

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Deputy Chief Johnny Jennings is an innovative and forward-thinking public servant who uses strategic and technological solutions to positively impact operations and produce data-driven results.

Jennings joined the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department as a member of the 108th recruit class in May 1992.

He has held a variety of positions and ranks throughout the organization including sergeant over Criminal Intelligence, patrol sergeant and captain over the North Tryon Division, major over Intelligence, Investigations, Special Operations, Office of Professional Responsibility and more.



He was promoted to his current rank of deputy chief in 2016. As the deputy chief, he has served over Patrol, Special Services, Administrative Services and the Support Services Group including the Community Services Bureau.

Some of Jennings' noteworthy career achievements include the following:

- Developed and implemented the CMPD's paid college internship program to assist with recruitment and retention
- Led planning and operations for major events such as the NBA All-Star game in 2019 and Billy Graham's funeral in 2018
- Led intelligence and coordination efforts with federal, regional, state and local partners for the Democratic National Convention in 2012
- Division Crime Reduction Award recipient

He is the President of the North Carolina Police Executives Association and former Vice President of the National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Executives.

Jennings obtained a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Appalachian State University and a master's in Business Administration from Pfeiffer University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police.

Jennings, a native of Jefferson City, Tennessee, played football as an All-Conference linebacker at Appalachian State University and was inducted into the Appalachian State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

He spends his free time with his loving wife, Lisa, and three sons, 19-year-old twins Jayden and Jarred and 22-year-old Jonathan.