



CARRIE EDWARDS-CLEMONS

BRIDGING THE GAP: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



Education: Carrie graduated in 1985 from Flint Northwestern High School as an Urban League Black Scholar. Carrie was offered a full scholarship to attend Jackson State University and the University of Michigan. Carrie attended Jackson State University for 3 years then went on to earn a B.A. from the University of Michigan and an M.B.A/Public Administration from Columbia Southern University.

Work Facts: Hired into the Flint Fire Department in 1999 as a Firefighter/Trainee, Carrie has served the department and community as a Firefighter/Paramedic, Fire I & II Instructor, Instructor Coordinator, Suppression Sgt., EMS Supervisor, Haz-Mat Technician Emergency Vehicle Operator Instructor, Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Sgt. and EMS Coordinator. She now serves as the first female to hold the rank of Deputy Fire Chief in the department's history. Carrie is also the grant writer for the department and has secured SAFER,

Assistance to Firefighter grants and Community Block Grants in excess of 20 mil. throughout her career. Outside of the fire department, Carrie has worked as an, Emergency Room Technician, Public Safety Officer and Teacher with Flint Community Schools.

Service: Carrie has served the IABPFF as Executive Vice President, Recording Secretary and North Central Region Director. She has served the NCR as Second Vice Director, Recording Secretary and Black Women in the Fire Service Chair. Carrie has served her local Chapter, Society of Minority Firefighters-Flint, as Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Trustee. She continues to serve her local chapter as Executive Director. Carrie has also held the positions of First Vice President, Second Vice President and Trustee of IAFF Local 352.

Volunteer: Carrie is unwavering in her efforts to support and give back to communities. She has coordinated with the IABPFF No Child Left Behind and Climbing for Life safety initiatives providing 2nd story escape ladders, smoke alarms, CO detectors and training to the Flint community. She has coordinated programs with the Michigan State Fire Inspectors Association, The Hartford, The American Red Cross and First Alert providing safety initiatives throughout the State of Michigan. She volunteers with various non-profits during food give-a-ways, water distributions, health initiatives, and career fairs. Carrie serves as the Vice President of the Jackson State University Flint Alumni Chapter and is a "Bigs in Blue" Mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flint and Genesee County.

Memberships: Genesee County Haz-Mat Team / Genesee County Medical Control Authority / Michigan Fire Instructors Association / Genesee County Fire Chief's Association/ Society of Michigan EMS Instructor Coordinator/ Michigan Fire Inspectors Association / NAACP-Flint Branch /NCNW – National Council of Negro Women /Black Chief Officers Committee

Awards:

IABPFF Presidential Award/ Hero of the Game, University of Michigan/ Friend of Girl Scouting Award / Metal of Commendation/ Firefighter of the Year/ Living Legacy Award, State of Michigan/ Olive R. Beasley Tribute Award, Civil Service Commission/ Outstanding Service Award, Men of Tomorrow/ Overall Best Award/ State Of Michigan Special Tribute/ Alcorn State University Alumni Association Community Service Award

Personal: Carrie is most proud of her sons Lawrence (Cynthia) & Daniel (Shanice), who are both Firefighters with the Flint Fire Department, as well as her daughter Tera Lynn who attends Eastern Michigan University. She has three amazing grandchildren Jalen, Sydney and Karter.

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