

Captain Emada E. Tingirides-Los Angeles Police Department



Captain Emada Tingirides was born in the City of Los Angeles to a single mother and was raised in Watts and South West Los Angeles. After one year in Monterey Park, Captain Tingirides moved to Chatsworth California throughout her High School and College years. Emada is the grandchild to a former Los Angeles County Probation Corrections Officer and Los Angeles Unified School District teacher of 35 years. She is also the daughter of a Nurse Practitioner who began her career in the Emergency Room at the Los Angeles County University of Southern California Medical Center. It would only be a matter of time before she would decide to become a police officer in the city she grew up in and has a long family history.

In 1995 Emada joined the Los Angeles Police Department and completed her probationary period in the West Los Angeles Area. She worked in Downtown Los Angeles, Central Division before moving to Southwest Area where she served as a Senior Lead Officer for five years. Emada promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2006 and completed her probationary time in Harbor Division. In 2007, Southeast Area Community Police Station was in search of a supervisor who had the ability to overhaul and reinvigorate the Community Relations Office. Emada saw an opportunity to return to the community in which she was raised and transferred to Southeast Area with the goal of uniting a community and bridging the historical gap between law enforcement and the community it served. During this same time Emada returned to college and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from National University.

In 2011 Emada was selected by the Chief of Police to coordinate the Community Safety Partnership Program (CSP) along with Civil Rights Attorney Connie Rice of the Advancement Project. CSP has dedicated police officers assigned to seven public housing developments in East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles and the community of Watts. The primary purpose of this program is relationship based policing, addressing quality of life issues in public housing, youth programming and providing safe passage for youth to get back and forth to school safely. Because of the CSP Program and the dedicated officers assigned to it; violent crime in the major public housing developments decreased.

In December of 2015 Captain Tingirides received the honor of being named by Governing Magazine "Public Official of the Year". Emada was also named one of Los Angeles' "Most Influential Woman" by Los Angeles Magazine. One of her highest honors was being selected and invited by the White House to be Michelle Obama's guest for the 2015 State of the Union Address. In June of 2016 Emada was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and worked as a Watch Commander at 77th Street Patrol Division, the Administrative Lieutenant and the Commanding Officer of 77th Street Detectives. In May of 2019 Emada returned to the community she grew up in and was promoted to the rank of Captain at Southeast Community Police Station.

Emada is currently pursuing her Masters of Advance Study in Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California Irvine. Captain Tingirides is married to retired Deputy Chief Phil Tingirides, has two children and a beautiful blended family of six children.