



Karie Mendoza

Sergeant | California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Karie Mendoza is a Sergeant with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), currently assigned to the Orange County Auto Theft Taskforce (OCATT). She has served with the California Highway Patrol for 25 1/2 years and graduated from the CHP Academy in May 2001.

Sergeant Mendoza began her career at the Rancho Cucamonga CHP Office, where she worked road patrol for several years. She later served as the Inland Division Training Coordinator for two years. In 2006, she joined the Inland Division Investigative Services Unit, beginning her investigative career and developing expertise in identifying stolen construction equipment. During this assignment, she worked several large cases involving stolen construction equipment and recovered numerous pieces of stolen equipment.

In 2012, Sergeant Mendoza became an instructor for CHP's 40-Hour Vehicle Theft Class, a role she continues to perform. She has presented on multiple occasions at the Western States Auto Theft Conference in California and Washington and has also presented at the International Auto Theft Investigators Conference on the identification of stolen construction equipment. Her extensive experience has established her as an expert in identifying stolen construction equipment.

Sergeant Mendoza promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2018. After serving on road patrol for two years, she was given the opportunity to serve as a sergeant with the Orange County Auto Theft Taskforce. She has also served on the Board of Directors for the Crime Prevention Program for more than ten years.

In August 2024, the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol appointed Sergeant Mendoza as the statewide Tribal Liaison. In this role, she works closely with tribal communities, law enforcement agencies, and the California Department of Justice to actively build and strengthen positive relationships.