

Larry Zacharias – Biography

Chief Larry Zacharias started his career in policing in 1977 with the Richardson, Texas Police Department. He worked his way up the ranks of the department, and worked or supervised every division and/or section of the police department comprised of sworn officers.

In 2002, he was appointed to the position of chief of police. During his administrative tenure, he served as chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Texas Police Chiefs Association for 8 years, and represented the Texas Police Chiefs Association working with legislative committees from 1997 - 2001. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and served on the International Association of Chiefs of Police Environmental Crimes Committee. He has taught ethics and internal controls with the FBI in Brazil and Barbados.

In 2008, he was awarded the Community Policing Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police for his Citizens in Volunteer program. In 2009 he was named Richardson Citizen of the Year and was awarded the Career Achievement Award by the Texas Police Chiefs Association.

He retired from the Richardson Police Department December 31, 2008. In September 2009, he was appointed Chief of Police for the UT Dallas Police Department. In 2011 he was named University of Texas Police Chief of the Year. In 2017, Chief Zacharias received the 2017 UT System “Pacesetter Department” Award.