

# National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives



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### **The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Installs Houston Metro Police Chief Vera Bumpers as National President**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** – Houston Metro Police Chief, Ms. Vera Bumpers, has been installed as the 41<sup>st</sup> 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 42nd Annual Training Conference and Exhibition in Hollywood, FL. In her new role, President Bumpers will be responsible for the strategic direction while leading the efforts to continue the organization's trajectory of strengthening its fiscal resources and infrastructure.

Chief Bumpers brings a wealth of policing expertise, community relations and advocacy leadership to this role. NOBLE will continue to build on its mission, focus its efforts towards strengthening community and police relations, develop training that meets the challenges of today's law enforcement community as well as promote diversity and inclusion.

National President Vera Bumpers priorities will be the following:

- Youth: Youth Engagement, Procedural Justice, & Mental Illness Intervention
- Technology: Smart Policing Taskforce
- Training: Leadership Development, Implicit Bias, De-escalation & Crisis Intervention

Chief Vera Bumpers has been with the Houston Metro Police Department for more than 30 years and currently leads a team of 194 sworn personnel and 93 non-sworn personnel. She was a pioneer from the beginning, becoming the first woman to be promoted in every rank within the Department. Ms. Bumpers received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas State University and a Master's Degree from Prairie View A&M University. She is a graduate of the 230th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Chief Bumpers has been recognized as a 2016 Top 50 Black Professional and Entrepreneur and has been featured in African American Newspaper and Houston Women Magazine. Chief Bumpers is the Chair of Houston Community College Police Academy Advisory Board, a member of International Association of Chiefs of Police, Texas Police Chiefs Association, Houston Area Police Chiefs Association, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association, National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives, Women Transportation Seminar, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Links Incorporated.

“I look forward to leading NOBLE at a time such as this, when our nation is facing so much divisiveness. We will continue our charge in building bridges between Law Enforcement and communities protecting both our officers and communities,” stated Vera Bumpers, NOBLE National President.

“I’m excited about the installation of our new President for several reasons but most importantly because we have like-minded views about the urgent needs of our community. Vera is a true professional and a consummate leader,” stated Clarence E. Cox, III, NOBLE Immediate Past National 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](http://www.noblenational.org).

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