

Willie L. Johnson



Police Chief

Willie L. Johnson is the first African American and the 23rd Chief of Police for the City of Greenville.

A 1967 graduate of Sanders High School in Laurens, South Carolina, Johnson earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Greenville Technical College in 1975 and a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Wesleyan University in Central, South Carolina.

Johnson is a graduate of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and a 1984 alumnus of the FBI National Academy. He complemented his criminal justice studies by graduating from the American Baptist Theological Center, known as the Martin Webb Learning Center.

Johnson is a Vietnam veteran who was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal, South Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, and Combat Assault Award.

In 1970, after three years of military service, he began his law enforcement career with the Greenville Police Department. He began as a patrolman, and served as detective, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, major, and ultimately became chief of police in July 2000.

Johnson is actively involved in the community and serves on several boards. He is a member of the Greenville Downtown Rotary Club, Greenville Urban League of the Upstate, Inc., Save Our Sons, The Phyllis Wheatley Association, Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, American Legion, VFW Post 6734, Greenville CrimeStoppers, Greenville Braves Advisory Board, COGNIS Chemical Corporation Advisory Board, and also serves as a City of Mauldin Election Commissioner.

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Johnson is the 1993 recipient of the Honorable Senator Strom Thurmond Award for Law Enforcement Excellence, 1993 Church and Community Relations Award, 1994 Greenville Downtown Rotary Club Officer of the Year, 1995 Judge Billy Wilkins Court Award, 2000 Save Our Sons Board Member of the Year, 2000 SHARE Community Services Award, and many other honors.

Johnson recognizes that education is the key to success and believes in "a baptized heart and mind."

August

SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

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	Whitney Young named executive director of National Urban League in 1961. Benjamin E. Mays was born in 1895.	James Baldwin, writer, was born in 1924.	The Congress of African Peoples convention was held in Atlanta in 1970.	"Long" John Woodruff won an Olympic gold medal in the 800-meter run in 1936.	Edwin Moses and Evelyn Ashford won gold medals in Olympic track & field in 1984.	Voting Rights Act signed by President Johnson in 1965.
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Ralph J. Bunche, diplomat and first African American winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was born in 1904.	Matthew A. Henson, explorer and first to reach the North Pole, was born in 1865.	Jesse Owens won four Olympic gold medals in 1936.	Clarence C. White, composer and violinist, died in 1880.	Thaddeus Stevens, abolitionist, died in 1868.	Frederick Douglass' home in Washington D.C. was declared a national shrine in 1922.	<i>Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper</i> was founded in 1892.
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Ernest Everett Just, scientist, born in 1883.	Liberia established by freed American slaves, 1824.	Louis Lomax, author, was born in 1922.	Marcus Garvey was born in 1887.	The first African American admitted to the University of Mississippi, James Meredith, graduated in 1963.	Benjamin Banneker published his first <i>Almanac</i> in 1791.	Richard Allen chaired the first National Negro Convention in Philadelphia in 1830.
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William "Count" Basie, jazz pianist and musician, was born in 1904.	John Lee Hooker, blues singer and guitarist, was born in 1917.	National Negro Business League founded in 1900.	Edith Sampson was appointed first African American delegate to the United Nations by Harry S. Truman, in 1950.	Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters organized in 1925.	William Dawson elected Black Democratic Party vice-presidential candidate, 1943.	W.E.B. DuBois died in 1963.
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March on Washington in 1963.	Charlie "Bird" Parker, jazz musician, was born in Kansas City in 1920.	Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford, Jr. became the first African American astronaut in space in 1983.	Eldridge Cleaver was born in 1935.			
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