

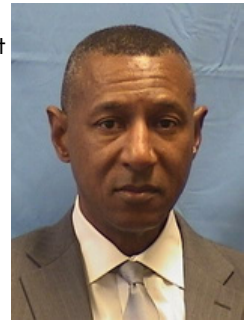
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Governor's Crime Commission Monthly Newsletter

Grants Information Stakeholders Training

New GCC Commissioner - Sheriff Bobby Kimbrough

Sheriff Kimbrough was born and raised in Forsyth County where he graduated from North Forsyth High School. He went on to earn degrees from High Point University and Piedmont International University. In 2023, Kimbrough received his Doctor of Laws degree from Carolina University. Sheriff Kimbrough was elected to office. Sheriff Kimbrough was elected to office in 2018.



Kimbrough began his law enforcement career in 1984 as a police officer for the Winston-Salem Police Department. His career of service took him to roles with the Winston-Salem Fire Department, the N.C. Department of Probation and Parole and the U.S. Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration.

Kimbrough founded Branded for Knowledge, a program focusing on strengthening, empowering and encouraging individuals to reach their full potential. Kimbrough is dedicated to increasing his knowledge on leadership skills and has recently completed two classes from Dale Carnegie and Harvard University.

During his time as sheriff, he has worked to improve the relationship between the sheriff's office and the community, advancing technology and enhancing work already started by the sheriff's office. Kimbrough led the implementation of "Surviving the Shield," a partnership with Novant Health that supports the mental health of deputies. He also led the agency to partner with Wake Forest University's School of Professional Development to create a Law Enforcement School of Executive Leadership. Technological advances have included updates to the Real Time Intelligence Center, as well as optimized deputy safety with Axon technology.

Kimbrough's received the President's Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his service to the community. He considers being a single parent raising seven sons as responsible, respectful young men to be his greatest accomplishment.

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is mental health awareness month.

This year's theme, "Turn Awareness into Action," urges

individuals and organizations to go beyond raising awareness and start applying strategies that actively support mental health.

The Responder Assistance Initiative flyer lists resources that can help you make some of these changes. Learn more about MHAM and ways you can get involved.



Submit Byrne JAG Applications by June 10

The GCC is currently accepting applications for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants for law enforcement. We encourage agencies, especially those serving communities designated by the N.C. Department of Commerce as Tier 1 communities, to submit applications for:

- Radios, with priority given to VIPER radios
- Cameras, with priority given to body, in-car and street cameras
- Mobile data terminals

Deadline: June 10, 2025

Read the RFA and visit the GCC website to learn more

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