

PROFILE: WIFLE MEMBER: Katherine A. Perez, Chief, Bowie Police Department

Ms. Perez, a resident of Bowie, Maryland moved to Prince George's County in 2004 following a distinguished 20-year career in the Hartford, Connecticut Police Department. She began her professional career as a Hartford patrol officer advancing up through the department in a variety of positions which included Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. As Captain, Ms. Perez was Commander for the Investigative Services Bureau and the Support Services Bureau where she directed over 150 sworn and civilian personnel. She also served as department liaison to federal and state law enforcement agencies, directed the department's youth services bureau, improved departmental automation, and over saw all major crime investigations. She was awarded a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Ms. Perez was the Chief of the District Heights Police Department and in 2006 became the *first* Chief of Bowie Police Department chosen from more than 200 nationwide applicants. In between being the Chief in District Heights and Chief in Bowie, Ms. Perez was selected by former Governor Robert Erhlich as the Independent Juvenile Justice Monitor for the State of Maryland, working out of the office of the Maryland Attorney General. Chief Perez was recently appointed by current Governor Martin O'Malley to the Maryland Commission for Women - a statewide resource to expand social, political and economic opportunities for all women.

Chief Perez has been honored with numerous medals and citations throughout her long and distinguished career. She is most proud of her work with children in the foster care system.

Chief Perez is married to Maj. Allan G. Grines (U.S. Army Ret.) and they have five children together.

In Her Own Voice

I have had an amazing career in law enforcement! I must say that being able to start a police department from scratch has been extremely exciting and rewarding. I believe that I have been able to put my many years of service to good use here in Bowie. I am very fortunate to have a supportive community which really understands the philosophy of community service and partnership; this makes my job so much easier. I look forward to continuing this journey of growth, making the Bowie Police Department an outstanding example of Law Enforcement excellence.