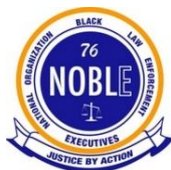


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National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Names Seattle Police Department Assistant Chief Perry Tarrant to President

ALEXANDRIA, VA -- Seattle Police Department (SPD) Assistant Chief, Perry Tarrant, has been named national president of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) which serves more than 3,000 members worldwide. The announcement came at the conclusion of NOBLE's 40th Anniversary Training Conference and Exhibition in Washington, DC. In his new role, Mr. Tarrant will be responsible for the strategic direction and leading the efforts to continue the organization's trajectory of strengthening its fiscal resources and infrastructure, while increasing the delivery of program services to ensure there is equity in the administration of justice.

Perry Tarrant has law enforcement knowledge spanning decades. Prior to being recruited as an Assistant Chief for the City of Seattle, Perry rose through the ranks in the Tucson Police Department. He started as an officer for the department and became a member of the SWAT team and canine unit. From 1990 to 1997, Mr. Tarrant supervised internal affairs, traffic, SWAT, and other operations. From 1997 to 2005, he served as a lieutenant and oversaw neighborhood crime teams and the department's aviation support section, was patrol commander for two different areas of the City, and was an executive officer in the Office of the Chief. In 2005, Mr. Tarrant was promoted to captain where he was a patrol division commander, specialized response division commander, and investigation division commander. In 2014, Mr. Tarrant was appointed to coordinate the City of Yakima's Gang Free Initiative's prevention and intervention programs and to act as the city's Emergency Preparedness Director. Currently, Mr. Tarrant commands the Special Operations Bureau of the Seattle Police Department. Mr. Tarrant has participated in formal reviews of complex officer involved shootings and uses of force, and is considered a subject matter expert.

Mr. Perry Tarrant has studied at the FBI National Academy, the Senior Management Institute for Police and is a certified FEMA Incident Commander & Instructor. He also holds a Criminal Justice Graduate Studies Certificate from the University of Virginia and a certificate from the NOBLE CEO Program.

Assistant Chief Tarrant expressed enthusiasm in leading the organization at such a crucial point in its history stating, "I look forward to extending NOBLE's member value platforms and working to help transform law enforcement to reflect the requirements and needs of policing in the 21st century." Tarrant continued, "NOBLE intends to leverage its nearly 3,000 members to commit to the 21st Century Policing model." Mr. Tarrant's predecessor also noted the significance of his election coming on heels of multiple police-citizen incidents that will shape the future of policing in America. "Given the recent events around the nation, race and policing are at a pivotal point in our nation's history," stated Gregory A. Thomas, Senior Executive for Law Enforcement Operations at Office of the Kings County District Attorney and outgoing NOBLE National President." Thomas continues, "NOBLE stands at the forefront of the changes that need to take place in training, recruitment and building trust and our leadership is poised to have maximum impact on national policing models. I've been working with Assistant Chief Tarrant for the past year in his role as NOBLE's First National Vice President and I am confident he's fully prepared to carry the baton. He comes with a wealth of experience, is knowledgeable and certainly capable of taking NOBLE into the next era of policing. I am proud to have him as a successor and look forward to working with him as president."

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit www.noblenational.org.

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