



Gun Violence Prevention Challenge Summit & Hack-a-thon

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Police Commissioner William B. Evans is the 41st Police Commissioner of the City of Boston, being appointed by Mayor Martin J. Walsh on January 17, 2014. A member of the Boston Police Department for 35 years, Commissioner Evans rose through the ranks culminating in his promotion to Civil Service Captain, the highest civil service position in the department. He commanded District D-14 (Allston / Brighton) and District D-4 (South End, Back Bay, Fenway & Lower Roxbury) during which he forged strong police-community relationships with residents, local businesses and academic institutions. From 2009 until his appointment as Police Commissioner, he served as the Superintendent in charge of

the Bureau of Field Services, a position responsible for supervising the department's patrol force of 1,800.

Commissioner Evans has had major roles in some of Boston's most notable situations, such as the peaceful decampment of the 70-day occupation of Dewey Square by Occupy Boston, the capture of the Boston Marathon bombing suspect, as well as oversight of the planning and security of all major events including parades, sporting events and demonstrations. Under Commissioner Evans leadership, open dialogue, transparency and thousands of community interactions, has helped to increase trust and community engagement between the BPD and the community.

Those efforts helped to reduce crime in Boston in 2015 by 9%, a 10 year low in Part 1 Crime. This includes homicides that were at their lowest point in 16 years, with a 72.5% clearance rate. Commercial Robberies and Larcenies have been cut in half over the last 10 years and Arrests are down -15%. The BPD is reducing crime without always locking people up. Arrests are down because we are diverting young people away from the criminal justice system through numerous programs and initiatives.

Commissioner Evans holds a Bachelor of Science in Government from Suffolk University and Master of Public Administration in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police, and the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Naval Postgraduate School. Commissioner Evans has also completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government as well as the General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar at



Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Additionally, he has attended the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative and the Meta Leadership Executive Sessions, a collaboration of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and Harvard School of Public Health.

Commissioner Evans has been honored and humbled to receive the following awards over the past few years:

- Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree from New England School of Law
- Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Mount Ida College
- 2014 Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers Award for Unwavering Commitment Toward an Inclusive and Diverse Workforce
- 2015 Pedro Martinez Most Valuable Player Award from the Boston Area Church League
- 2015 Boston Police Relief Association Award for Command and Leadership during the Boston Marathon Bombing
- National Italian American Police Association Law Enforcement Distinguished Community Service Award
- American Red Cross Humanitarian Award
- International Organization of Asian Crime Investigators & Specialists Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award
- United States Attorney's Office Investigative Achievement Award- U.S. v Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (Boston Marathon Bombing)
- Paraclete Founders Award which exemplifies and individual who gives of oneself to advocate for and help another.
- 2016 Isaac Heckler Award for Social Justice
- Twelfth Baptist Church, MLK Leadership Award