Julie was a member of the LAPD for 31 years and comes from a operations background, with much of her career spent working uniform assignments and in patrol. She graduated from the police academy in 1986 and after her probationary period was transferred to work the South Los Angeles area, where she spent the majority of her career.

Julie worked as a uniformed officer, supervisor, adjutant, vice supervisor, and watch commander, finishing the last 10 years of her career in the 77th Street Area after her promotion from sergeant to lieutenant, where she ran a patrol watch, was the assistant commanding officer of the 77th Street detective division, and was the Officer-in-charge of the 77th Street Gang Impact Team, where she was in charge of gang detectives, uniformed gang officers and the narcotics unit. In this assignment Julie worked closely with her personnel as well as the community and gang intervention workers to impact gang crime in an area of the City that traditionally has a large amount of violent crime and gang crime.

During her time as a supervisor Julie worked closely with Department command staff members to mediate and advocate for her officers and detectives to ensure their rights were protected.

Julie is married and has two adult sons and three grandsons.