



CHATTA NOOGA POLICE CHIEF SEARCH

FINALISTS' BIOGRAPHIES

Celeste Murphy | Atlanta PD



Deputy Chief Celeste Murphy joined the Atlanta Police Department in 1997. During her tenure, she served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. In 2016 she was appointed to the rank of Major, and selected to lead the Office of Professional Standards. She moved on to become precinct commander in one zone, then later commanded another precinct in a different area of the city—with demonstrated reductions in crime for both. In the history of the Department, Murphy was the sixth woman to command a precinct and the first woman ever to command two different precincts.

As Deputy Chief she's helped to lead four different divisions in the department, including Strategy and Special Projects where she oversaw all technology and capital projects, as well as Field Operations where she supervised all police precincts (with an overall crime reduction of 12%), property crime investigations, gun-violence enforcement, and the body-worn camera audit unit. For the Field Operations Division she managed approximately 900 patrol officers during significant community unrest, related to the killing of George Floyd, in summer of 2020. While Atlanta experienced several weeks of protests and riots, the Department worked with the community to quickly restore the peace.

In the Community Services Division, Murphy oversaw six sections including Community-Oriented Policing, Special Operations (which included the Peachtree Road Race, a 10K with 60,000 runners, and the 2021 World Series), Code Enforcement, License and Permits, Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport (known as one of the world's busiest airports), Violent Crime Interdiction, and the Strategic Response Section. In this assignment she discovered a passion for working with youth through the Police Athletic League, and the Police Alternatives and Diversion Unit—changing children's lives by providing educational and life skills and other supports, as well as working with local nonprofits to offer resources as an alternative pathway to criminal-justice involvement. She currently serves as Commander for the Support Services Division where she manages a \$230 million budget including Human Resources, Background and Recruitment, Property and Evidence Management, Logistics, the Crime Lab, and the Academy.

Deputy Chief Murphy is a native of New York City and a proud mother to four sons. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from Syracuse University and a Master's in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University. She's also a graduate of the Police Executives Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police, Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, and the Atlanta Police Department's Leadership Institute. Murphy holds memberships in the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Police Executives Research Forum, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and serves on the board of Atlanta Metropol.

Paul Noel | New Orleans PD



Deputy Superintendent Paul Noel is an accomplished professional with 25 years of progressively increased responsibility with the New Orleans Police Department. He is a successful leader with a demonstrated commitment to a community-focused, problem-solving policing style that builds trust, reduces crime, demonstrates accountability, and maintains a highly motivated workforce. Deputy Superintendent Noel joined the NOPD in 1997 serving in various patrol and investigative assignments including as the commanding officer of the Special Victims Section, the Criminal Investigation Division, the Second District and as the Chief of Field Operations. In his current role as Chief of Detectives, he oversees all centralized investigative functions, the Crime Laboratory and various support functions.

Deputy Superintendent Noel received both his master's and bachelor's degrees in criminal justice from Loyola University. He graduated from the FBI National Academy, MCCA's Police Executive Leadership Institute, and PERF's Senior Management Institute for Police. He is a nationally recognized advocate for police reform through his work with the Ethical Policing is Courageous Program and he is a member of the Board of Advisors for Georgetown University's Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement Project. In 2021, he received the Police Executive Research Forum's prestigious Gary P. Hayes Award.

Troy Price | Vancouver PD



Troy Price is a native of Chicago, Illinois where he got his start in law enforcement in 1994. He continued his career with the Vancouver Police Department in Washington state where he has served as a patrol officer, detective, Joint Terrorism Task Force officer, sergeant, and lieutenant. He presently serves as an Assistant Chief of Police where he oversees the Department's precincts, patrol personnel, and a team of over 100 volunteers. He steadfastly adheres to the principle of "Putting People First" and believes that

People First" and believes that transparency, accountability and communication are key to establishing and maintaining trust within the community.

Troy spends time speaking to faith-based organizations and youth in an effort to create meaningful life change and tear down barriers which prevent people from growing to their full potential.

Troy has been married to his wife Tracy for 24 years. He has three children and two grandchildren. When he can find some off-time, Troy enjoys reading, camping, cooking, motorcycling and anything related to aviation.

Glenn Scruggs | Chattanooga PD



As a member of the Chattanooga Police Department, Assistant Chief Glenn Scruggs has nearly three decades of experience serving the Chattanooga community in public safety. While beginning his career in the Public Housing Unit, he learned firsthand the value and effectiveness of community-oriented policing. Assistant Chief Scruggs has had the opportunity to work in both the CPD Neighborhood Policing Bureau and the CPD Investigations Bureau. In his current role as CPD's Assistant Chief for the Neighborhood Policing Bureau, he oversees the largest segment of the of the Department with approximately 260 sworn officers. Additionally, Scruggs has worked extensively with Chattanooga's Police Advisory Review Committee (PARC) to strengthen efforts to ensure officer accountability.

As a Chattanooga native, Assistant Chief Scruggs was raised in the Avondale community. He earned his Bachelor's in Business Administration and has had the opportunity to reinforce his law enforcement and leadership training by completing both the Southeastern Leadership & Command Academy (SECLA) and the FBI National Academy.