

Chief Robert C. White

Louisville Metro Police Department



Chief White was appointed Chief of Police of the newly merged Louisville Metro Police Department on January 6, 2003. The Louisville Metro Police Department was created with the merger of the Louisville Police Department and the Jefferson County Police Department. The Louisville Metro Police Department – the 22nd largest in the country has 1200 sworn officers and nearly 400 civilian personnel.

Since becoming Chief of Louisville Metro Police Department, Chief White oversaw the successful merger of two police agencies. He brings a fresh approach to crime prevention, combining community-police partnerships with decentralization. By downsizing specialty units, Chief White was able to put more officers on the streets thereby increasing the department's visibility to the community.

He also established several initiatives to enhance the public's trust and interaction with the department--such as the Latino and International Citizen's Police Academies, school resource officers program and the 574-LMPD crime tip hotline. He also developed a Public Integrity Unit to investigate all allegations of criminal misconduct by police officers and other public officials.

Under Chief White's guidance, the department has adapted to meet Metro Louisville's ever changing needs. Under his tenure, he has helped restore the public's trust and willingness to work with the police department.

Chief White's goal is to continue to build a department that values the prevention of crime and understands that this can best be accomplished through strong citizen - police relationships, which must be built on accountability and trust.

Chief White came to Louisville from Greensboro, North Carolina, where he served as Chief of Police for four and a half years, beginning in June 1998. Chief White's law enforcement career began more than 30 years ago when he was appointed as an officer with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. in May 1972. During his tenure he worked in every bureau within the department and attained the rank of assistant chief. He retired, after 23 years of service. Upon his retirement, he was appointed the first Director of Public Safety for the District of Columbia Housing Authority. In 1997, Chief White was asked to return to the Metropolitan Police Department as the Assistant Chief over all patrol operations to help revitalize the department. As assistant chief in our nation's capital, he oversaw one of largest reductions in crime of any major city.

In 1993, Chief White received a Bachelor of Arts Degree, summa cum laude, in Public Administration from the University of the District of Columbia. He obtained a Master of Science Degree in 1996 in Applied Behavioral Science from Johns Hopkins University. In 1991, he completed the Contemporary Executive Development Program at George Washington University.

Chief White is married with three children and is also a grandfather of two.