

Nichole Mosley became the first female ago and has a desire to become McMinnville Police Department's first female police chief.

"It's something I'm working towards," said Mosley. "It's my goal to become the first female police chief."

Her career in law enforcement began by chance. "I was working as a youth services officer in the juvenile court system when a position came open at the police department. They were saving they really wanted to get a female police officer so I applied for the job. I got it and came on as a patrol officer in 1995."

She has been with McMinnville Police Department since that time. She spent nearly a year as a patrol officer before her first advancement. She was promoted to the detective division in February 1996 and is now a lieutenant detective, another first for a female with the city. Her job entails following up after the initial police report and trying to solve crimes.

Mosley advocates the importance of a strong relationship with the public.

"Cooperation from the public is the best tool we have in solving crime. Communication is key. A lot of people say things to people who aren't police officers so the information is out there. As a detective, our job is to find it. That's only possible with public cooperation."

Among her achievements in law enforcement, Mosley patrol officer in the city of McMinnville 23 years completed the FBI National Academy in Virginia in 2014. It is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency because of demonstrated leadership qualities.

> The 10-week course offers classes on law, behavioral science, forensic science, the terrorist mindset, communication, health and fitness, leadership development, etc. At the end of the course, there is a final physical exam called the "Yellow Brick Road" which is 6.1 miles in length and has many different obstacles along the

> "My favorite part of attending the FBI National Academy was the networking and meeting so many great people not only from law enforcement agencies from around the country, but also those from around the world. Training was very intensive physically and challenging but it got me into really good shape. It was an honor to be able to attend and I would not have been able to without the support of my family and my department."

Attending the FBI National Academy is prestigious.

"It was such an honor to be nominated and be accepted, because only about 1 percent of law enforcement officers are accepted. This does help me toward my goal to be able to qualify as chief of police some day and helped me to become better at what I do now. If the opportunity never becomes a reality, I am proud of the things I have accomplished."

When she's not crime solving, Mosley enjoys spending quality time with her husband, children and grandchildren. And, when the need arises, relaxing on a beach.

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