

Chief Jose L. Bañales
Texas State University Police Department

Jose L. Bañales – Biography

Jose L. Bañales was appointed Texas State University Police Chief in May 2016. He oversees a department of 40 sworn officers and approximately 56 civilian support staff positions.

Chief Bañales has more than 34 years of experience in law enforcement. He previously served as the Assistant Chief of Police for the San Antonio Police Department, commanding both the Operations Support Bureau and the Operations Bureau. Chief Bañales started his career in law enforcement with the San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio, TX, where he served for over 32 years. He has extensive experience in patrol, investigations, and tactical support in which he has commanded various units within these areas. Chief Bañales has held every position from patrol officer to lieutenant on patrol. As a Captain he was the Executive Officer to the Chief of Police, Executive Officer to the Patrol Division, Commander of the Special Operations Section and the Major Crimes Section. Chief Bañales also commanded the Investigations Division and established the Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Division and the Southwest Texas Fusion Center.

Chief Bañales is a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute and FBI National Academy. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Texas State University and a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

Chief Bañales has served as a board member for Child-Safe, and is an active member for the following Police organizations: International Association of Chiefs of Police, (IACP), Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy Associates and National Executive Institute Association (FBI-NAA, FBINEIA), Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA).

Chief Bañales was awarded the HAPCOA Aguila Award in 2014 and several Community Service awards while serving with the San Antonio Police Department.