

Edgardo (Eddie) Garcia Chief of Police, City of Dallas



Chief Edgardo (Eddie) Garcia is the 30th police chief of the Dallas Police Department, the ninth largest police department in the country. With nearly 33 years of law enforcement experience, Chief Garcia was appointed in 2021 and is the first Latino to serve in this position in the department's 140-year history. Chief Garcia also serves as president of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, a professional organization of police executives from across the United States and Canada.

Originally from Puerto Rico, prior to coming to Dallas, Chief Garcia was with the San Jose Police Department for 29 years. In San Jose, in addition to working in Patrol, Narcotics, SWAT, and Fugitive Apprehension, he also served as a patrol sergeant, night detective, and homicide investigator. He was subsequently promoted to Captain, then Deputy Chief, then Assistant Chief, and was appointed Chief of Police in 2016.

During Chief Garcia's tenure, he has implemented several policies, procedures, and initiatives helping reduce violent crime, build community trust and increase transparency, while embracing both constitutional policing and police proactivity.

Chief Garcia, who is bilingual in English and Spanish, places tremendous value on public safety and community engagement with the understanding that it is a shared responsibility and that police cannot do it alone. He is committed to making Dallas one of the safest cities in the country.