## **Gary Tinney**

## All That I Am I Owe, I Live Eternally in the RED



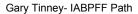
Gary Tinney was born and raised in the City of New Haven in a family where public service and social justice were core family values. He began his career in the New Haven Fire Department in 1995 serving for over 27 years and committing his life to community service. Tinney has received several citations from the New Haven Fire Department for his acts of bravery and commitment to the community he loves and serves. He has also received several awards from organizations throughout the country. He has committed countless hours serving the elderly and youth agencies throughout the Greater New Haven community. Mr. Tinney has served as President of the New Haven Firebird Society, a chapter of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters (IABPFF); an organization that is active in the civic life of the city and engages in activities and projects that benefit New Haven children and families and community at large.



Captain Tinney retired from the New Haven Fire Department in 2018. He is currently serving as the Director of the Northeast Region of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters and Affirmative Action Chair for the IABPFF. His district for the Director's position ranges from Maine to Delaware. Additionally, he has served on several boards, including the Red Cross, Immanuel Baptist Homeless Shelter. Pop Smith Little League, Sickle Cell Foundation-NAACP,NHSF-Dwight Neighborhood Corporation and Higher Heights. He is a proud member of the Prince Hall Masons, Elks Lodge, and Prince Hall Scottish Rites, 32nd Degree. Gary was very instrumental in establishing the Law/Health and Public Safety Academy located at Hillhouse High School. The program introduces career paths to public safety careers. Some students obtain college credits and certifications in Fire Science-Criminal Justice and Health career paths. Over 200 students have benefited from the Academy. Several of these proud graduates have entered the New Haven Fire Department in recent recruitment classes.



Mr. Tinney is a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and graduate of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He is a proud father of Miss Taylor Tinney. She recently graduated from Central Connecticut State University, majoring in Criminal Justice. Mr. Tinney's priorities are simple, love God, Family and Community. He is married to Ms. Karen Bellamy Tinney and has three Sisters and one Beloved Brother Clarence Tinney. Mr. Tinney is very proud to be the son of Beloved Clarence and Martha Tinney. His Family and God are the cornerstones of his strength. His passion for Civil Rights and Keeping the Fire Burning for Justice continues



Served as New Haven Firebird Society President

Served as Northeast Region Recording Secretary

Served as Northeast Region 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Director

Currently serving as the Director of the Northeast Region 4th Term

Currently serving as the IABPFF Affirmative Action Chair.



## **Awards Received**

East Rock Lodge Unsung Hero Award

## **IABPFF Presidents Award**

NAACP, National Stop the violence Peace Medal Award, New Haven Public Safety Academy, Peoples World Award

International Association of Professional Black Firefighters, West Haven Black Coalition

City of New Haven, NABLEO Empowerment Award, Sickle Cell Foundation of Southern Ct

Citizen of the Year Award / Omega Psi Phi, NANBPWC Man of the Year Award