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## **Undersheriff Booker T. Hodges** **Ramsey County Sheriff's Department, Minnesota** **Ramsey County, MN**

Booker T. Hodges began his law enforcement career in 2005 as an officer for the Dakota County Sheriff's Department in Minnesota. During his 12 years with the department, his roles included school resource officer, patrol deputy, narcotics detective, Special Weapons and Tactics team (S.W.A.T.) operator, patrol overnight watch commander, and inspector.

In 2017, Hodges was appointed Undersheriff of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department, becoming only the second African-American to serve in the position. Under his leadership, the department has seen the inclusion of 200 hours of de-escalation training for county officers. Beyond training, Hodges cares deeply about homelessness and helped implement the "Care on the GO" program, which provides homeless people released from jail with packages of toiletries and other necessities.

Before entering law enforcement, Hodges served as the president of the Minneapolis chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) for 5 years. He is the founder and current president of the Northstar chapter of The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (N.O.B.L.E.). He is a columnist and member of the editorial board of Police One Magazine, and is an adjunct professor at Northwestern University. He holds a B.A. in criminology and political science from Florida Southern College, a M.A. in public safety administration from St. Mary's University, and a Ph.D. in public administration from Hamline University.

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