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Chief Ernest Finley **Montgomery Police Department** **Montgomery, AL**

Chief Ernest Finley began his law enforcement career in 1986 as an officer with the Atlanta Police Department in Georgia. His initial duties included neighborhood policing, investigating sex crimes, and working with the Red Dog Drug Unit. In 1998, he was promoted to lieutenant where he served as the commander of the Narcotics Weed and Seed Unit. In 2003, he was elevated to a police major and was responsible for overseeing Zone 3 and developing strong working partnerships with communities and civic neighborhood organizations. In 2010, he was promoted to Deputy Chief and served as the Field Operation Division Commander. In this role, he directed

the largest division in the police department and oversaw the Atlanta Community Impact Program, Criminal Investigation Unit, and Tactical Crime Analysis Unit. In 2013, he commanded the Community Service Division and was responsible for the security of Hatfield Airport, Special Operations, Code Enforcement, and Community-Oriented Policing.

In 2015, Finley became Chief of the Montgomery Police Department in Alabama. His tenure as chief has been notable for the emphasis he's placed on building relationships with the community and training officers in de-escalation tactics. He holds a B.S. in criminal justice from Rutgers University and a M.A. in public administration from Columbus State University. He is a member of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Black Police Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Police Executive Research Forum.

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