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**Officer David Franco (Ret.)**  
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Officer David Franco began his law enforcement career in 1989 with the Chicago Police Department in Illinois. He initially served within the Community Policing Unit where he helped develop and implement policy changes, city ordinances, and legal initiatives that improved the prosecution rate for domestic violence. In 1998, he was part of the team which created the current city of Chicago Abandoned Buildings Strategy to significantly reduce crime and secure hundreds of properties for the city.

In 2001, he transferred to the Central Control Group and was responsible for monitoring security, safety, and terrorist-level threats for more than 50 downtown Chicago properties in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. In 2003, he joined Project Safe Neighborhoods and worked alongside the United States Attorney's Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the Illinois Probation and Parole offices to target gun crime and possession. In 2004, he went on to serve in the Narcotics & Gang Investigations section of the Drug & Gang House Unit where he helped develop prosecution protocol for major narcotics incidents and gang targets. Beginning in 2006, he served as an investigator for the Labor and Building License Enforcement divisions for the city of Chicago.

Franco retired from policing in 2020. He is currently an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice at Wright College in Chicago. He is a recipient of the Arnold Mireles Community Partnership Award, Weber Seavey Excellence in Law Enforcement Award, the International Association of Chiefs of Police Special Commendation, the Problem Solving Award and the Spirit of Rogers Park Awards from the City of Chicago. He holds a BA from Northeastern Illinois University and a MPA from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

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