



National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)

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Greetings NOBLE Leaders and Valued Members,

Before I provide updates on NOBLE activity, I ask that each of you pause to pray for NOBLE Members impacted by Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, as well as, their communities as they recover and rebuild. I am thankful to report there have been no reported injuries.

I also want to pause and pray for the family and friends of former National President, John S. Pritchard III, who served as NOBLE's national president from 1993-1994. His leadership and legacy will forever be a part of NOBLE's history. NOBLE also lost another beloved member, Seymour Jones, please extend thoughts and prayers to his family as they prepare to celebrate his life and legacy. Additional, condolences to Chief Renee Hall and her family on the passing of her Mother, Ms. Bonnie Hall.

Over the past several weeks the NOBLE Executive Board, along with many members have been engaged in various activities across the country.

Recent Activities

- On August 29th, I attended a presentation of the **One COP Initiative** in Indianapolis. I was joined by NOBLE member Chief Cassandra Brown of the Raleigh Police Department and several members of her staff and leadership Durham Police Department.
- On September 11th, I served as a guest on a FOX television show and a nationally syndicated radio show to discuss the Nike 30th Anniversary "Just Do It" campaign.
- On September 12th – 16th, NOBLE members participated on several panel discussions at the Congressional Black Caucus. I would especially like to thank past President Clarence Cox and Dr. Cedric Alexander for representing NOBLE at various events.
- On September 19th - 20th, the NOBLE Executive Director Crawford and I attended the Heritage Foundation Summit and toured the Law Enforcement Museum.
- On September 21st, NOBLE deployed the Convoy of Care that included eight tractor trailers filled with clothing and supplies to North Carolina. I want to acknowledge, the Georgia Chapter President Robert Ford and their members.

- On September 28th, I celebrated the career of FBI Special Agent Rhonda Glover and her recent retirement. As some of you may know, Agent Glover served 34 years with the FBI and she has faithfully and energetically served as the Chair of the Youth Committee. CONGRATULATIONS Rhonda!
- During the International Association of Chief of Police (IACP) conference that was held in Orlando, Florida between October 6th – 9th, NOBLE Board held our fall board meeting during IACP to discuss organizational priorities. Additionally, NOBLE Member Candace Walker, Atlanta Police Department Crime Lab Director was a recipient of IACP 2018 40 under 40 Award. Congratulations! I also want to recognize several NOBLE members that provided thought leadership on various topics during IACP:
 - *Todays' Police Chief Executive: Female Police Chiefs Redefining Leadership Unlike Ever Before* (**Chief CJ Davis, Asst. Chief Kim Royster and Ms. Hajir Nuriddin**)
 - *History as a Foundation of Building Trust and Legitimacy: Civil Rights and Law Enforcement* (**Chief CJ Davis**)
 - *Critical Issues Forum – Are We Better Off? The Impact of Reform on Policing and Community Safety* (**Chief CJ Davis**)
 - *The National Use of Force Data Collection* (**Chief Gina Hawkins**)
 - *Recruitment and Hiring Practices to Advance Community Policing* (**Elsie Scott**)
 - *Chief of Police at the Intersection of BWC and the Fallibility of the Human Brain* (**Chief Cassandra Deck Brown**)
 - *Do You Know It When You See It? Identifying, Investigating, Reporting and Prosecuting Hate Crimes* (**Chief Carmen Best**)
 - *I am a Police Chief: How Can a Police Foundation Help My Department?* (**Chief Kenton Buckner and Marcia Thompson**)
- On October 11th, Special Assistant to the President Cynthia Herriott represented NOBLE at the dedication of Law Enforcement Museum in Washington, DC.

I would like to thank the NOBLE Board, Committee Chairs and Members for their continuous commitment to move NOBLE's agenda forward.

I also would like to encourage NOBLE members, to support your local chapter and continue to check the www.noblenational.org for regional and chapter training and events.

Yours in Service,

Vera Bumpers, Chief METRO Police Department
NOBLE National President

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

-Harriett Tubman