

# THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

## **Patrick Melvin**

Chief Patrick R. Melvin is currently the Chief of Police for the Salt River Police Department (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community) in Scottsdale, Arizona, a progressive community that is located just east of metropolitan Phoenix, bordered by the municipalities of Scottsdale, Mesa, Tempe, Fountain Hills and the Ft. McDowell Tribal Community, consisting of over 2.5 million residents and one of the fastest growing Counties (Maricopa) in the United States. The Salt River Police Department has a total proactive strength of 150 personnel, 114 sworn officers and 36 professional staff.

The former City of Maricopa, AZ Police Chief, Chief Melvin held the positions of Chief of Police, Interim Public Safety Director, Interim Fire Chief, and Interim Assistant City Manager. He was responsible for the Divisions of Police Services, Fire Services, Support Services (Human Resources and Information Technology) Code Compliance and Animal Control Services. The City of Maricopa became incorporated in 2003 and recruited Chief Melvin to form its police department in 2006.

After a nationwide search, Chief Patrick Melvin was selected and was appointed Maricopa's first ever police officer as the Chief of Police (Badge #001) in September 2006. In October of 2006, Chief Melvin retired from the City of Phoenix, Arizona Police Department as a police commander after 21 years of dedicated service and began Chief of Police duties in Maricopa the next day. Chief Melvin was tasked with facilitating the coordination, building, designing and formation of the city's police department from the ground up.

In July 2010, Chief Patrick Melvin began serving as the National President of N.O.B.L.E., (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives), an organization of approximately 3,500 members in 56 chapters throughout the United States, United Kingdom and the Caribbean after serving on the executive board for several years. Chief Patrick Melvin is also a former board member of the Arizona Chiefs of Police Association serving as its 4th, 3rd, and 2nd Vice President.

Chief Patrick Melvin was the 2003 N.O.B.L.E. recipient of a yearlong Executive Fellowship with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) in Washington, D.C. A national subject matter expert on Traffic Safety Issues, Patrick Melvin has traveled the country presenting on the topic and has taught at the International Law Enforcement Academy (I.L.E.A.) in Gaborone, Botswana.

In 2004, Chief Patrick Melvin was the recipient of the LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) Community Service Award for his involvement in traffic safety, child safety seat and seat belt issues in our communities and the 2006 N.O.B.L.E. Outstanding Leadership Award for the Arizona Chapter of N.O.B.L.E. In 2007, Chief Melvin was appointed a

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commissioner on the Arizona Commission on African American Affairs (ACAAA) by Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and was named the "2007 City of Maricopa Man of the Year."

Chief Patrick Melvin received an Army Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant from Wentworth Military Academy, (Lexington, MO) a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University, a Master of Education Degree with Distinction from Northern Arizona University, the Certified Public Manager Designation from Arizona State University, attended the FBI's Southwest Command College and the 65th Session of the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA.

Chief Patrick Melvin has been married to his beautiful wife Rhonda for over 23 years and they have three children.