

The Office of Community Outreach and Partnerships



I am **Sergeant Noble Taylor** and I have been with the MNPD for almost 19 years, but have worked as a police officer for 27 years. My career began with the Chattanooga Police Department in 1993. Prior to that, I served as a Light Infantry Soldier with the U.S. Army. I spent a lot of time in Panama and did two tours on the DMZ in Korea. During that time, I developed a passion for this country and my ideals as an adult male began to change. I grew up in Chattanooga, TN. After I moved to Nashville, I enrolled at Tennessee State University and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. I am an avid motorcyclist, an amateur bass guitarist, and a Jeep enthusiast. As one of three supervisors assigned to this unit, I have been tasked with re-establishing the Police Athletic League (PAL) within the MNPD and will be responsible a host of other duties within the OCOP. I'm in my 25th year of marriage and have two awesome sons.



I am **Sergeant Michelle Coker**, a native Nashvillian who grew up in the North and East Nashville areas of the city. I graduated from Maplewood Comprehensive High School and later received a Bachelor of Science degree from Trevecca Nazarene University. Since I was a teenager, I have always had a passion to serve my community. In high school, I was a member of the Junior Air Force ROTC program. With aspiration to join the US Army, my dream was halted due to becoming a teen mother at the age of sixteen, however, my passion to serve my community never left. My passion is to serve the people of the county I was raised. I strongly believe in community outreach and engagement to help build community trust with the law enforcement personnel. In 2006, I became a Metro Nashville Police officer. I have been assigned as a West Precinct patrol officer, Youth Services Detective, Hermitage Precinct patrol supervisor, Midtown Hills Precinct Community Affairs Coordinator, Secondary Employment Unit supervisor, and at present, a supervisor in the Office Community Outreach and Partnerships.

My husband and I met while on the job, as he is also a supervisor in the department. I have one adult son and two dogs. When I am not working I am typical a homebody, but love being out in nature and enjoy fitness. I love positive energy, smiles and laughter, and aspire to share these with the people that I serve.



I am **Sergeant Derek Keeler** and I was born in Nashville, TN. I am starting my 16th year with the police department and enjoy seeing people succeed and overcome adversity. Challenges are something we all face. I am married to the love of my life and have two wonderful kids. I am a 3rd generation Metro Police Officer and the 4th member of my family to have worked for this department. In my free time I am very involved with my church, love spending time with my family on the weekends and enjoy watching football.



My name is **Officer Jeff Ha** and I have been employed with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department for 22 years. In 1980, I came to Nashville, TN as a Vietnamese-Chinese refugee along with my siblings and parents. I attended Nashville public schools and Middle Tennessee State University. As an officer with The Office of Community and Partnerships, I will be working with the Asian community and refugees. I am also proud and humbled to be the first Vietnamese-Chinese American employed with MNPDP.



I am **Officer Nopel Ahmed**, and became a Metropolitan Nashville Police Officer in 2017. I was born in a Kurdish refugee camp in Turkey, and immigrated to Nashville in 1991. I joined the MNPDP because it is my desire to give back to the community and country that has given me and hundreds of other Kurdish families a home. My passion is to also bridge the gap between the Police Department and the Kurdish Community. I am proud to be the first Kurdish American Muslim woman to join the MNPDP.



I am **Officer DeAndera Payne** and have been employed with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department for 4 years. I grew up in Memphis, TN, in a family of seven children. My hobbies are being a dance dad for my 6 year old daughter and attending ALL of her dance competitions. I have a passion for working with the elderly community and absorbing all of the wisdom they have to offer.



I am **Officer Charles Embry** and I have been an officer with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department for 13 years. I was born and raised in East Nashville, which is where I lived for 18 years. One of my greatest pleasures has been having the opportunity to work with students, one on one, who struggle with reading and math skills. I have been married for almost 19 years. We have one child and two rescue dogs. My immediate family proudly consists of public servants, including a Metro Nashville Firefighter, a Registered Nurse, and a Metro School Teacher. I am designated as a liaison for North, East, Madison, and Hermitage Precincts and I look forward to this community outreach and assisting my OCOP teammates.



I am **Officer Luis López-Aldea**. I joined the Metro Nashville Police Department on April 1st 2014. Prior to that, I was a police officer in the United States Air Force for four years; from 2002 until 2006. I was born in Puerto Rico, but grew up in Fort Lauderdale, FL. My passion is to assist those in need, and to help the community live safely and securely here in Nashville. I previously worked in the Domestic Violence Unit and I am extremely passionate about helping families to live free of domestic violence and to break the cycle of abuse within families. I also have the pleasure of working as the El Protector, which was originally based in South Precinct. I love the work that I do to help the Hispanic community. The Metro Nashville Police Department El Protector program is an outreach program that strengthens the relationship between the Hispanic/Latino community and the department. It was created in collaboration with community stakeholders. The program is a bridge builder in educating the Hispanic community about MNPd, as well as educating MNPd personnel about Hispanic culture, and to help diminish the fear and stigmas attached to policing in order to create stronger bonds between the MNPd and Spanish-speaking communities. I have been married for 15 years, and my wife and I have a 16-year-old daughter and a 9-year-old set of twins (boy and girl).



I am **Officer Mark E. Bennett**, a native of El Paso Texas and a member of the MNPd for 29 years. Since I have been in Nashville for so long, I consider this my home. I was asked to come to this unit to share my expertise as a School Liaison for the Office of Community Outreach and Partnerships to help serve the community. My experience in this area consist of teaching, public speaking, conducting workshops, and structured classroom lessons with Pre-K, Elementary Schools, Middle Schools, High Schools, and Universities. Working with youth has not only been my passion, but my true ministry throughout my career as an MNPd officer. I am also an International G.R.E.A.T. trainer. I have been blessed to travel to most of all the Central American Countries to teach this program to hundreds of police officers in their respective Countries. I have helped conduct many different forums to address community issues of concern, and have taught a number of other workshops relating to youth and schooling. I am the father of two sons, a daughter, and ten grandchildren!



I am **Officer Natalia Johnson** and I am from East Palo Alto, California. I have been married for 8 years. My husband and I are the parents of two amazing boys. I have been a police officer with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department since 2018. While serving on the department, I have worked in the capacity of a patrol officer, a detective and a community engagement officer at Midtown Hills Precinct. I am honored to be a part of The Office of Community and Partnerships. I have been designated as the liaison to the Midtown Hills Community. My passion and purpose within the unit is to exercise servant-style leadership to make positive changes in the community. In reference to the pebble in the pond analogy, my purpose is to assist my unit in creating positive ripples throughout the community. My passion is to develop trust and companionships one person at time. I especially enjoy working with youth and more specifically using sports to encourage individual growth. I am a first

generation college student from a single parent home, who was afforded many opportunities because of my involvement in track and field and commitment to my athletic abilities. My athletic ability earned me a full scholarship to California State University of Sacramento, where I earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and minor in Sociology. Later, I earned a Master's Degree in Exercise Science and Sport Psychology from the California University of Pennsylvania. I developed many qualities during my athletic career that have been essential in molding who I am today. It is not only my passion, but also my responsibility and purpose, to use the chances I have as a police officer to create opportunities for our youth to maximize their full potential using sports as an avenue.



I am **Officer Angela Booker**, a proud mother to a son that is serving in the United States Army. I was born and raised in Gary, Indiana. I joined the United States Army Reserves my junior year in high school. I attended Ball State University located in Muncie, Indiana. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology, with a minor in Counseling Psychology. After college I moved to Topeka, Kansas, where I worked at the county jail as a Correctional Officer. Three years later, I returned home and worked as a Correctional Officer at a prison in Westville, Indiana.

In 2001 I moved to Nashville, Tennessee and began working with the Sheriff's Department as a Correctional Officer. In 2003 I was hired as a police officer by the Metro Nashville Police Department. During my tenure, I have worked as a Patrol Officer, Flex Officer, Crime Analyst/Prevention Officer, and a School Resource Officer. I am presently assigned to the department's Office of Community Outreach and

Partnerships. My desire is to focus on the elderly community and children with disabilities. I want to ensure their voices are heard and that is my passion.



My name is **Officer Nakia Reid** and I have been a police officer with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department since 2015. I was born in the wonderful state of West Virginia, but raised in Chattanooga, TN. As MNPD's LGBTQ Liaison, I will continue to work closely with the LGBTQ community to help assist with various issues, events and to help provide law enforcement resources. As a queer person, I understand the challenges queer people face with living as their authentic self. As a police officer and member of the OCOP, I want to be a resource and a stepping stone to work as a unified community and to help those in need. This service work started generations ago in my family and I would like to continue it, and also help others do the same.