

Chief Lawrence Battiste Mobile Police Department Mobile, AL

Chief Lawrence Battiste began his law enforcement career as a narcotics investigator with the Mobile County Sheriff's Department in Alabama. He was subsequently assigned to the Child Advocacy Center and simultaneously served as an investigator and department head of the Major Crimes Unit. He was later promoted to lieutenant and became a commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T).

In 2005, he left the sheriff's department to become Chief of the Pritchard Police Department. He served as chief for four years before leaving to take up the position of Chief Probation Officer for the Juvenile Court of Mobile County. In 2015, he left the court and was appointed Assistant Chief of Police for the Mobile Police Department. In 2017, he was elevated to his current position as Chief of Police.

Chief Battiste has been awarded the Mayor's Eagle Award, Deputy of the Year Award, Sheriff's Commendation Award, Commander's Citation, and the Combat Cross Award. He is a member of the F.B.I. National Academy, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Alabama Chiefs of Police Association, and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. He holds a B.A. in human resources management and a M.A. in justice administration from Faulkner University.

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