



# City of Phoenix Police Chief Announced



Jeri Williams

**Jeri Williams'** law enforcement career is now full circle as she returns to her hometown roots and becomes the new Phoenix Police Chief, effective October 2016.

Since 2011 Williams has been the Police Chief of Oxnard, California. In Oxnard she has overseen approximately 400 sworn and non-sworn employees and the management and operation of a \$50 million budget. In addition, Williams managed with a focus on community based policing, oversaw the implementation of police body cameras, coordinated training on use of force, legal issues and technology topics for 300+ California law enforcement agencies and guided the department during several high-profile events including large-scale community protests.

Before California, Williams spent 22 years rising through the ranks of the Phoenix Police Department. After graduating from Arizona State University (ASU), she began her law enforcement career on the streets of Phoenix in 1988 as a police trainee. From 2009 to 2011 Williams was an Assistant Chief responsible for providing police protection to more than half of Phoenix's 500-plus square miles and overseeing 1,000 sworn and non-sworn police employees.

The Phoenix Police Department has nearly 4,000 employees and seven precincts that cover 500 square miles serving 1.5 million residents. Current Police Chief Joseph Yahner will remain in his position during a transition period.

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## **Phoenix Employment:**

Williams served the citizens of Phoenix in the following capacities:

- 2009-2011: Assistant Chief – Patrol Operations/South Division
- 2007-2009: Commander – Central City Precinct
- 2006-2007: Commander – City Manager Liaison
- 2001-2004: Lieutenant – Patrol, Investigations, Planning & Research, Chief’s Office
- 1996-2001: Sergeant – Patrol, Administration, Chief’s Office, Employment Services/Hiring and Recruitment
- 1989-1996: Officer – Patrol, Walking Beat, Bicycle Beat Recruitment
- March 17, 1989: Graduated from Phoenix Police Academy
- 1988: Police Trainee (pre-hire)

## **Education:**

- NAU – Doctoral Candidate, Educational Leadership Current (Comprehensive Exams Passed)
- NAU – Master of Education, Educational Leadership, August 1999
- ASU – Bachelors of Arts, Fine Arts, 1988

## **Awards & Recognition:**

- 2016: California Assembly District 44 Woman of the Year
- 2013: Arizona’s 48 Most Intriguing Women
- 2011: Ventura County NAACP Pioneer Award
- 2010: YWCA Tribute to Women Honoree/Phoenix Metro YWCA

## **Community Service:**

- Casa Pacifica Board Member, 2015 to present
- St. John’s Hospital Community Board, 2012-2015
- Ministerial Studies, Tanner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2007-2011