



## Lieutenant Jessica Chappa 15 Years of Service June 2017

Jessica Chappa earned a Bachelor's Degree from High Point University and then graduated from the Criminal Justice Academy in Sarasota. She began her career with the Venice Police Department on June 24, 2002. During 15 years of dedicated service to the Venice Citizens, she performed in many roles to serve and help this community. As an Advisor for the Venice Police Explorers, she mentored and instructed youth interested in future law enforcement careers.

In 2007, Jessica was transferred from the Patrol Division to serve as a detective where she investigated all types of crimes ranging from minor thefts to sexual assaults and homicides.

In June of 2009, she was married to her husband Jack. She was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Division in September 2012 and advanced to Lieutenant in February 2016.

Also in February 2016, the department's accreditation coordinator position was vacant because of an unforeseen circumstance. Lieutenant Chappa selflessly stepped up and volunteered to oversee the department's accreditation process until the position was filled in October. She performed these duties along with other administrative patrol duties in a most admirable and selfless fashion.

Jessica and Jack recently welcomed their first child -- son, Tadeo.

Over the past 15 years, Lieutenant Chappa faithfully served this community with honor, loyalty, and integrity. She consistently demonstrates her unwavering dedication to our agency and the citizens we serve. We look forward to many more years of her professional service and thank her for her strong commitment to this community.