

Guest Speaker Chief Delsa Bush

Delsa Bush is Police Chief for the City of West Palm Beach, and has been a law enforcement officer for 24 years. She was the first African American female officer for the City of West Palm Beach in 1983; the first African American sergeant in 1989; the first African American female lieutenant in 1995; the first female police captain and assistant chief in the City's history. In January of 2004, she was appointed the first African American and first female Chief of Police by Mayor Lois Frankel.

Chief Bush is responsible for the safety and well being of a city of approximately one hundred and seven thousand residents, which is the largest municipal organization in Palm Beach County. She oversees approximately five hundred people including 310 officers.

Her education includes an Associate of Science Degree at Palm Beach Junior College, Bachelor of Arts Degree from Florida Atlantic University and a Master of Science Degree from Lynn University and in May 2009 received her PhD from Lynn University. She is also a graduate of the FBI Academy.

Chief Bush continues to receive numerous awards and is a pioneer in her accomplishments. She was recently recognized as one of South Florida's 25 most prominent and influential women of 2006 by Success South Florida Magazine. Florida's Most Powerful and Influential Black Professionals, 2007. In 2005 she was presented with the distinguished alumna award from FAU. In 1997 she was awarded the Ruby Award from the Greater Palm Beach Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women and in 1999 she received the Sector Women in Leadership Award from the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches. She is also a member of the prestigious educational honor society of Kappa Delta Pi, dedicated to the ideas of Fidelity to Humanity, Service, Science and Toil.

Her civic activities include YWCA, Girl Scouts, a member of the Board of Directors, Hospital, and Executive Board of Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission. Numerous professional organizations such as NFBBPA, IACP, NOBLE, TCPA

A native of Clarksdale, Mississippi, Delsa is a proud mother of two daughters, Bria and Yasmine.

