NOBLE National President Gregory A. Thomas Attends White House Summit on Police Data Initiative

Held by Senior Administration and Department of Justice Officials, the Meeting Addressed Open Data to Increase Police Citizen Relations

Last month, NOBLE National President Gregory A. Thomas traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the Police Data Initiative Year of Progress: Building on the President's Call to Action to Leverage Open Data to Increase Trust between Police and Citizens summit. Senior White House officials and the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services held the meeting on April 22, 2016 to discuss progress made by law enforcement agencies under the Police Data Initiative (PDI), with a specific focus on ways that leading law enforcement agencies have worked with technologists, researchers, and community members to leverage technology and data innovation to increase trust between police and citizens as called for by the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

Gina Hawkins, Deputy Chief in the Clayton County, Georgia Police Department, whom President Thomas appointed as the NOBLE representative to the FBI Task Force on the Use of Force attended the meeting with him.
From left to right, Roy L. Austin Jr, Deputy Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs, Justice and Opportunity, Gina Hawkins, Deputy Chief, Clayton County, Georgia Police Department, Gregory A. Thomas, NOBLE National President and NOBLE Member David O. Brown, Chief of Police, Dallas, Texas.

NOBLE National President Gregory A. Thomas Delivers Keynote Speech at the Spring Graduation of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) in Kingston, Jamaica

Also Meets With Prospective Members of the Jamaica NOBLE Chapter
At the invitation of Dr. Carl Williams and the leadership of the JCF, on April 29, 2016, NOBLE National President Gregory A. Thomas traveled to Kingston, Jamaica to deliver the Keynote Address at the spring commencement of the Jamaican Constabulary Force (JCF) which has been in existence since 1671 and has rigorous admission standards.

President Thomas’ address reminded the graduates that they are providing a “critical service to the citizens of Jamaica.” He further noted that the experience gained and challenges met in the United States, “dictate that you should be prepared to do your job as guardians and not as warriors.”

"The challenge for you is to be prepared to provide professional policing and guardian services to the many (law abiding citizens), while properly separating out those who might engage in criminal behavior,” Mr. Thomas emphasized. You can view the full text of President Thomas' Keynote Address [here].

High ranking American and Jamaican officials including U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica the Honorable Luis G. Moreno and the Honorable Robert Montague, Jamaica Minister of National Security attended the April 29th ceremony. In addition to delivering the address, Thomas met with prospective members of the NOBLE Jamaica chapter.

Norman Heywood, Assistant Commissioner of Police Jamaica Constabulary Force, Director of the National Police College of Jamaica, Dr. Carl Williams, Commissioner of Police, Jamaica Constabulary Force, The Honorable Robert Montague, Jamaica Minister of National Security, The Honorable Luis G. Moreno, United States Ambassador to Jamaica, Novelette Grant, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Jamaica Constabulary Force, Kim Y. Royster, First Lady, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Gregory A. Thomas, National President, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.
NOBLE First Lady Kim Y. Royster, The Hon. Robert Montague, Jamaica Minister of National Security; Novelette Grant, JCF Deputy Commissioner; Gregory A. Thomas, NOBLE National President; Dr. Carl Williams, JCF Commissioner of Police.

NOBLE National President Gregory A. Thomas with The Honorable Luis G. Moreno, U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica.
Female cadets march in the commencement.

Male cadets line up to march in the commencement.