



Chief Vera Bumpers Harris County Metro Transit Authority Police Department Houston, TX

Chief Vera Bumpers has served with the Harris County Metro Transit Authority Police Department in Houston, Texas, for more than 30 years. She was the first woman to work for the agency as well as the first African-American to rise to every rank including sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and assistant chief. One of her top priorities as Chief has been extending advancement opportunities to other women and minorities within the agency. She also created and instituted the

cooperative urban policing model, which focuses on addressing innate bias, peer accountability, and law enforcement responsibility.

Chief Bumpers serves as a commissioner on Mayor Sylvester Turner's Commission Against Gun Violence, the Chair of the Houston Community College Police Academy Advisory Board, and as a board member for the Houston Recovery Center Technical Advisory Group. She is an active member of the International Police Chiefs Association, Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association, National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives, and Women in Transportation Seminar. She holds a BA in criminal justice from Texas State University, a MS in education from Prairie View A&M University, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

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