



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES

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Greetings NOBLE Leaders and Valued Members,

It was just a month ago that I was inducted to serve as your 41st National President. I want to thank you for your support, and I look forward to serving NOBLE. I am standing on the shoulders of great leaders who moved the organization forward through connections on community issues, Law Enforcement accountability and Law Enforcement Training. NOBLE has kept the focus on being the conscious of Law Enforcement and embraced Justice By Action.

I want to acknowledge and thank the [2018-19 Executive Board](#) and Committee Chairs, I am looking forward to working together to have an impactful year.

I want to start by sharing with you some of the work of NOBLE that has already begun. Last week, I was in Indianapolis with other Law Enforcement leaders to learn how the One Congregation One Precinct (aka OneCop) program is rolled out in communities. Over the last month I interviewed on several national radio shows to discuss NOBLE's opposition to the 3-D gun printing technology. NOBLE continues to monitor certain issues that impact our communities and Law Enforcement.

However, I didn't want too much time to pass before I paused to reflect on the success of the 42nd NOBLE National Conference. At this year's conference, we had a record number of first time attendees that expressed they had an overall good experience. The feedback we've received is that the training sessions were informative, and the workshops were well attended. Attending the conference is just one step in making progress in our profession and learning strategies that impact our communities.

Your involvement as a NOBLE member is important to the strength of the organization. The benefit of participation is far reaching such as lending your voice on legislative issues in that impact communities in which you live. More importantly networking relationships that can be invaluable when addressing issues in your agency. There is always another member who is willing to mentor or share how they successfully navigated issues as a new employee and leader.

I encourage you to attend your [chapter meetings](#), in addition to participating in the national conference. I also ask that you consider volunteering to serve at the local level and on our many national committees. There are so many opportunities to share your knowledge, leadership skills and talent to help our organization's mission. The [NOBLE National Committee and Chair](#) contact information is listed on the website as well as www.noblenational.org. Also, please visit [NOBLE's Calendar of Events](#) to see what is coming.

Lastly, I hope you will join me in recognizing the South Florida Chapter for their excellent hospitality, as well as, making the conference entertaining and enjoyable. Please join me in thanking the Conference Chairs, Lonnie Lawrence and Shirly Richardson for their vision, professionalism and commitment to a successful conference. I also want to thank the Chapter President, Tim Belcher and the Region 3 Vice President, Kevin Granville for their dedication and support.

Last, but certainly not least, I especially want to express appreciation to our sponsors and vendors for their support of the conference—your participation helps create the experience.

In closing,

I ask that attendees complete the post conference survey that can be found here on our national website. For those of you that have already completed the survey,

Thank You.

Yours in service,

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"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an Ocean". -Ryunosuke Satoro