

Chief John I. Dixon III (Fmr.) Petersburg Police Department, Virginia Richmond, VA

John I. Dixon III joined law enforcement in the 1980s. He first served in the U.S. Marine Corps and then for 25 years as a police officer in Richmond, Virginia. He became Chief of Police in 2007.

As a patrol officer, Dixon gained experience in the narcotics and juvenile divisions. He developed a passion for community engagement and empowerment, youth outreach, and human resource development. John focused on improving the overall quality of life for the community. Confronting challenges in the police-community relationship, Dixon led

extensive outreach efforts in Petersburg and the surrounding areas. He implemented innovative practices including the Commonwealth of Virginia's Lethality Assessment Protocol to prevent domestic-partner homicides, and Operation Renew with the Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Task Force to assist communities in removing unlivable structures associated with the drug trade. Known for his strong work ethic and uncompromising commitment to public safety, he was selected to serve on President Obama's Commission on Gun Violence.

Dixon is a regular participant in public safety conferences and national speaking engagements. He is a past president of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

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