

Timothy D. Sini
District Attorney, Suffolk County, NY



Timothy D. Sini was sworn in as the Suffolk County District Attorney on January 1, 2018. As District Attorney, he leads one of the largest prosecutorial agencies in the nation. Under the leadership of District Attorney Sini, the Office's mission is to make the Office a national model, seek justice in each and every case, and continue to make Suffolk County a safe place to live, work and raise a family. District Attorney Sini prioritizes effective team building, data-driven decision making, the innovative use of technology, and collaboration with other agencies to ensure that the Office is best positioned to address all the public safety issues of our time. He has focused the Office on aggressively addressing the drug epidemic, eradicating violent street gangs such as MS-13, combatting the scourge of illegal dumping and other environmental crimes that threaten our environment and public health, ending the horrors of human trafficking, holding public officials accountable for their misdeeds, and ensuring the administration of justice by creating a national model in the area of conviction integrity. On these fronts, under the leadership of District Attorney Sini, the Office has driven crime to historic levels; launched the largest MS-13 takedown in U.S. history resulting in the indictment of 96 MS-13 gang members and associates in Suffolk County and the arrest of more than 200 individuals worldwide generating critical intelligence from more than 200 wiretaps; brought the largest illegal dumping case in New York State history; and was awarded two competitive federal grants to pursue the Office's work in the area of conviction integrity, which included exonerating an individual who spent 33 years in prison for a murder he did not commit. District Attorney Sini has also invested in critical technology to make the Office more effective and efficient, revamping the Office's case management system, creating an electronic discovery platform and developing a sophisticated electronic surveillance initiative capable of employing the most cutting-edge investigative techniques.

Prior to District Attorney Sini's election, he served as the 13th Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department, which is the 11th largest police department in the nation. As Police Commissioner, District Attorney Sini restored integrity to the leadership of the Police Department, reduced crime to the lowest level in recorded history, improved community relations, and enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department through improving processes and investing in technology.

As Police Commissioner, District Attorney Sini brought the fight against the violent street gang MS-13 to the national stage by making it a top priority of the Department. District Attorney Sini testified before the United States Senate and House of Representatives regarding MS-13 and successfully lobbied the Department of Justice for additional resources to combat MS-13 in Suffolk County, including a federal grant that was awarded after President Donald J. Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions visited Suffolk County on two separate occasions.

District Attorney Sini serves as a representative on the White House's Office of Drug Control Policy NY/NJ Regional HIDTA Team, where he assists in creating strategies to reduce opioid overdoses in the region. He also serves as the Chairman of the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and as an adjunct professor at Touro Law School and St. Joseph's College, where he teaches courses on contemporary issues in policing and prosecution.

Prior to his appointment as Police Commissioner, District Attorney Sini served as the Suffolk County Assistant Deputy County Executive for Public Safety. In this role, he spearheaded numerous public safety initiatives, including an innovative drug treatment program targeting Suffolk County inmates and releasees, an evidence-based gang prevention program for schools, and the successful effort to lift the unfunded state mandate to build a third jail in Suffolk County by developing a plan to further invest in alternative to arrest programs.

District Attorney Sini started his career in law enforcement as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York where he served under U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. He specialized in investigating and prosecuting violent crimes, including homicides, gang related activity and large-scale narcotics cases.

Prior to serving as an Assistant United States Attorney, District Attorney Sini clerked for the Honorable William C. Conner, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York and the Honorable Chester J. Straub, United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He also worked as an attorney in the private sector for two years.

District Attorney Sini is a magna cum laude graduate of both Brooklyn Law School where he earned his Juris Doctor and American University in Washington, D.C. where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Justice. He completed the FBI's National Executive Institute for Executive Leadership in law enforcement and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Executive Education Program. District Attorney Sini resides in Babylon Village with his wife, Amanda, and their three children.

Commissioner Geraldine Hart
Suffolk County Police Commissioner



Geraldine Hart was appointed the 14th Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department in April 2018. Under Commissioner Hart's leadership, the Department has strengthened its focus on combatting the heroin and opioid epidemic, aggressively identifying and eradicating violent street gangs like MS-13 from our communities and enhancing training for active shooter and terrorist threat scenarios. Commissioner Hart brings with her extensive federal law enforcement experience and has made collaborating with law enforcement partners locally, regionally and nationally a cornerstone of her administration.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Hart served as an FBI Special Agent for over 21 years. Beginning her service with the FBI in 1996, Commissioner Hart was assigned to a health care fraud squad at the New York Field Office, where she conducted fraud investigations in both Nassau and Suffolk counties. In 1999, she transferred to the Luchese Organized Crime Squad. In September 2005 Commissioner Hart was the recipient of the United States Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement. In April 2012, Commissioner Hart was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI's Genovese Organized Crime Squad. In February 2014, Commissioner Hart was selected to serve as the Senior Supervisory Agent overseeing the FBI's Long Island Resident Agency. Commissioner Hart's responsibilities included supervising the FBI's Long Island Gang Task, comprised of FBI agents as well as detectives and investigators from ten federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. In addition, Commissioner Hart supervised all FBI violent crime investigations, including violent crimes against children, impacting Long Island. Commissioner Hart also oversaw the operations of the 120 member FBI office comprised of White Collar Crime, Counter Terrorism and Counter Intelligence squads.

Commissioner Hart is a graduate of St. Francis College where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. She earned her law degree from St. John's School of Law.

Victor Gonzalez

Director of Program Services, City of Houston Mayor's Anti-Gang Initiative



Mr. Victor Gonzalez has 27 years of experience working with high-risk youth, including 23 years spent working directly with youth and adults involved with Houston, Texas, area gangs.

Mr. Gonzalez currently serves as the Director of Program Services for the Mayor's Anti-Gang Office in Houston, Texas. He is in charge of supervising the delivery of service for programs in the Mayor's Anti-Gang Office, assisting with policy recommendations for the city, and training of gang intervention specialists in the office. Mr. Gonzalez also develops gang awareness training materials to educate law enforcement, school personnel, residents, community agencies, and other professionals on how to deal with gangs. He has presented on gangs at the city, state, and national level. Mr. Gonzalez also works as a consultant throughout the city of Houston, the state of Texas, and the United States on gang intervention and prevention strategies dealing with gangs, female gangs, and how to conduct gang outreach. Through the National Gang Center, he works as a presenter and technical assistance provider to gang outreach programs implementing the Comprehensive Gang Model in different parts of the United States.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Mateo
Polk County, FL



Det. Mateo is currently assigned to the Intelligence Unit with the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Polk County, Florida, where he has served since 1995. Det. Mateo is currently assigned to the FBI's Safe Streets Violent Gang and Violent Crime Task Force, and has served as a Task Force Officer since 2009.

Det. Mateo has provided instruction on the topic of criminal gangs for the Florida Attorney General's Office, St. Petersburg College and Polk State College. Det. Mateo provides regular in-service training to law enforcement throughout the state of Florida and has trained law enforcement officers in 26 states throughout the U.S., the U.S. Virgin Islands and Grand Cayman Island.

Det. Mateo is the President of the Florida Gang Investigators Association and has held a Board position since 2003. Det. Mateo is also the President for the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Association. Det. Mateo is a former Co-Chairman of the Tampa Bay Area Multi-Agency Gang Task Force.

Det. Mateo has provided opinion testimony in court on the identification and methods of operation and on criminal gangs on multiple occasions.

Det. Mateo has been recognized as one of the top gang experts in the nation by the National Gang Crime Research Center in Chicago, Illinois, and has been involved in the investigation of a wide variety of gang crime throughout his career.