

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Barbara O'Connor

Chief Barbara O'Connor has over 30 years of law enforcement experience working in both municipal and campus environments. Chief O'Connor began her career in Massachusetts serving with the Yarmouth Police department and eventually moved to the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass) Police Department. At UMass Chief O'Connor progressed through the ranks serving as an Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Deputy Chief before being appointed Chief of Police in October of 2001.

Her additional leadership roles include serving at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where she was appointed as the Executive Director of Public Safety. In this role she supervised and led the University Police Department, Emergency Planning and the Police Training Institute (PTI).

In April of 2012, Chief O'Connor was appointed as the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police for the University of Connecticut. At UConn, Chief O'Connor oversees a staff of 140 employees which includes police, fire and EMS services at the Storrs and UConn's regional campuses.

Chief O'Connor has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Master's in Labor Studies, and a Juris Doctorate. She is a licensed attorney in Massachusetts.