

Chief Jose Lopez, Sr. Biographical Information

Chief Lopez, 59, was officially sworn in as Durham's police chief on September 4, 2007.

Chief Lopez was born in Brooklyn, New York. He joined the Hartford, Connecticut Police Department in 1983 and retired as Assistant Chief. He had served as chief of detectives and chief of patrol.

Chief Lopez served in the U.S. Air Force as a Law Enforcement Specialist and was honorably discharged in 1980. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in police science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy 183rd Session and the Senior Management Institute for Police at Boston University.



Chief Lopez currently serves on the Board of Directors of Durham Alliance Behavioral Healthcare (2013). He has served on the North Carolina Governor's Street Safe Task Force (2009-2011), the Governor's Gang Task Force; the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Victims Services Committee and the NC High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) State Board as Vice Chair (2009-2010) and as Chair (2010-2012).

He is married to retired Hartford Police Officer Rebecca Lopez and they have two grown children. The Lopezes were sworn in by the Hartford Police on the same day in 1983.

Chief Lopez's most recent awards include:

- Good Government Award, 2013 (given by the Men of Semper Fidelis, Inc., Durham)
- Good Government Award, 2013 (given by the W. Deen Mohammed Islamic Center, Durham)
- Service Member Patriot Award, 2013 (given by the Secretary of Defense/Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to recognize individuals for support provided directly to nominating service members and his/her family)
- "Sharing a Commitment to Justice in our Town with Heartfelt Appreciation Award", 2011 (given by the Durham County District Attorney's Office, 2011)
- M-Power House of the Triangle, Inc., Certificate of Appreciation, 2011
- "Asociacion de Puertorriquenos Unidos de Carolina Del Norte" Award, 2010
- National Latino Peace Officers Association Chief's Leadership Award, 2008