

Chief Gina V. Hawkins

Chief Gina V. Hawkins joined the Fayetteville Police Department in August of 2017 after nearly 29 years of experience in law enforcement. Chief Hawkins has molded her career and life by serving the people within in the community and the people with whom she works.

Chief Hawkins started her career in 1988 with the City of Atlanta police department. While at the City of Atlanta Police Department, Chief Hawkins worked in the Patrol, Crime Analysis, Investigations and Internal Affairs divisions. She retired as an Assistant Zone Commander from the Atlanta Police Department in 2006 and went on to assist the newly formed police department in the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia as a Commander--which was formed on July 1, 2006. Chief Hawkins was instrumental in establishing an efficient, forward thinking police department and commanded units including Patrol, Internal Affairs, and Administrative Services. In 2013, Chief Hawkins joined the Clayton County Police Department as a Deputy Chief of Police where she presided at different times over both the Operational Command and the Support Service Command of the department. This provided her the experience of commanding every aspect of the Clayton County Police Department.

Chief Hawkins attended North Carolina Central University and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University and a Master's of Science in Management degree from Johns Hopkins University. She is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Associates Academy (Class 252) and was chosen to be a delegate in the prestigious 23rd Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) where she travelled to Israel with other law enforcement executives to study and evaluate the Israeli Police Force. She presently serves on the GILEE Advisory Board. In addition, Chief Hawkins is an Executive Board member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).