

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Jerry Demings

Sheriff Jerry L. Demings is a native of Orlando and has the distinction of serving as Orlando's first black Police Chief and was elected as the first black Orange County Sheriff in 2008. Jerry is married to former Orlando Police Chief Valdez B. Demings who is the first female Police Chief in the history of Orlando. They have three sons, two of whom are twins. All of his sons are graduates of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. He is the chief law enforcement executive in the county and manages a \$200 million dollar budget and approximately 2,500 employees.

He is a graduate of Jones High School and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Florida State University and his Master of Business Administration degree from Orlando College, which is now Everest University. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and is listed in Who's Who Among College Students. He is a graduate of the 194th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and studied at the Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Prior to being sheriff, County Mayor Richard Crotty appointed Jerry as the Director of Public Safety for Orange County in October 2002. He oversaw several Orange County Departments including the Jail, Fire Department, Public Safety Communications and Emergency Operations. He had combined budgetary oversight of over \$320 million and nearly 3200 employees.

Sheriff Demings is involved in numerous civic activities. He was appointed to the FEMA National Advisory Council in July 2014 and was appointed by the Chief Justice to the Florida Supreme Court's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Task Force. Sheriff Demings is the Secretary for the Florida Sheriffs Association and is President of the Major County Sheriffs Foundation. He volunteers at his church, several non-profit agencies, fraternities and professional organizations. His passion is working with children's organizations.