



# NATIONAL BLACK POLICE ASSOCIATION

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## National Black Police Association Elects New Board and Leadership



Philadelphia, PA – January 3, 2025 – The National Black Police Association (NBPA) is pleased to announce the election of its new board of directors and leadership team. This marks an important milestone for the association as it continues its commitment to promoting positive change, enhancing public safety, and supporting Black law enforcement professionals across the United States.

After a thorough election process, the newly elected board and leadership will work together to advance the NBPA's mission of advocating for fair and just policing, addressing systemic inequalities, and providing resources and support for Black officers and law enforcement professionals. The board is dedicated to fostering community engagement, empowering Black officers, and contributing to a more inclusive and equitable law enforcement landscape.

### Newly Elected Leadership:

- National Chair: Suwana Kirkland
- Vice Chair: Krista Andrews
- Secretary: Kim Lyons-Criss
- Fiscal Officer: Sharon Marbury-Vester
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Sheldon Smith
- Parliamentarian: Nina Justice
- Chaplain: Carolyn Stevenson

"We are entering a new era for the National Black Police Association," said Suwana Kirkland, newly elected National Chair of the NBPA. "As we focus on advancing the interests of Black Officers, working toward reform within law enforcement agencies, and promoting equity within the justice system, we must remember that the voice and vision of the National Black Police Association is only as strong as its members."



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The new leadership brings decades of collective experience in law enforcement, community engagement, and civil rights advocacy. With a shared vision of progress, the NBPA's leadership team is determined to address challenges faced by Black law enforcement officers, advocate for policies that ensure fairness, and provide training and career development resources for members.

The NBPA is uniquely positioned to make remarkable contributions that will impact the profession of policing/public safety and how it serves communities".

The NBPA, founded in 1973, has long been a critical force in advocating for the needs and concerns of Black officers and communities nationwide. In its mission to increase the awareness of the community, to be the conscience of the Criminal Justice System, and to enhance the quality of life in the African American Community by making a difference through action, word, and deed. With its new leadership in place, the organization is poised to continue its advocacy work, develop innovative programming, and strengthen its partnerships with other advocacy organizations and law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

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