbor Police

May 2022- Present



Magda Fernandez was appointed Harbor Police Chief/Vice President of Public Safety in May 2022 after previously serving as Acting Chief and Acting Assistant Chief. Chief Fernandez is the first Latina Chief of Harbor Police. She joined the Port of San Diego Harbor Police Department as a recruit in 2001 and rose through the ranks to captain in February 2021.

Over the years, she led various department units, including investigations and intelligence, professional standards, and training. Chief Fernandez also represented Harbor Police as a detective on the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and helped establish the department's Terrorism Liaison Officer program.

She is a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Chief Fernandez is a graduate of the National Command & Staff College Leadership Program and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Colorado Technical University.

Honored in 2024 as Latina Leader of Influence and in 2025 by the San Diego National Latina Businesswomen Association for Empowerment and Community Leadership. Chief Fernandez champions officer wellness and community engagement.