

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives



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The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Featured FBI Director Christopher Wray as Keynote Speaker During the 2018 Annual Training Conference

[Alexandria, VA] FBI Director, Christopher Wray, addressed NOBLE leadership and law enforcement members from across the country during NOBLE's CEO Symposium Opening Luncheon, a signature event of the 2018 Annual Training Conference.

With a keen focus on shared responsibility, technological advancements and the importance of workforce diversity and training, Wray laid the groundwork for what lies ahead for the FBI and law enforcement leaders broadly. He spoke at length during the CEO Opening Luncheon in Hollywood, Florida specifically tying diversity (a pillar for NOBLE) to the growth and expansion of a successful and forward-thinking FBI. Wray noted that fewer than five percent of FBI agents are African-American and that number has remained basically flat or constant for the past few years. Through a series of trainings, community forums, and outreach events directly geared towards diversity recruitment, the FBI is on its way to increasing interest among likely minority applicants.

"NOBLE is fully aware of the operational risks associated with a less than optimal diverse workforce. It applauds the fact that the FBI is strategically moving forward with a plan to diversify its ranks," stated Clarence E. Cox, III, NOBLE National President.

With nearly 35,000 employees and an annual budget of \$9 billion, the FBI is charged with addressing threats of terrorism, crime prevention, counterintelligence, public corruption, mass shootings and a host of other activities.

Advances in technology are required assets in meeting the needs of today's intelligence society to effectively respond to and diminish threats of violence and targeted criminal activity. One of those assets is the [National Incident-Based Reporting System](#). Wray encouraged police agencies to invest in the new technology by 2021 to improve the overall quality of crime data collected and shared among law enforcement. "Bottom line, we need greater transparency and accountability in policing," he said. "One way we can achieve that is more and better data." Furthermore, Wray urged police agencies to contribute incident reports to the [National Use-of-Force Data Collection](#) system to examine trends that may contribute to police-involved shootings. NOBLE has played an integral role in the development of the National Use of Force Data Collection.

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) 2018 Annual Training Conference is being held July 27, 2018 - August 1, 2018 in Hollywood, FL.

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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 <http://www.noblenational.org>.

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