

Biography

Brian Manley



Brian Manley joined the Austin Police Department (APD) in 1990 and has served as the Interim Chief of Police since December 2016. Chief Manley leads a department of 2,638 sworn law enforcement and support personnel, with an annual budget of \$422 million. Austin Police Department carries out law enforcement operations within the City of Austin, as well as the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, city parks and lakes, and municipal courts. In his 27 years with APD, Chief Manley has served in and led many areas of the Department, including Patrol, Narcotics, Child Abuse, Homicide, Highway Enforcement, Internal Affairs, Special Operations & Homeland Security, and Recruiting & Training. Additionally, he led a delegation of APD officers during the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in Washington DC, commanded a group of Special Response Team

officers in a deployment to Houston, TX in the wake of Hurricane Ike, and attended the Senior Counterterrorism Officials Seminar in Israel.

Having grown up in Austin, Chief Manley's strong connections within the community have aided him in building and maintaining relationships across all of Austin's diverse neighborhoods and with the many stakeholder and activist groups. Chief Manley believes in actively engaging the community to set priorities, sustain open lines of communication, and maintain transparency.

Chief Manley has re-engineered the department to better align operations with his commitment to community policing and improving the quality of life for all in Austin. He implemented the department's first de-escalation policy, written in partnership with a local activist group, and put the entire department through Fair and Impartial Policing training. Chief Manley has volunteered the department to undergo an equity assessment by the City's Equity Office later this year. He also attended the Undoing Racism training in advance of implementing a department-wide program. Current projects include a redesign of the Compstat process to better focus on community priorities and implementation of the department's first Community Policing policy.

Chief Manley graduated from Albert Sydney Johnston High School and attended the University of Texas at Austin, earning his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance in 1992. He earned his Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Ethics (MSOLE) degree from St. Edward's University in Austin in 2004 and was recognized as the St. Edward's University 2004 Outstanding MSOLE Graduate of the Year. Chief Manley went on to serve as an adjunct professor in the St. Edward's University Criminal Justice program and was awarded the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences 2012 Outstanding Adjunct Award. Chief Manley is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police and the Major Cities Chiefs Association Police Executive Leadership Institute.