

Biography- Steven A. Sund, Former Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police

Steven A. Sund was the Chief of Police for the United States Capitol Police from June 13, 2019, until January 8, 2021. He joined the United States Capitol Police (USCP) as Assistant Chief and Chief of Operations on January 9, 2017.

As Chief, he provided strategic vision and management of the United States Capitol Police, to include management of approximately 2,283 personnel, 1900 sworn personnel and 383 civilian personnel, to include hiring, development and disciplinary actions. He was responsible for the management and reporting of the annual operating budget. Chief Sund developed a new five-year strategic plan for the Department, to include significant focus on; Intelligence and Threat Management, Training, Diversity, and Human Capital plan. Chief Sund maintained a close working relationship in Washington D.C. with the law enforcement (LE) community. He also maintained professional relationships with a number of law enforcement agencies across the country in support of the U.S. Capitol Police Mission.

Prior to being named Chief of Police in June of 2019, Chief Sund was the Assistant Chief of Police for Operations at the USCP.

During his time with the USCP, Chief Sund implemented a number of initiatives to enhance security and the safety of the Congressional Community, and to support the workforce. A few of those initiatives included:

- Reorganizing the Department under two assistant chiefs in order to provide more emphasis and oversight to Member and faculty protection and Intelligence. The reorganization provided for an assistant chief to oversee all protection and intelligence activities for the Department, and another assistant chief to oversee all uniformed operations within the Department. Prior to the reorganization, there was a single assistant chief over all operations and this structure provided little opportunity for strategic development or the development of significant security initiatives.
- Enacted a nationwide search for a Director of the Intelligence and Interagency Coordination Division (IICD), to help increase the security capabilities of the USCP.
- Increased the intelligence analysis capabilities of the IICD, by hiring an executive level analyst to support operations, and developed a program to develop field offices nationwide to help support Member protection.
- Developed an effective COVID-19 response program for the USCP that was praised by a number of other law enforcement agencies and was recognized as being highly successful by sworn and civilian employees, to include members of the collective bargaining unions.
- In 2020, Chief Sund directed that riot helmets be ordered for all sworn USCP employees. Prior to this time, riot helmets were only issued to members assigned to the Civil Disobedience Units (CDU). Although, receipt from the manufacturer had been delayed due to the pandemic, shipments of the helmets had begun arriving in early 2021.
- Established the “Ask the Chief” email for all employees of the USCP to directly ask questions of the Chief of Police.
- Chief Sund worked with our federal partners to develop training in behavior indicators of terrorist/ criminal activity for USCP officers to help increase the security of the campus.

Chief Sund received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Johns Hopkins University, and his Master of Arts in Homeland Security from the Naval Postgraduate School. Prior to joining the USCP, Chief Sund served for over 25 years with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

He began his law enforcement career in 1990 as a patrol officer in MPD's Sixth Police District. In 1997, he was promoted to lieutenant and from 1999 to 2006, served in the Special Operations Division, where he helped plan a number of major events to include the 2001 and 2005 Presidential Inaugurations, numerous events designated as National Special Security Events (NSSE), state funerals, and other high-profile events requiring the coordinated deployment and management of thousands of law enforcement personnel.

In 2006, Chief Sund was promoted to captain and assigned to the Office of Homeland Security and Counter Terrorism. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of Commander of the Special Operations Division. In this assignment, he oversaw a number of specialized units to include the Emergency Response Team; Aviation and Harbor Units; Horse Mounted and Canine Units; Special Events/ Dignitary Protection Branch; Major Crash and Commercial Motor Carrier Enforcement; Automated Traffic Enforcement, and the Domestic Security Operations Unit.

As Commander, Chief Sund also served as a lead planner for the 2009 and 2013 Presidential Inaugurations, and he had a significant planning role in the major events designated as NSSEs by the Department of Homeland Security. He is a recognized expert in critical incident management and active shooter preparedness and response having handled dozens of criminal barricade situations, and a number of active shooter incidents.