

Kelli Florman began her law enforcement career in 1993 as the first female police officer in Mayfield Heights, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland). She took on specialized assignments, including field training officer, community policing officer, bicycle patrol officer, and evidence technician. After promoting to Sergeant, she developed the department training program from scratch and has been involved with law enforcement training ever since.

Kelli moved to California in 2004 and taught Administration of Justice courses full-time for fourteen years, starting at Imperial Valley College and then becoming a tenured professor at Rio Hondo College. In addition to teaching, she spent over five years as second-in-command of the police academies at Rio Hondo College and Palomar College. During this time, Chief Florman stayed active in police work by volunteering for ten years as a Level I Reserve Police Officer for municipal police departments.

Kelli returned to law enforcement full time as Lieutenant of Patrol Operations at California State University Northridge, where she managed patrol, dispatchers, and field training. She next was Captain of Campus Police at Chaffey College, where she managed patrol, investigations, police records, parking enforcement, field training, and Jeanne Clery Act compliance. She currently is the Chief of Police of the Ventura County Community College District Police Department, where she manages police operations for Moorpark College, Oxnard College, and Ventura College. She is the co-chair of the Districtwide Emergency Preparedness Committee and a member of the Title IX Committee.

Kelli earned a Juris Doctor degree from Case Western Reserve University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice from The Ohio State University. She is a life-long learner and has completed over 1,700 hours of continuing police education and professional development throughout her career. She is a POST-certified instructor for Tactical Communications, Racial Profiling, Investigative Report Writing, Cultural Diversity/Discrimination, Principled Policing, and Force Options/Use of Force/De-escalation.

Kelli is passionate about community policing and has a strong commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. As a higher education police leader, she has focused every day on maintaining trust with the campus community and working together with stakeholders to provide a safe environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors can thrive.

During her leisure time, Kelli enjoys singing karaoke, shooting pool, watching musical theatre, and rooting for her Ohio State Buckeyes football team.