

*City of Merced, California*  
**Historical Data - Police Chiefs**

**H. L. Rapelje, City Marshal**

Appointed April 5, 1889. Termination on April 21, 1890.

**George Yoakum, City Marshal**

Appointed on April 21, 1890, during city election for two-year term concluding on April 18, 1892. Salary was \$50.00 per month.

**Thomas Carrigan, City Marshal**

Appointed on April 18, 1892, during city election for two-year term. Reappointed on April 16, 1894, during city election for two-year term. Reappointed on April 20, 1896, during city election for two-year term. Reappointed on April 18, 1898, during city election for two-year term. Termination was June 26, 1899 upon his death. Salary was \$75.00 per month.

**George Barfield, City Marshal**

Appointed by City Board of Trustees on June 30, 1899 to continue the remainder of Marshal Carrigan's term concluding on April 16, 1900.

**R. A. Meehan, City Marshal**

Appointed on April 16, 1900, during city election for two-year term. Reappointed on April 15, 1902, during city election for two-year term concluding on April 18, 1904.

**C. A. H. Warfield, City Marshal**

Appointed on April 18, 1904, during city election for two-year term. Resigned on November 12, 1904.

**E. L. Moor, City Marshal**

Appointed by City Board of Trustees on November 12, 1904 to continue the remainder of Marshal Warfield's term concluding on April 16, 1906.

**J. W. Poor, City Marshal**

Appointed on April 16, 1906, during city election for two-year term concluding on April 20, 1908.

**C. M. French, City Marshal**

Appointed on April 20, 1908 during city election for two-year term. Bond was issued for second term on April 18, 1910, concluding on May 6, 1912.

**R. D. Hannah, City Marshal**

Appointed on May 6, 1912, during city election for two-year term concluding on April 27, 1914.

**Stanley Thomas, City Marshal**

Appointed on April 27, 1914. Bond issued for second term and accepted on May 15, 1916. Reappointed on May 1, 1918 for third term. Salary increased to \$120.00 per month on February 17, 1919. Resigned on November 11, 1919.

**Frank J. Duncan, City Marshal**

Appointed on November 12, 1919. Salary was \$120.00 per month. Resigned on April 17, 1922.

**C. M. French, City Marshal**

Appointed on April 17, 1922. Salary was \$100.00 per month. Resigned on September 21, 1925.

**A.G. Wilson, City Marshal**

Appointed on September 21, 1925. Salary was \$150.00 per month. Resigned on April 5, 1926.

**C. W. Morse, City Marshal**

Appointed on April 5, 1926. Salary was \$150.00 per month. On July 1, 1926 salary was increased to \$175.00 per month. Resigned on May 2, 1927.

**W. E. Westfall, City Marshal/Police Chief**

Appointed City Marshal on May 6, 1927. Salary was \$200.00 per month as of June 1, 1927. Position name was changed to Police Chief sometime during his term, possibly on April 16, 1934 when he was reappointed. Salary was \$185.00 per month as of April 16, 1934. Termination was April 21, 1936.

**Fred W. Zunker, Police Chief**

Appointed on April 21, 1936. Salary was \$185.00 per month. Reappointed on April 19, 1938. Salary was then increased to \$200.00 per month. Termination was either shortly before or on March 20, 1939 when the position was ordered vacant.

**W. E. Ellis, Police Chief**

Appointed on March 20, 1939. Salary was \$275.00 per month. Resigned on September 15, 1939.

**W. S. Garrett, Police Chief**

Appointed on September 15, 1939. Salary was \$200.00 per month. Termination date is unknown, however, last mention of Garrett in minutes was on December 10, 1941.

**Fred C. Burley, Police Chief**

Appointed temporary Police Chief on April 20, 1942. Appointed permanently to Police Chief on June 1, 1942. Salary was \$200.00 per month and increased to \$210.00 per month on December 21, 1942. Resigned on August 3, 1943.

**Arthur G. Buckingham, Police Chief**

Appointed on August 3, 1943. Salary was \$210.00 per month and increased to \$250.00 per month on June 19, 1944. Termination date was either shortly before or on September 2, 1947 when the position was declared vacant.

**William Hyde, Police Chief**

Appointed on November 15, 1947. Salary was \$350.00 per month and increased to \$400.00 per month after six months of service. Termination was June 30, 1952.

**William Coleman, Police Chief**

Appointed on September 15, 1952. Salary was \$500.00 per month and increased to \$525.00 during his term. Termination was June 30, 1955.

**Ralph Bond, Police Chief**

Appointed on September 26, 1955. Salary was \$532.00 per month and increased to \$781.00 per month on July 1, 1961. Salary was increased again to \$871.00 on July 1, 1963. Termination was January 14, 1964.

**Harold Kulbeth, Police Chief**

Appointed on September 9, 1964. Salary was \$688.00 per month. At the time of retirement salary was \$3,857.00 per month. Retired on July 3, 1983.

**Patrick Lunney, Police Chief**

Appointed on November 7, 1983. Salary was \$3,174.00 per month with a final salary of \$7,035.99 per month. Resigned on January 31, 1999.

**Mark Anthony Dossetti, Police Chief**

Appointed on February 1, 1999 as acting Police Chief. Salary was \$5,788.51 per month. Appointed as Police Chief on July 28, 1999 with a salary of \$6,253.34 per month. Retired December 4, 2005 with a salary of \$9,880.99 per month.