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Chief Deirdre Jones Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Cleveland, OH

Chief Deirdre Jones began her law enforcement career in 2001 as an officer in the Domestic Violence Unit within the Cleveland Division of Police in Ohio. She served in the unit for 8 years, rising to detective and becoming a domestic violence instructor. In 2009, she became a sergeant and briefly served in the Basic Patrol Unit. In 2010, she transferred to the Integrity Control Section where she was responsible for investigating officer misconduct and recommending disciplinary action. In 2012, she returned to the Domestic Violence Unit to oversee personnel and collaborate with social services agencies in an effort to improve direct services for the community. In

2014, she transferred to the Homicide Unit where she supervised homicide, officer-involved shootings, use of force, and in-custody death investigations. In 2016, she was elevated to one of her two current roles as Commander of the Support Services Bureau. Her responsibilities include oversight of the Personnel Section as well as the Training Section, which houses the Police Academy, Gymnasium, and Ordnance Units. In 2018, she was named the first LGBTQ Liaison of the Public Safety Department and has subsequently led the department to prioritize inclusion across all divisions.

In 2021, Jones was named Chief of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. She is a member of the Cleveland Community Police Commission and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. She is a Federal Law Enforcement Training Center certified Domestic Violence Trainer and instructor at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. She is an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Notre Dame College. Chief Jones holds a BS in human resources management from the University of Phoenix and a MPA from Villanova University.

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