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San Mateo Police Chief Ed Barberini Attends International "Operationalizing 'Never Again Not On Our Watch 2026'" in Poland

The only law enforcement representative from California, Chief Barberini joined over 100 law enforcement leaders from across the world in this important "mandate to translate memory into action."

Krakow, Poland (April 2026) – Last week, San Mateo Police Chief Ed Barberini recently participated in the international "Operationalizing 'Never Again Not On Our Watch 2026'" delegation and the March of the Living in Krakow, Poland, standing alongside public safety leaders from around the world in a powerful commitment to remembrance, education, and action.

Chief Barberini joined thousands of participants — including 50 Holocaust survivors — in the solemn march from Auschwitz to Birkenau. Together, they honored the memory of six million Jews and all victims of Nazi genocide, while reaffirming a shared responsibility to confront hatred, intolerance, and dehumanization wherever it appears.

The delegation focuses on equipping law enforcement leaders with the tools to recognize early warning signs of injustice, uphold human dignity, and lead with integrity and accountability in their communities.

Chief Barberini reflected on the experience: "Walking alongside survivors and hearing their stories is a profound reminder that ethical, compassionate leadership is not optional — it is our duty. 'Never Again' must be more than words; it must guide how we serve, protect, and treat every person with dignity. As law enforcement leaders, we have a responsibility to recognize injustice early, stand against hate, and build trust through empathy, accountability, and respect."

The San Mateo Police Department remains committed to these principles — ensuring that remembrance is translated into meaningful action in our community.

You can learn more about the Chief's visit from this release from Access Wire found in The Globe and Mail dated, April 15, 2026: https://www.theglobeandmail.com/investing/markets/markets-news/ACCESS%20Newswire/1333022/never-again-in-focus-as-global-law-enforcement-leaders-gather-at-auschwitz-for-intense-training-program/

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