



Chief Erika Shields
Louisville Metro Police Department

Chief Erika Shields was appointed as the Chief of Police for the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) in January of 2021. She began her career in Atlanta, Georgia in 1995 as a patrol officer, eventually becoming the Chief of Police in 2016. As a strong advocate for 21st Century Policing, Shields has been an outspoken leader in police reform, emphasizing the importance of intelligence-led and community-based policing. During her tenure in Atlanta, the department saw a reduction in violent crime and a marked increase in illegal gun seizures, thus positively impacting those most affected by violent crime. As Chief for LMPD, Shields is aware that it is critical to the success of the department to address violent crime, reduce the city's homicide rate, ensure a sustainable culture of equitable treatment by members towards citizens, and provide the employees the leadership necessary to experience a sense of pride in their agency.