



***Chief Kellace McDaniel (Ret.)***

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**Kellace McDaniel has served in Law Enforcement for over 25 years**, and is currently engaged as a Senior Expert with Public Safety Strategies Group, LLC, a national consulting firm providing subject matter expertise and services for public agencies and private firms across the United States.

**Kel served as a deputy in the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office where he promoted to leadership positions in the Adult Detention Center, Investigations, and Sheriffs' Administration, serving directly under the Sheriff.** In January of 2018, Kellace was promoted to Lieutenant in the Court Services Division and was instrumental in the implementation and planning of 3 major high-profile trials.

**Kel distinguished himself in the Agency, and across the 45 cities of Hennepin County through his leadership in developing HCSO's award-winning Community Engagement Team, building trusting relationships between law enforcement and the community through collaboration, education and crime prevention initiatives.** Kel further developed expertise in the areas of Homeland Security, Dignity Security, the Mobile Field Force Unit, the Narcotics and Violent Offender Task Forces and the Honor Guard.

**In June of 2022, Kellace accepted the position of Chief of Police in the City of Brooklyn Center, and prioritized the hiring 17 officers, all of whom are still serving.** As Chief in this suburban city of 33,000 residents (adjacent to Minneapolis), Kellace was responsible for financial and resource management, direction, development, and accountability for all functions within the police department, including cost/benefits analyses of all police operations; preparing and recommending the department budget; providing background and informational data on police, safety, civil defense related issues; recommending and implementing public safety policies and procedures; and developing and directing a public safety program to prevent crimes, protect lives, enforce laws and ordinances, and maintain public order. Chief McDaniel advanced the city's technology services to include a camera trailer and system, successfully leveraging this technology to apprehend of several carjacking suspects.

Chief McDaniel earned a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice Studies from St. Cloud State University with a minor in Human Relations, 1992.