

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

George Turner

George N. Turner is a dedicated and loyal public safety professional currently overseeing the operations of the largest law enforcement agency in the State of Georgia. On July 9, 2010, Turner was appointed by Atlanta's Mayor Kasim Reed as the 23rd Chief of Police for the City of Atlanta.

Chief Turner is a 32-year veteran of the Atlanta Police Department, which has an authorized strength of 2,000 sworn officers. His goal for the Department is to target gang violence, alleviate aggressive panhandling, and enhance police officer recruitment efforts. Highly respected throughout the Atlanta community, Chief Turner's resilience and leadership qualities will instill accountability in the effective delivery of police services.

Chief Turner's career has been diversified and filled with accomplishments. He has worked in all areas of the department to include the uniform division and investigations.

He served as the Deputy Chief of the Support Services Division, which consists of the Corporate Services Section, 911 Communications Center, Information Services Section, and Training Academy. His responsibilities included managing the Department's \$164 million budget, hiring new officers, and the training and development of police employees.

As a Major, he commanded the Human Resources Section with the responsibility to oversee 2200 employees and the Background & Recruitment Unit which was successful in hiring record number (204) officers during the year of 2006 and 251 in 2007. Prior to this assignment he commanded the Zone One precinct, which is the Northwest section of Atlanta, one of the more challenging and difficult precincts in the city. During his two-year command of the Zone One Precinct he was responsible for 17% reduction in overall crime.

After his start within the field operations and investigations divisions, he was promoted to the position of Sergeant. As Sergeant, he was tasked with establishing the first Gangs and Guns Unit. He single-handedly wrote all of the policies and created the initial structure of the unit.

He has extensive experience in the area of dignitary and executive protection; having participated and/ or managed well over a hundred events in the City of Atlanta, the United States and abroad. Chief Turner served on Ambassador Andrew J. Young's Executive Protection Team during his tenure as Mayor of the city of Atlanta and as the Dignitary and Security Chief during his Governor of Georgia Campaign.

Chief Turner has received numerous commendations and awards from the Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his work on protective details with the various Presidents, other high-level officials and heads of state. He has also worked closely with the State of Georgia and other local law enforcement on a wide array of special assignments and details.

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Born and raised in Atlanta, Chief Turner stands as a pillar of the community. He serves as the president of the Atlanta Police Athletic League and 2nd Vice President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

He is also the past Chair of the Atlanta METROPOL and board member of Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE), the Board Chair of High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and a member of the Major Cities Chiefs, International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), and the Police Executive Research Forum and a 2003 selected member of the Clark Atlanta University Athletic Hall of Fame. Chief Turner is a board member of Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (Gilee) and a board chair of High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). Chief Turner has also completed the National Executive Institute training session, class 34. Chief Turner was educated in the Atlanta Public Schools and attended Clark Atlanta University and holds a Bachelors of Art degree from Saint Leo University in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Public Administration from Columbus State University. He completed the United States Secret Service Academy, Small Detail Training, Police Executive Research Forum (Senior Management Institute) and Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Command College. He is married to Cathy Turner for more than 30 years and they are the parents of four adult children and 7 grandchildren.