

## **Chief Gregory G. Mullen (Ret.)**

Gregory G. Mullen was appointed Chief of Police of the Charleston Police Department on October 2, 2006 and retired on August 1, 2017. Chief Mullen, a retired Air Force veteran with 22 years of combined active and reserve service, began his law enforcement career in 1982 as a Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. In 1985, he joined the Virginia Beach Police Department, rising through the ranks to Deputy Chief of Police. His previous assignments included patrol, narcotics, criminal intelligence and resort operations.

Chief Mullen is an experienced leader with a proven record of community involvement, cultivating relationships and using teams to create opportunities and solve problems. He strives to establish strong community relationships throughout the city with the goal of strengthening relationships between the citizens of Charleston and their police department. Chief Mullen leads by example with a strong commitment to life long learning, employee growth and development, and accountability.

During his tenure as Chief of Police in Charleston, he was instrumental in implementing a number of strategic changes throughout the organization that have led to enhancements in the areas of crime reduction, excellence in policing, community support and outreach, and technology advancements. He introduced the COMPSTAT program to the department, which uses GIS technology to map crime and identify problems, brings team commanders together to discuss the problems, and devise strategies to solve those problems in order to reduce crime and the fear of crime. In addition, to achieve these objectives he led the development of a robust crime analysis capability, organized Citizen Advisory Groups to foster better communication between the police and citizens, launched a safety and security camera program, and integrated Tourism Oriented Policing principles to support Charleston's robust tourism industry

The organizational enhancements have allowed the Department to be adaptive and flexible to changes involving laws, policies, citizen feedback, and technology innovations. This led the Department to a focused policing strategy, which embraces the values of crime prevention and relationship building as key elements in creating a vibrant, safe, and quality community.

He actively engaged in developing technology capabilities that enhance the state-wide and regional ability to gather, analyze, and share information and intelligence to improve the ability to be proactive and responsive to criminal acts. He served on the Board of the Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Center which was developed as a mechanism to build collaboration and situational awareness between all first responders in Charleston County. This cooperative process involving police, fire, and emergency medical services has combined technology, information sharing tools, and funding initiatives to create common operating protocols that supports and enhances the ability of Charleston County's Emergency Response System to service its customers effectively and efficiently. The Center has become a model for other jurisdictions seeking better communication and information sharing capabilities.

Chief Mullen is an advocate for changing laws that target violent, repeat offenders who prey on the community. His efforts in 2010, 2012, and 2013 were instrumental in the adoption of a warrantless search requirement, emergency bond hearing procedures for violent offenders, and a new bail process for violent criminal who reoffend while out on bond.

In 2013, he was asked to serve on the IACP/Yale Children's Center Advisory Workgroup to explore ways to reduce and minimize the negative impacts on children who are exposed to violence. As a result of his involvement in this project, in 2014 the Charleston Police Department created a Family Violence Unit to address the harm and long-term negative impacts caused to families and children who are exposed to violence in their homes and communities. This initiative combined the resources of the Charleston Police Department, Charleston County Mental Health Department, the Medical University of South Carolina's National Crime Victims Center, and The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center to create a holistic intervention system to address children exposed to violence.

Chief Mullen created a Responsible Hospitality Group comprised of members of the hospitality, hotel, and retail industries to help identify key concerns and areas for improvement in the City's growing Hospitality Zone and management of the myriad of festivals and special events that occur in Charleston. This successful partnership led to the implementation of several key strategies, and its impact contributed to Charleston being recognized by Cond'e Nast Magazine as its number one tourist destination in the US for the past four years.

Chief Mullen received a Bachelor Degree in Criminology with Honors from Saint Leo College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Old Dominion University. He is a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard's Kennedy School, FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia, the Professional Executive Leadership School at the University of Richmond, and the Senior Management Institute in Police from Boston University. In 1998 and 2008, he was selected to participate in law enforcement exchange programs involving the Israeli National Police and Victoria Police Service, in Victoria, Australia.

He served on the executive boards of the Trident United Way, Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Center, and as the President of South Carolina Law Enforcement Officer's Association. He is an active member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), and South Carolina Police Chiefs Association. Due to his commitment to the continued professionalization of policing and reduction of family violence, he was appointed by Governor Nikki Haley to serve on the Governor's Commission on the Advancement of Public Safety (2015) and the South Carolina Domestic Violence Advisory Committee (2016).