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## **Chief Tony Jones** **Gainesville Police Department, Florida** **Gainesville, FL**

Chief Tony Jones began his law enforcement career in 1975 as a police officer for the Gainesville Police Department in Florida. In 1986, he was promoted to Corporal and began working as a crime prevention supervisor. In 1987, he became a sergeant and worked in the Operations Bureau where he oversaw the first Community Oriented Policing Team in Gainesville. In 1988, he was elevated to Lieutenant and the Commander of both the Crime Prevention Unit and the Community Oriented Policing Team. In 1992, he became Captain of the Neighborhood Services Bureau and his responsibilities included directing an expanded Community Oriented Policing Team, Crime Prevention Unit, and the School Resource Officers program. In 1997, he was appointed as the Interim Chief and served for one year until a permanent

Chief was selected. He then resumed his position as the Commander of the Neighborhood Services Bureau. In 2000, Jones was assigned as the District Commander of the South District Operations Bureau, where he divided his time between command and patrol activities. In 2004, he served as the Community Relations Coordinator for Gainesville police.

In 2009, Jones became the Chief of Police. His tenure has been notable for his commitment to juvenile justice, pre-arrest diversion programs, and racial equity. Under his leadership, arrest rates for minority youths have fallen by 60-70%. He is the recipient of the Patriot Award, Outstanding Police Chiefs Award, and the Martin Luther King Community Award. He sits on the board of several organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club, the Volunteer Center, the Reichert House Youth Academy, and the Alachua County Juvenile Justice Department. He is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (N.O.B.L.E.) and was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to the State Advisory Council for the Department of Juvenile Justice. He holds a B.S. in Human Services and a M.A. in criminal justice from the University of Alabama.

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