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Benjamin B. Tucker

Benjamin B. Tucker was appointed by Police Commissioner William J. Bratton to serve as the 43rd First Deputy Commissioner in November, 2014. Mr. Tucker had previously held the post of Deputy Commissioner of Training since his appointment in March, 2014, twenty four years after his retirement in 1991.

He began his law enforcement career in November 1969, when he was initially appointed as a Police Trainee before advancing through the uniformed ranks. As one of a select group of Trainees designated as Precinct Service Officers, Mr. Tucker received instruction by medical and substance abuse experts in the science of addiction and was trained to conduct an innovative school-based drug prevention education program. While a Police Trainee, he served in various police precincts, including the 81st, 103rd, and 69th Precinct, leading up to his appointment as a Police Officer in 1972. He served in the 24th, 77th, and 69th Precincts, in addition to assignments as an instructor in the Police Academy Recruit Training School and legal advisor for the Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters.

Mr. Tucker has held several executive-level positions in various New York City government agencies, including Assistant Director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board, where he oversaw investigations, conducted fact finding hearings, and recommended action to the Board; Deputy Assistant Director for Law Enforcement Services in the Mayor's Office of Operations, where he oversaw and coordinated law enforcement agency operations, directed the City's law enforcement strategy to regulate licensed and unlicensed vendors, negotiated successful interagency collaboration and compliance with vendor placement restrictions, and chaired the Local Emergency Planning Committee. In 1988, Mayor Edward I. Koch appointed Mr. Tucker as First Deputy Commissioner and Executive Director of the New York City Commission on Human Rights. In 1990, Mr. Tucker was Chief of Operations in the Office of the Manhattan Borough President.

Upon his retirement, Tucker continued to pursue endeavors related to public service. In September 1992, Mr. Tucker served as Senior Research Associate with the Substance Abuse Strategy Initiative at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University where he managed the multi-site Children at Risk research demonstration project, including design, development and implementation of the community policing training module, site selection, and research coordination. In January 1994, Mr. Tucker served as Director of Field Operations and Senior Research Associate at the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, where he planned, implemented, and coordinated program evaluation for Opportunity to Succeed, a five city research demonstration project designed to test and evaluate the delivery of post-incarceration services for substance abusing ex-offenders. In September 1995, he was appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton to serve as Deputy Director for Operations in the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he was responsible for funding decisions and recommendations

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resulting in the awarding and oversight of grants to state and local law enforcement agencies in excess of \$5 Billion, providing Training and Technical Assistance and directing policy, support and evaluation activities.

In August 1999, Mr. Tucker joined the faculty of Pace University as Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. In September 2002, Mr. Tucker was granted a leave of absence from his teaching post to accept an appointment by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg as Chief Executive for School Safety and Planning at the New York City Department of Education, where he oversaw all matters related to the safety and security of 1.1 million students and 1200 schools, including the day-to-day administration and operation of attendance, discipline, truancy, and prevention and intervention services. During his time at the NYC DOE, Mr. Tucker designed and implemented the New Beginnings Program to support effective educational alternatives for students over-age for grade, at-risk of dropping out, or involved in the criminal justice system. Following his return to academia in 2004, Mr. Tucker was granted tenure and elevated to Professor in 2008.

In July 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Mr. Tucker to the position of Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs at the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the Executive Office of the President and Mr. Tucker was subsequently confirmed by the United States Senate on June 22, 2010.

First Deputy Commissioner Tucker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from John J College of Criminal Justice.