

Chester County Chief Deputy Sheriff Kevin D. Dykes



In 2020, Kevin D. Dykes became the first African American sworn in as Chief Deputy Sheriff of the Chester County Sheriff's Office. The law enforcement veteran of 40 years has a proven track record of serving the community with strong ethical leadership, protecting people with fair policing, and working to prevent crime through cooperative community response.

- As Chief Deputy, Kevin has been responsible for oversight of the Chester County Sheriff's Office with a \$6+ million budget, up to 85 staff members of supervisors, deputies and civilian personnel, and planning and implementation of emergency response efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic, and civil unrest and protest demonstrations after the death of George Floyd. He has implemented protocols and practices recognized throughout Pennsylvania and was instrumental in initiating the County's Command and Leadership Academy. He has provided vital leadership when collaborating with other government and law enforcement agencies to keep the peace in our community.
- Kevin was also the first African American to become Chief of Chester County Detectives. In addition to ensuring compliance with laws and policies, he directed many high profile criminal investigations, most notably the 2017 homicides of Bianca Robison that resulted from a road rage incident and G. Brook Jennings that resulted from a dispute between neighbors.
- Kevin served 20 years a Pennsylvania State Trooper. While assigned at the Avondale and Embreeville Barracks of Chester County, he served on patrol and criminal investigations, then supervised financial crime investigations and an undercover narcotics unit.

Kevin's commitment to ensuring the safety of community members also has involved educating and mentoring county residents outside of law enforcement. He has volunteered on the advisory board of Coaching Boys Into Men, a program of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. Amid racial strife and social injustice, he participates with diverse groups seeking to reduce tensions among law enforcement and the community, including working on the F.O.P. diversity committee.

He graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, that focuses on leadership development, critical thinking, legal issues, cyber threats and law enforcement communication. He has served as an instructor on homicide, firearms and narcotics, including at the "Top Gun" narcotics investigator school.

The 30-year resident of Chester County is also a proud father and grandfather.