

In Recognition

Bernard “Barney” K. Melekian

SERVING AS COMMISSIONER

On behalf of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), it gives us great pleasure to recognize Commissioner Melekian for his dedicated service as a public member of the Commission.

Barney Melekian has devoted his life to public service, with over 36 years of law enforcement experience, including the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office, Santa Monica Police Department, and as Chief of Police with the Pasadena Police Department. He also served for three years in the U.S. Army and 25 years with the U.S. Coast Guard. In 2009, he was appointed Director of COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services). He has served on many boards and professional associations, and holds a Doctorate in Policy, Planning and Development from the University of Southern California.

As Commissioner, he brought insight and wisdom concerning the matters brought before the Commission, and consistently demonstrated commitment to serving the needs of California law enforcement. His depth of experience informed his comments and recommendations regarding selection standards and training at all levels of law enforcement. True to his sense of duty to serve others, he accepted appointment as the Undersheriff of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department on January 5, 2015. The Commission thanks Commissioner Melekian for his service and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors.

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