

SARA THORNTON, QPM

CHIEF CONSTABLE

THAMES VALLEY POLICE



In April 2007 Sara Thornton was appointed Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, the largest non-Metropolitan force in England and Wales.

She is a member of the Association of Chief Police Officers' (ACPO) Terrorism Committee where she represents the south east forces. From 2004 to 2007 she was the ACPO lead on intelligence and responsible for the implementation of the National Intelligence Model. She was a member of the ACPO Police Reform Steering Group and was responsible for the first two National Strategic Assessments in 2004.

Sara Thornton served with the Metropolitan Police from 1986 and over the next fifteen years her career alternated between operational postings in West London and strategic roles within New Scotland Yard. She joined Thames Valley Police as ACC Specialist Operations in November 2000 and in August 2003 was appointed Deputy Chief Constable where she led the largest organisational change programme in the thirty seven year history of Thames Valley Police. In January 2006 she was appointed Acting Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police.

In 2006 she was awarded the Queens Police Medal. She is also a member of the Royal College of Defence Studies, a member of the Advisory Board for the Oxford University Centre for Criminology and an active alumnus of the Windsor Leadership Trust.

She lives in Oxford and has two sons.