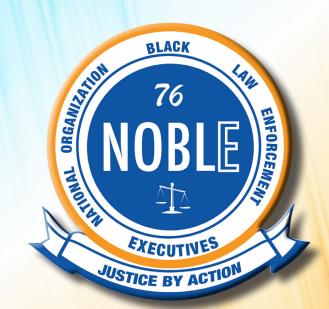


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LEGACY...

... The foundation has been set, but we must continue to build.

March 19, 2022

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES (NOBLE)

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) is a membership group of primarily black law enforcement CEOs and command level officials in local, state, county, and federal government.

Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, it has 57 chapters in the United States, one in St. Kitts & Nevis and one in the United Kingdom.

Our Mission: To ensure EQUITY THROUGHOUT THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE in the provision of public service to all communities, and to serve as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to JUSTICE BY ACTION.

Vision Statement: The goal of NOBLE is to be recognized as a highly competent, public service organization that is at the forefront of providing solutions to law enforcement issues and concerns, as well as to the ever-changing needs of our communities.

Our Organization: NOBLE represents over 3,000 members worldwide that include chief executive officers and command-level law enforcement officials from federal, state, county, municipal law enforcement agencies, and criminal justice practitioners. NOBLE serves more than 60,000 youth through its major program components, which include: Mentoring, Education, Leadership Development, and Safety.

Having adopted the motto "Justice by Action", NOBLE has utilized the media, the judicial process, direct correspondence and testimony before national, international, and local legislative bodies to express its opinions and concerns. Among the issues the organization has spoken out on have been:

- Use of /Excessive and Unnecessary Force and the use of Deadly Force.
- Strong stands on Affirmative Action as related to minority hiring and promotion.
- Strong and vigorous positions at all levels, local, county, state and national, in opposition to the manufacturing and sale of Armor-Piercing Bullets and on behalf of the urgent need for appropriate Gun Control Legislation.
- In the forefront of designing and providing consultation and staff support for Victim Assistance Programs in major cities around the country.

- Interaction with youth in the community.
- Strong focus on Urban Violence.
- Driving while Black and Brown.
- Racial Profiling Racial Justice
- The Law & Your Community by NOBLE
- CEO Mentoring Program
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Violent Crime in America A Call to Action
- 21st Century Policing

NOBLE has participated in the development of public policy, has collaborated in the structuring of strategies and standards for the accreditation of law enforcement organizations; has been in the forefront of the development and implementation of fundamental policies and procedures which enhances the response to the needs of communities from law enforcement agencies.

NOBLE has served on several Presidential, Congressional, State, County, Private Entities and Educational Institutions Task Force and Commissions. Today, we continue to serve as part of these honorable forums.

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Doors Open	6:45 p.m.
Dinner & Program	7:00 p.m.

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Ms. Chris Waters
President
Southern California Chapter
National Organization Black L.

National Organization Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)

Dear President Waters:

Greetings from the:

National Organization Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)!

On behalf of our Executive Board, local chapters, and members, we applaud and congratulate the great Southern California Chapter for supporting and delivering the mission of NOBLE. Through your leadership, the chapter has demonstrated its commitment to ensure equity in the administration of justice and to help ensure that all citizens are equally protected under the law.

We acknowledge and celebrate the Southern California Chapter's 22nd Annual Achievement Awards Dinner. Your annual event reflects the chapter's unwavering support to the community and to its constituents.

We join the Southern California Chapter and your fellow members across this nation in celebrating over 45 years of "Justice by Action"!

Sincerely,

Dwayne A. Crawford Executive Director

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March 1, 2022

Dear Members and Friends of the Southern California Chapter - National Organization Black Law Enforcement Executives:

It is with great appreciation and gratitude that I welcome you to the 22nd Annual Achiever's Award Banquet. Each year, the Southern California Chapter Board Members review the numerous contributions and extraordinary accomplishments demonstrated by African-American law enforcement personnel throughout the Southern California region. My fellow Police Commissioners and I are continuously reminded of the positive impacts you make through your participation, exchange of ideas, and efforts to unify as a community.

African-Americans have always played a key role in building and shaping communities. African-American members of law enforcement and partnering community leaders are continuing this role into the 21st century. This year's theme, "Legacy...the foundation has been set, but we must continue to build" highlights that the presence of African-American law enforcement is more important now than ever. We all must work collectively for equity in the administration of justice as part of public service and to eliminate discrimination of any kind within the law enforcement field. Together we can affect the continued growth that we wish to see in our communities.

We thank you for the brave, unselfish commitments you make towards your profession, your agency, as well as your communities. You are an outstanding representation of law enforcement and real heroes for the African-American community.

Very truly yours.

William J. Briggs II, President

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MICHAEL N. FEUER

CITY ATTORNEY

March 19, 2022

Dear friends.

I would like to extend my warmest welcome to everyone attending tonight's 22nd Annual Achievers Award Banquet, hosted by the Southern California Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). And congratulations to tonight's exceptional achievers:

- Brent Burton, 100 BMLA See Your Future Mentoring;
- Lawanda Hawkins, Justice for Murdered Children;
- April Tardy, Chief L.A. Sheriff's Department;
- Alan Hamilton, Deputy Chief LAPD



It is an honor to join so many community partners in applauding SCC NOBLE's fierce commitment to equity in the justice system. Southern California is stronger because of SCC NOBLE's leadership and dedication.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL N. FEUER Los Angeles City Attorney

Keynote Speaker

Thomas A. Parham, Ph.D.

President, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Thomas A. Parham, Ph.D. is a family man who resides in the Southern California area with his wife, Davida. Dr. Parham is the 11th president of California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), a highly diverse, metropolitan university primarily serving the South Central and South Bay areas of Los Angeles County.



Established in 1960, CSUDH is one of the 23 campuses that comprise the California State University system, the largest system of public higher education in the nation.

Dr. Parham previously served as vice chancellor for student affairs and an adjunct faculty member at the University of California, Irvine, where he had been since 1985. Prior to his role as vice chancellor, he served as assistant vice chancellor for counseling and health services, Counseling Center director, and director of the Career and Life Planning Center at UCI. Early in his career, Dr. Parham also held an appointment on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

"Dr. P," as he is affectionately known, is a licensed psychologist with more than 40 years as a scholar and practitioner. He has sustained a research focus in the area of psychological nigrescence, specifically on identity development, African psychology, and multicultural counseling. In addition to writing over 45 journal articles and/or book chapters, he is the author of Psychological Storms: The African American Struggle for Identity (African American Images, 1997) and Counseling Persons of African Descent: Raising the Bar of Practitioner Competence (Sage, 2002). He also co-authored of Culturally Adaptive Counseling Skills: Demonstrations of Evidence-Based Practices (Sage, 2011) and the highly regarded The Psychology of Blacks book series, now in its fourth edition, The Psychology of Blacks: Centering Our Perspectives in the African Consciousness, 4th ed. (Pearson Education, 2011).

Homer Garrott Community Service Award

CRITERIA

The Homer L. Garrott Community Service Award is presented to an employee (sworn "non-management" or professional staff) who has distinguished himself/herself through extraordinary service and dedication (on or off duty) toward improving the quality of life of others through their demonstrated and long-term commitment to community service.



Many of our employees are participating or orchestrating events to enhance the value and quality of life in communities in which they live or serve. However, we lack adequate occasions to publicly recognize those efforts of our employees' dedication to service. The Southern California Chapter, based on several department executives' recommendations, has taken this opportunity to identify three (3) outstanding community orientated employees.

2022 FINALIST

Officer Leon Hines

California Highway Patrol (West Valley Area)





Officer Karina Munoz
California Highway Patrol (West Los Angeles Area)





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Captain Brent Burton

Los Angeles County Fire Department (Retired)

Law Enforcement Achievers

Chief April Tardy

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Deputy Chief Alan Hamilton

Los Angeles Police Department

Closing

Chris Waters

Benediction

Pastor J. Edgar Boyd

Wind Beneath My Wings Award



The underlying principle of this award is to recognize a non-law enforcement, individual, business, service, or institution behind the scene sustaining law enforcement. The recipient cannot be a member of the justice system nor have a direct nexus to the justice system. Members of local, state or federal government are not eligible for this award. This person or organization has supported law enforcement time and again. They have bolstered our profession during our darkest and brightest days. Their patronage has occurred consistently throughout the years. Support can be in a combination of many forms: financial, moral, courageous or emotional.

Financial: This person or business throughout the years has stepped forward and assisted law enforcement providing funding in achieving their visions and missions.

Moral: The person or business has been ethical in their dealings with law enforcement. There has been no expectation of personal gain as a result of their collaboration. Partnerships with the justice system to improve the quality of life were their main objective.

<u>Courageous</u>: Out spoken, spirited and willing to be a buttress to law enforcement during good times as well as the bad times. The recipient continues to befriend law enforcement, acknowledging that no profession is without flaws.

Emotional: Has provided the intuitive support necessary for law enforcement and its members to achieve professional and personal goals. The person or entity had unvarying belief law enforcement were heroes before it was an accepted or popular concept.

The "Wind Beneath My Wings Award" is a long overdue acknowledgement to the men and women behind the scene who support the justice system without accolades.

Wind Beneath My Wings RECIPIENT

Lawanda Hawkins

Co-Founder, "Justice for Murdered Children"

LaWanda Hawkins was born in Chicago, Illinois. LaWanda gave birth to the most precious baby in the world Reginald in July, 1976. In December 1995, her life changed forever, with the murder of her only child, Reggie. A case that is still unsolved. She had to make some critical decisions to keep standing. Would she wilt as if a flower choked by weeds in a garden or would she fight with ever fiber of her soul to dedicate her life to help those who have had children



murdered and didn't know what to do or where to turn. Obviously, she chose to dedicate her life to help those who during their time of sorrow to help those who are unable to help themselves. The reason she can stand today, is that she chooses to fight back, not for vengeance for every victim that falls prey to murder and the friends and family they leave behind.

Along with her sister Linda and two other mothers, in January of 1997, LaWanda founded "Justice for Murdered Children" A non-profit 501C3. Justice for Murdered Children's mission is " reduce the number of homicides, assist families that had loved ones murdered, and to educate communities about murdered victims and their rights.

Justice for Murdered Children has grown over the years, from being a resource for victims of murder children to developing programs, which has assisted tens of thousands of families.

Lawanda Hawkins has been appointed to serve on a number of state and county Boards and Commissions serving as an advocate for the citizens of California. She has been recognized repeatedly for her community service and advocacy for murder victims.

Lawanda only wants to be remembered for aspiring to stop the killing of our children. Justice for Murdered Children has been the vehicle under which she has made her mark. Please join NOBLE in Honoring Lawanda Hawking as one of 2022's Wind Beneath My Wings Awards recipients.

Wind Beneath My Wings RECIPIENT

Captain Brent Burton

Los Āngeles County Fire Department (Retired)

Captain Brent Fitzgerald Burton was born and raised in the Crenshaw/Leimert park district in the city of Los Angeles. He attended Los Angeles High School where he played in football and basketball and served as the Stage Crew manager for the Little Theater on campus.

In 1985 at the age of 19, he was hired as a firefighter with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, finishing as the youngest member and at the top of his recruit class. At the age of 21 he became a certified paramedic and worked on various paramedic units throughout the County.



At the age of 28, Burton promoted to the rank of Captain. At the time of his promotion, he was the youngest company officer in the Department. During his 36 year career in the fire service, he has been able to serve in various capacities and develop major projects, while working in some of the Fire Department's busiest assignments.

Captain Burton served a total of 16 years as a Board member and President of the Stentorians, an organization of Black firefighters in Los Angeles founded in 1954. He is a founding member and past President of the African American Firefighter Museum near downtown Los Angeles, and today he serves as the historian of African American Firefighters in L.A. and is the co-chair of the Historical committee for the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters.

Captain Burton is the founder of the Junior Firefighter Youth Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides educational and mentoring services to youngsters in the elementary and high school levels in the Los Angeles County Region. He is currently a high school educator in two L.A. area schools as a subject mater expert in fire service, EMS operations and life skill curricula.

His greatest impact has been as the Chair of the Mentoring Committee for the 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, and as current Board chair of the Los Angeles CARES Mentoring Movement. Captain Burton holds an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies, a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and he is a credentialed California state Career Technical Education (CTE) teacher.

Burton is recently retired from the Los Angeles County Fire Department after 36 years of dedicated service, 27 of those years were as a Company Officer. He is the proud father of three professional adult children, the grandfather of four and he resides with his wife in the Temecula Valley community of Southern California.

The Shaping of the Southern California Chapter's Achievers Award

he chapter grew in membership and developed activities that would enhance the role of Blacks in the role of Law Enforcement. In response to the desire of NOBLE Southern California Chapter to provide scholarships for youth to continue their education beyond the high school level, Albert and Roberta Reddick, charter members of NOBLE and patriarch and matriarch of the Southern California Chapter, sat down at their kitchen table and conceived the concept of sponsoring an event to recognize truly outstanding achievers in the field of law enforcement in Southern California.

After two years of informal discussions within the Southern California Chapter the Board approved first Achiever's Luncheon that has resulted in the awarding of numerous scholarship opportunities for deserving youth in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area.

The criteria for selecting these achievers would be a minimum of ten years in law enforcement. They must be outstanding contributors or supporters to law enforcement and those collective contributions must be in concert with the mission goals and objectives of law enforcement in general and NOBLE specifically. In an effort to recognize the profession during Black History month, the chapter held its First Achiever's Luncheon in February 1987. It was held at the Proud Bird Restaurant, and was well attended by professionals and the public at large.

During 2001 the achiever's award event was expanded into a dinner format with newly named acknowledgments "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "Homer L. Garrott" for support of law enforcement and community service respectively.

"Southern California Chapter NOBLE"

Chief April Tardy

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Chief April L. Tardy was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana in 1968. Her family relocated to California in late 1971, where she was raised in San Bernardino. She still resides in the Inland Empire.

Chief Tardy, a twenty-eight year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was promoted to the rank of Chief and assigned to Central Patrol Division. She is responsible for serving her



communities in East Los Angeles, Compton, Century, South Los Angeles, Marina Del Rey, and Avalon/Catalina Island.

Chief Tardy's career with the Sheriff's Department began in 1994. After graduation from the Sheriff's Training Academy as a Deputy Sheriff, she was assigned to Sybil Brand Institute for Women, the Inmate Reception Center, and Temple Sheriff's Station. Chief Tardy was assigned as an Operation Safe Streets Bureau Gang Investigator at Compton Sheriff's Station. Upon her promotion to Sergeant in 2006, Chief Tardy was assigned to work Compton Sheriff's Station. After being promoted to Lieutenant in 2011, Chief Tardy was assigned to Men's Central Jail facility, Carson Sheriff's Station, South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, and Central Patrol Division, as the Executive Aide. Chief Tardy was promoted to Captain in 2016, and assigned to South Los Angeles Sheriff Station. She was the first female Captain assigned to the Lennox/South Los Angeles area since the stations were established in 1948. After being promoted to Commander in 2019, Chief Tardy remained in Central Patrol Division.

She holds California Police Officer Standards in Training (POST) certificates for Basic, Advanced, Supervisory, and Management levels.

Chief Tardy is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. She is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Black Peace Officers Association (BPOA), and currently serves as an advisor.

Chief Tardy earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from California State University at San Bernardino. She is an active member of Eta Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Chief Tardy is the proud mother of an adult son, and is anxiously awaiting the birth of her first grandchild. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, watching volleyball and basketball, home improvement projects, mentoring, and community service. Please joins NOBLE in recognizing Law Enforcement Achiever, Chief April Tardy.

Deputy Chief Alan Hamilton

Los Angeles Police Department

Deputy Chief Alan Hamilton was born in Los Angeles, California. He has worked Patrol, Special Enforcement Group, CRASH, Vice, Prostitution Enforcement Detail, Field Training Officer and Burglary Auto Theft Division. As a Detective Sergeant and Lieutenant, he has worked a variety of assignments ranging from Major Assault Crimes, CRASH, and Homicide, to Detective Commanding Officer and Assistant Commanding Officer of Scientific Investigation Division.



In 2014, Chief Hamilton was promoted to Captain and was assigned as the Commanding

Officer to West Valley Patrol Division and later assigned to Topanga Patrol Division where he focused on mentoring and running. His mentees completed the 2016 Los Angeles Marathon right along with him. Chief Hamilton then transferred to Recruitment and Employment Division. Where he was instrumental in raising the sworn deployment above 10,000 for the first time in the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) History. He was then assigned to Force Investigation Division, where he was later promoted to Commander.

He was transferred to serve as the Assistant Commanding Officer of Operations-Valley Bureau in 2018 and promoted to Deputy Chief on July 4, 2021, as the Commanding Officer of the Bureau.

Chief Hamilton has been a State of California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Instructor Development Institute instructor and was awarded the California POST Excellence in Instruction Award in 2003. In 2019, he was named the Los Angeles Woman Police Officers and Associates' (LAWPOA) Mentor of the Year for his dedication and commitment to mentoring women on the Department. Chief Hamilton also oversaw the implementation of the Cyber Crime Consortium, a joint project between the LAPD, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the University of Southern California Viterbi Information Sciences Institute.

Chief Hamilton completed the State of California POST Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation Certification in Homicide and Computer Crimes Investigations, the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, the LAPD West Point Leadership Program, and the California POST Management Course. He has attended several colleges and universities and has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Management.

Chief Hamilton is an active participant in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC) Bench Press Contest and regularly plays in the LAPRAAC Intradepartmental Basketball League. Please join NOBLE in honoring Chief Alan Hamilton as a Law Enforcement Achiever.





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Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.



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