

Ronald L. Davis

Ronald L. Davis served in the Obama Administration as the Director of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) from 2013 to 2017. The COPS Office is responsible for advancing community policing nationwide and manages over \$1.2 Billion in federal grants to support the community policing activities for approximately 18,000 local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

In December 2014, President Barack Obama appointed Director Davis to serve as the Executive Director of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing (Task Force). President Obama charged Director Davis and the Task Force with developing concrete recommendations to improve community trust in the police while enhancing public safety. The final report of the Task Force now serves as a foundational document in American policing.

Prior to serving as COPS Director, Davis had a distinguished career in law enforcement serving over 8 years as Chief of Police of East Palo Alto (CA) and 20 years with the Oakland (CA) Police Department. Davis was recognized for his innovative community policing efforts and for working collaboratively with the community to dramatically reduce crime and violence in a city once named as the murder capital of the United States.

Davis served as a member of the prestigious Harvard University and National Institute of Justice Executive Sessions on Policing and Public Safety, and as a policing expert for DOJ on several "pattern and practices" investigations and on two federal monitoring teams with oversight of police-reform Agreements/Consent Decrees between the DOJ and the Washington, D.C., and Detroit Police Departments. Most recently, Davis served as the Lead Expert for the Illinois Attorney General in negotiating a police reform consent decree between the State of Illinois and the Chicago Police Department.

Davis is the co-author of the publications, *Race and Policing: An Agenda for Action; Exploring the Role of the Police in Prisoner Reentry*, and the DOJ publication, *How to Correctly Collect and Analyze Racial Profiling Data: Your Reputation Depends on It*.

Davis possesses a Bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and has completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

Ronald Davis is currently a Partner at 21st Century Policing Solutions, LLC.