

**Chief Patrick Smith**  
**Birmingham, Alabama, Police Department**



Chief Patrick D. Smith has 28 years of law enforcement experience, beginning with the Los Angeles, California, Police Department (LAPD), working his way up through the ranks as a patrol officer, police field training officer and instructor, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and most recently, police commander from 2015 to 2018.

The LAPD has 10,000 sworn staff and 3,500 civilians and operates with a budget of \$1.4 billion.

Chief Smith has focused his career on crime reduction strategies and building public trust, including police training, reviewing critical use-of-force incidents, and developing policy for best practices in policing.

“I believe that a positive working relationship with my community is vital in the success of any police organization,” Chief Smith said. “I strongly believe in working with the various communities to build bridges and sustain public trust while motivating, training, and encouraging employees to achieve crime reduction goals and strategies.”