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NOBLE Member Patrick Ridenhour Sworn in as Danbury, CT Chief of Police



NOBLE CT members from left to right: Waterbury Police Lieutenant Michael Epps, Middletown Police Captain Gary Wallace, Danbury Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour, Millbury, MA Police Lieutenant and NOBLE CT President Regina Rush-Kittle, CT State Police Trooper First Class Sharon M. Cheeks J.D., and Waterbury Police Chief Vernon Riddick.

Danbury, CT--On July 11, 2016, NOBLE CT Chapter Recording Secretary Patrick Ridenhour was sworn in as the new Chief, and first African-American, of the Danbury, CT Police Department after serving as Chief of the Stratford, CT Police Department for the past five years.

Chief Ridenhour began his career 28 years ago as a member of the Waterbury, CT Police Department, the city where he was born and raised. He served in a variety of positions, rising through the ranks to the position of Assistant Deputy Chief, where he served as Chief of the Patrol, Communications, Community Services, and Animal Control Divisions. He was the first African-American in the department's history to achieve the ranks of Captain and Assistant Deputy Chief. In April 2011 he was named the Interim Chief and permanently promoted to Chief 11 months later in March 2012, again becoming the first African-American to hold the position. In June 2016 Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton selected Mr. Ridenhour to lead the 155 member Danbury Police Department, replacing retiring Chief Al Baker. Located in Fairfield County, Danbury is the largest city in

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Western Connecticut with more than 80,000 residents, and borders the State of New York.

He holds a Certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia, a Bachelors Degree from Charter Oak State College in New Britain, CT and a Master's Degree in Organizational Management and Leadership from Springfield College in Springfield, MA. He is also a graduate of the 212th Session of the FBI National Academy and the 74th Session of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS).

The Law and Your Community at Florida State University



On July 27, 2016, Members of the North Florida Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) conducted the Law and Your Community Presentation at Florida State University (FSU). The Law and Your Community is a two-hour interactive presentation on Knowing your Rights as well as how to have a positive interaction with law enforcement. There were more than 400 students in attendance. They also participated in traffic stop scenarios. North Florida Chapter Members that participated in the presentation: Inspector General Lourdes Howell-Thomas, Special Agent Supervisor Tonja Bryant-Smith (Chapter President), Inspector Meschelle Pittman (Chapter Secretary), Revenue Specialist Marquis Lucas, Retired FDLE Member Adrienne Lucas (Historian), FSU Chief David Perry (Past Chapter President), FWC Lieutenant Antonio Kilpatrick (Chapter Treasurer), TPD Major Lonnie Scott, TPD Captain Rod Young (Chapter Vice President) and TPD Administrative Aide Natasha Harris). The North Florida Chapter of NOBLE currently has over 40 members from various agencies.

NOBLE Chapter and Member News

NOBLE Members Profiled in Local News Story



NOBLE Members and Rochester Police Department Officers talk about race and policing. You can view the full video [here](#).

NOBLE Member Assistant Chief Grayling Williams Appointed in Portsmouth, VA



NOBLE Member and Portsmouth, VA Chief Tonya Chapman and fellow NOBLE member and newly appointed Assistant Chief Grayling Williams. Williams was formerly Inspector General for the Pennsylvania Office of Inspector General.

Chief Bobby Cummings Recognized by the White House



FROM THE OFFICE
OF THE MAYOR
DENNIS P. WILLIAMS
55TH MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Obama White House Recognizes Wilmington Police Department's Community Policing Efforts

White House touts Chief Cummings as a "shining light" for leading community policing efforts and modernizing the Wilmington Police Department

Since June, the White House, in collaboration with the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, has hosted six briefings with local law enforcement agencies in an effort to help departments learn how to implement recommendations established by President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. White House officials acknowledged Chief of Police Bobby Cummings' participation in a recent briefing, and recognized his efforts to modernize the Wilmington Police Department and implement community policing practices throughout the department.

In a blog post, the White House identifies Chief Cummings as an example in sharing his best practices and experiences with fellow law enforcement officials:

Wilmington (DE) Police Chief Bobby Cummings is another shining light, and recently spoke at one of the briefings about his work to strengthen community policing and improve technology within his department. Chief Cummings spoke about how, with the help of Department of Justice funding, he has been able to train his staff on officer safety and wellness so that his officers

You can read the full article up [here](#).