

NBPA On The Move!

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**Upcoming National Board Winter Meeting
Scheduled Feb 2026 in New Orleans, LA.**



The National Executive Board has selected New Orleans, LA as the location for the upcoming winter meeting. This is an opportunity for members to learn about upcoming NBPA initiatives, conference and training events, and planning for 2026. This meeting is open to the membership. For those interested in attending, contact your Region Delegate for more information.



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Welcome New
Members:

Demetrius Doss

Ricky Koen



NATIONAL CHAIR

Suwana Kirkland

PRIORITIES:

Increase Membership

Board/Member
Infrastructure

Expand Media
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NBPA's Trip To Toronto



National Chair Suwana Kirkland and National Vice Chair Krista Andrews joined the Association of Black Law Enforcers (ABLE), in Toronto for their 33rd Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala for an amazing evening of fellowship and celebration with our neighbors to the north.

Pictured are keynote speaker, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) President Renée Hall, WNBA Player Aaliyah Edwards of the Connecticut Sun (daughter of ABLE President Jacqueline Edwards) and this year's scholarship recipient.

Thank you to A.B.L.E President and longtime NBPA Partner Jacqueline Edwards.



Region 1



We're proud to celebrate NVBPA member **Dwayne Henderson**, who was honored at the Las Vegas Metro Police Department's "Best of the Badge" Gala with the Regina Coward Community Policing Award! This award is especially meaningful, as it's named after NBPA Region 1 Past President Regina Coward, who dedicated over 20 years of service to Las Vegas Metro. Way to represent Region 1—congratulations, Dwayne!



Region 2



Incredible work by our newest chapter, **NBPA Louisiana**, for hosting their first **"How To Interact With The Police"** presentation with 8th-grade students!

This initiative provided a valuable opportunity to build trust between law enforcement and the community, help foster understanding, and inspire our future leaders.

Outstanding work, Louisiana Chapter!



Region 3



Amazing work from the **National Black Police Association Greater Philadelphia Chapter**, who continue to make a difference by distributing food to those in need every Wednesday and Saturday.

This is **community service at its finest**—an example of compassion, dedication, and leadership during a time when support is needed most.



The Nashville Metropolitan Police Department recently opened its **ninth and largest district, the Southeast Precinct**, located in one of the most diverse and rapidly growing communities in the city.

We are proud to recognize **Lieutenant Keiara Ward-Whitely, Region 3 Delegate** and NBPA Nashville member, who will be serving as part of the precinct's command staff in her new role as Patrol Lieutenant for B Shift.

Upcoming Events:

ATTENTION: MEMBERS, DON'T MISS OUT!

THE NATIONAL BLACK POLICE
ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

2026 WINTER SYMPOSIUM

February 26-28th, 2026 in New Orleans, LA



THE NBPA EXECUTIVE BOARD INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AS WE REFLECT ON THE 2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN DALLAS AND SHARE UPCOMING NBPA INITIATIVES FOR 2026.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. VISIT THE WEBSITE AND CHECK IN WITH YOUR LOCAL OR REGIONAL CHAPTER FOR MORE FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM YOUR NATIONAL BOARD.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT TRENDING TOPICS

SHOULD LAW ENFORCEMENT BE CROSS TRAINED AS EMTS?

Tazwell County Sheriff's Office in Virginia now has a total of 20 deputies crossed trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) after receiving a \$15,000 grant from Norfolk Southern.

Law Enforcement is often first on scene, between our medic partners when seconds matter most.

Do you think this is something agencies should be doing more of?

