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Geoff Dean is the 19th sheriff of Ventura County and a 38-year veteran of the Ventura County sheriff's office. Prior to being elected sheriff, he worked varied assignments, including commanding the SWAT team, serving as chief of police for the City of Moorpark, and overseeing three of the sheriff's four divisions. He has been active in several community organizations, including the Camarillo Noon Time Rotary, the Casa Pacifica Home for Abused Children, the American Cancer Society, and the Boy Scouts of America. He holds a master of public administration from California State University, Northridge, and a master of management from Cal Poly Pomona. He is a graduate of the California State Peace Officers Command College.

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