

TODD A. RHEINGOLD

Director

Todd was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, graduated from Manual Arts High School and attended Los Angeles City College where he earned an Associates of Arts degree in Administration of Justice. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1979.

Todd retired as a Los Angeles Police Officer in March 2009, with over 30 years of experience in patrol narcotics and was a tactics and drill instructor at the Academy. His final 15 years were devoted to the full time Special Weapons and Tactics Team, SWAT. He served as an operator, crisis negotiator, worked crime suppression details, over saw protection of weapons and narcotics destruction, and also witness, VIP and dignitary protection. Part of Todd's SWAT duties included suicide intervention, high risk warrant service, hostage rescue, barricaded suspect apprehension, site surveys and active shooter training. Todd says he has been fortunate to have trained thousands of in-service LAPD Department personnel, outside local law enforcement agencies, out of state tactical teams and a few international teams as well.

During his years in SWAT, he participated in countless lifesaving events and unusual occurrences, which included working on the front lines during many L.A. riots, demonstrations, and high-profile national news worthy incidents including, the O.J. Simpson pursuit and arrest, the North Hollywood bank robbery shootout and several others. Many similar events led him to receive the Los Angeles Police Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor. He is also a recipient the Department's second highest award, the Police Star and countless Police Commission and Citizens' Citations for bravery, attention to duty and outstanding service.

In addition, he was a tactics and drill instructor at the Fullerton College Police Academy for over 20 years, where he taught police patrol tactics and procedures, high risk vehicle and pedestrian stops, active shooter response and self-defense. Todd earned a 1st degree Black Belt in Shudokan Ryu Taiho Jutsu and in 2006 was inducted into the Martial Arts Master's Hall of Fame. He has also served on the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club's Board of Directors.

Todd thanks the LARFPA membership for allowing him to continue to serve.