

Chuck Winn

Biography

Chuck was born in the Central Valley town of Oildale near Bakersfield in 1945. He attended local schools and Bakersfield College until entering the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1965.

In 1968, Chuck joined the California Highway Patrol and his initial assignment was in Los Angeles. Chuck promoted through the ranks and served in the Los Angeles area as an officer and sergeant before serving as a lieutenant in internal affairs. This is the office that oversees the disciplinary process and investigates serious officer misconduct. He was in-charge of citizens' complaints, financial audits, and internal investigations within the Department. In 1970, Chuck married Karon. After living in the Los Angeles and Sacramento areas, they moved to Ripon in 1993, because of the quality of life in the Central Valley and the values it exemplifies. They have three children who are all married with their own families and enjoy their 12 grandchildren.

Throughout his career, Chuck has been deployed around the state to assist other law enforcement agencies. In 1981, Chuck was assigned to Diablo Canyon near San Luis Obispo for the protests against the PG&E nuclear facility. In 1984, he was in-charge of CHP air operations at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. In 1992, he was a company commander sent to restore order during the Los Angeles riots. These experiences give him a unique perspective on how to protect our communities.

From 1987 to 1991, Chuck was the commander of the Department's Office of Employee Relations. From 1991 to 2005, Chuck was the Commander of the Modesto CHP office in Stanislaus County. He expected excellence from his staff and their service to the public. The office's motto was "Committed to Service through Excellence." In Stanislaus County, Chuck initiated several programs that were used as models in the Department. One was the Community Alliance Team (CAT). This was a partnership between the CHP and residents in the five largest unincorporated communities in the county, Denair, Salida, Empire, Keyes and south Modesto. CAT Officers were individually responsible to solve problems in those communities and work closely with their residents and leaders.

In addition to his position on the city council, Chuck has served as Ripon's representative on the San Joaquin County Council of Governments since 2005. He has served as the Chair and Vice-Chair on the COG board. Also, he represented San Joaquin County on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council that includes the eight counties in the Central Valley from Kern to San Joaquin County. In 2014, he returned to the San Joaquin Partnership as a board member to represent Ripon. In addition to his public service, Chuck has been teaching criminal justice classes in private colleges since his retirement from the CHP in 2005.

Since Chuck's election to the Board of Supervisors, he has been assigned to the Agricultural Advisory Board, Delta Protection Commission, Advisory Water Commission, Board Water Committee, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board, Local Agency Formation Commission, Integrated Waste Management Plan Task Force, American River Authority, Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, Aviation Advisory Committee, Bay Area Regional Airport Planning Committee, National Association of Counties. Community Economic Development Action Committee, Joint City/County Criminal Justice Task Force, and the SJC Head Start Grantee Policy Council.



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