



LAKESHA BURTON
BOARD MEMBER

Lakesha Burton is the Assistant Chief of Community Engagement and a 20-year veteran of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. She holds the distinctions of having been the second African American woman to obtain the rank of police lieutenant and fourth African American woman to be appointed as a member of the Sheriff's staff to Assistant Chief in the 190-year history of Jacksonville Law Enforcement agencies. She is the former First Female Executive Director of the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville in over 48 years of its existence. PAL is 501(c) (3) youth serving organization.

Chief Burton is a native of Miami, Florida. She moved to Jacksonville with her family as a young child where she began her secondary education. Chief Burton excelled in sports, especially basketball and upon graduation from Wolfson High School she received a basketball scholarship to attend the Lake City Community College. After two years and earning an associate's degree she accepted a scholarship to the University of Central of Florida where she later graduated with a bachelor's degree in Criminology. Chief Burton was hired by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in 1999. She quickly established herself as one of Jacksonville's finest on and off of the job. She has worked in a multitude of areas including the patrol division, community affairs, recruiting, detectives division and the field training unit, to name a few. Chief Burton continued her education, earning a Master's Degree in Criminology from Florida Metropolitan University in 2002, and she is currently working on her terminal degree in Christian Counseling. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors and a lifelong member of Hopewell Church. Chief Burton is married to Assistant Chief Gregory Burton and they have five children, ranging from ages 9 to 30