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Resumes of Candidates for Police Chief Released

Charleston, S.C.—In advance of next week's site visit from the final five candidates for city of Charleston Police Chief, the following biographies were made available. The candidates' full resumes are also attached.

For additional information on the candidates' visit, which will take place February 6-7, please consult the city's press release of January 18, 2018, linked [here](#).

Kenton Buckner is currently the Chief of Police for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas. He has held this position since 2014. Prior to going to Little Rock, he worked for the Louisville Metro Police Department in Louisville, Kentucky. He worked for the Louisville Metro Police Department since the consolidation in 2003 of the Louisville Division of Police and the Jefferson County Police Department. Prior to the merger, he served the Louisville Division of Police and held the ranks of Patrol Officer, and Detective beginning in 1993. In the Louisville Metro Police Department, Buckner held the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Major, and Assistant Chief. From 2009 to 2011, he was a Major and Division Commander of the Special Operations Division. From 2011 to 2014, he was the Assistant Chief of the Support Bureau.

Chief Buckner has a Master of Science degree in Safety, Security and Emergency Management from Eastern Kentucky University. He has a Bachelor's degree in Police Administration, also from Eastern Kentucky University. He is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives in State and Local Government, FBI's National Executive Institute, Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course, and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives' Chief Executive Officers Mentoring Program. Chief Buckner currently serves as a Commissioner for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Joseph Clark is currently the Deputy Chief of Police for the Norfolk Police Department in Norfolk, Virginia. He has worked for the Norfolk Police Department since 1986 and has held the ranks of Patrol Officer, Investigator, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, and Deputy Chief. From 2008 to 2011, he was a Captain and Commanding Officer of the Third Patrol Division. From 2011 to 2012, he was a Captain and Commanding Officer of the

Training Division. From 2012 to 2017, he was Assistant Chief of the Investigative Services Bureau. He has held the position of Deputy Chief (second in command of the department) since January 2017.

Deputy Chief Clark has a Master of Science degree in Education with a Concentration in Counseling/School Counseling from Old Dominion University. He has a Bachelor's degree in Criminology with a concentration in Administration from Saint Leo University. He also is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy.

Luther Reynolds is currently an Assistant Chief of Police for the Montgomery County Police Department in Maryland. He has worked for the Montgomery County Police Department since 1988. He has held the ranks of Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief. From 2000 to 2002, he was a Captain/Station Commander in the 2nd District. From 2002 to 2005, he was the Captain/Director of the Personnel Division. From 2005 to 2008, he was the Captain/Director of the Training and Education Division. From 2008 to 2010, he was the Captain/Commander of the Special Operations Division. From 2010 to 2013, he was the Captain/Station Commander of the 5th District. From 2013 to 2017, he was the Assistant Chief of the Administrative Bureau. He has held the position of Assistant Chief of the Patrol Bureau since October of 2017.

Assistant Chief Reynolds has a Master of Science degree in Business with a concentration in Information Systems Technology from Johns Hopkins University. He has a Bachelor's degree in Criminology from Florida State University. He is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy and National Executive Institute, the Major Cities Chiefs Association's Police Executive Leadership Institute (PELI), and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP).

Michael Sullivan is currently the Deputy Chief of Police for the Louisville Metro Police Department in Louisville, Kentucky. He has worked for the Louisville Metro Police Department since the consolidation in 2003 of the Louisville Division of Police and the Jefferson County Police Department. Prior to the merger, he served the Louisville Division of Police and held the ranks of Patrol Officer, and Detective, beginning in 1995. Since 2003, he has worked for the Louisville Metro Police Department and has held the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Major, Assistant Chief, and Deputy Chief. From 2012 to 2014, he was a Major and Division Commander of the 7th Patrol Division. From 2014 to 2016, he was the Assistant Chief of the Administrative Bureau. He has held the position of Deputy Chief/Chief of Staff (second in command of the department) since April 2016.

Deputy Chief Sullivan has a Master of Science degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Louisville. He has a Bachelor's degree in Police Administration, also from the University of Louisville. He is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy, the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course, and the Major Cities Chiefs Association's Police Executive Leadership Institute (PELI).

Jerome Taylor is currently the Interim Chief of Police for the Charleston Police Department. He has worked for the Charleston Police Department since 1972 and has held the ranks of Patrol Officer, Narcotics Officer, Sergeant/Detective, Lieutenant, Captain, Major, and Deputy Chief. From 1989 to 1990, he was a Captain in the Special Operations Division. From 1990 to 1994, he was a Captain in the Uniformed Patrol Division. From 1994 to 1996, he was a Captain in the Central Investigations Division and Commander of the SWAT Team Unit. From 1997 to 1998, he was a Captain in the Uniform Patrol Division. From 1998 to 2000, he was a Captain in the Administrative Services Division. From 2000 to 2009, he was a Major and Bureau Commander of the Special Operations Division. From 2009 to 2017, he was the Deputy Chief/Bureau Commander for Central Investigations, Strategic Analysis and Innovation Division and the Community Outreach Division. He has held the position of Interim Chief since August 2017.

Interim Chief Taylor has a Master of Arts degree in Management from Webster University. He has a Bachelor's degree in Education from University of Southern Illinois. He also is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy.

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