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**Sgt. Cheryl Dorsey (Ret.)**  
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Cheryl Dorsey began her law enforcement career in 1980 as a patrol officer with the Los Angeles Police Department in California. During the course of her 20 year career, she served in the South, Central, West, and Valley Bureaus and eventually attained the position of sergeant. She was assigned to the Central Traffic Division and was the first African-American female officer to attend the LAPD Motor School. She subsequently became the first African-American female Officer-In-Charge for Newton Area Vice. She also served within the gang unit in Operations South Bureau; known as Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH), where she frequently encountered drive-by shootings and clashes between rival gangs.

After retiring, Dorsey went on to author *Black and Blue: The Creation of a Social Advocate*, which chronicles her experiences in the LAPD. She has since appeared in numerous media outlets including CNN, HLN, MSNBC, and KPCC as an expert on law enforcement issues.

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