



## WILLIAM J. BRATTON

Chief of Police ★★★★★ Los Angeles Police Department

**W**illiam J. Bratton was appointed Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department in October 2002. Chief Bratton oversees the third largest police department in the United States, managing over 9,800 sworn officers, 3,000 civilian employees, and an annual budget of more than one billion dollars. After directing a major reengineering and reform effort, he is now driving initiatives in LA aimed at utilizing real-time information to further reduce crime, target gang violence, and mitigate the threat posed by terrorism. After six years in office, crime in LA has been reduced to historically low levels, with Part I crimes down 33% and homicides down 41%.

The only person ever to serve as chief executive of the LAPD and the NYPD, Chief Bratton established an international reputation for reengineering police departments and fighting crime in the 1990s. As Chief of the New York City Transit Police, Boston Police Commissioner, then New York City Police Commissioner, he revitalized morale and cut crime in all three posts, achieving the largest crime declines in New York City's history. He led the development of CompStat, the internationally acclaimed computerized crime-mapping system developed by the NYPD in the 1990s and now used by police departments nationwide. By bringing all crime and arrest data together by category and by neighborhood, CompStat revolutionized policing, enabling officers to focus their efforts in problem areas, armed with real-time information, accurate intelligence, rapid deployment of resources, individual accountability, and relentless follow-up. From 1996 on, Chief Bratton worked in the private sector, where he formed his own private consulting company, The Bratton Group, L.L.C., working on four continents, including extensive consulting in South America. He also consulted with the Kroll Associates monitoring team overseeing the implementation of the Federal Consent Decree with the LAPD.

A U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, Chief Bratton began his policing career in 1970 as a police officer with the Boston Police Department, rising to Superintendent of Police, the department's highest sworn rank, in just 10 years. In the 1980s, Chief Bratton headed two other police agencies, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Police and the Massachusetts Metropolitan District Commission Police.

Chief Bratton holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement from Boston State College/University of Massachusetts. He is a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute and was a Senior Executive Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is also the only chief executive to serve two terms as the elected President of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). He is also the newly elected President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association. He is a frequent lecturer, writer, and commentator. His critically acclaimed autobiography, *Turnaround*, was published by Random House in 1998. Among his many honors and awards, Chief Bratton holds the Schroeder Brothers Medal, the Boston Police Department's highest award for valor. In 2007, Chief Bratton was honored with the Executive Leadership Award from the UCLA Anderson School of Management and by *Governing Magazine* as one of their Public Officials of the Year. In 2008, he was honored with the Outstanding American Award by the Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation. Most notably, he was recently honored by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with the honorary title of Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his exceptional contributions in promoting and enhancing operational cooperation between the United States and the United Kingdom police. Chief Bratton is married to Attorney Rikki Klieman and has one grown son, David Bratton.

