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Chief Isaiah McKinnon (Ret.) Detroit Police Department, Michigan Detroit, MI

Isaiah McKinnon began his public service career as an officer with the Detroit Police Department in 1965. He held various positions including patrol operations and various supervisory, administrative, command, and executive roles, before retiring as an Inspector to start his own security firm.

In 1993, McKinnon returned to the Detroit Police Department to serve as Chief. Under his five years of leadership, hundreds of police officers were directed to go into city neighborhoods and introduce themselves to residents in an effort to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community. In addition to shifting the focus of the department to community-driven policing, he advocated for and implemented training programs for officers responding to domestic violence. In 1998, he left policing and became a professor at the University of Detroit Mercy.

In 2014, McKinnon was appointed Deputy Mayor of Detroit by Mayor Dennis Archer and served in his administration for two years before returning to teach as a professor of education at the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a member of the Tuskegee Airmen and serves on the boards of the Detroit Crime Commission, Rosa Parks Foundation, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary. McKinnon is a contributor for *CNN*, *CNBC*, and *WDIV/Detroit*, and has appeared on the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Oprah*, and *The History Channel*. He holds a B.A. from Mercy College, a M.A. from the University of Detroit Mercy, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He is also a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy and the U.S. Secret Service School.

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