



## **Superintendent David O. Brown**

### **Biography**

David O. Brown joined the Chicago Police Department in April, becoming CPD's 63rd Superintendent. He brings more than 30 years of law enforcement experience to Chicago and is nationally recognized for his expertise in reform, public safety and community policing.

Prior to joining CPD, Brown served as Chief of the Dallas Police Department from 2010 to 2016. While leading the DPD, the city saw a historic reduction in crime and the lowest murder rate in over 80 years.

Brown is perhaps best known for his steady leadership as Chief of the DPD, guiding the department through the worst police shooting in the nation's history in July 2016.

Brown left the University of Texas at Austin his senior year to join DPD after witnessing the effects of the crack epidemic in Oak Cliff, the Dallas neighborhood where he grew up.

During his distinguished career with DPD, he worked in patrol divisions, SWAT and internal affairs. As Chief, he equipped officers with body cameras and sought to reform training on the use of lethal force.

Brown served as Chief during the 2016 shooting that killed five police officers and injured nine others and two civilians. He made the choice to use an explosive device delivered by a robot to kill the shooter — a decision that likely saved the lives of police officers and civilians alike.

Brown is the middle child of three siblings. He was raised by his mother Norma Jean and his maternal grandmother, Mabel Henderson.

David O. Brown is the author of a memoir *Call to Rise*, which details his personal story and tragedies, including the deaths of his son, brother and former police partner.

Brown is married to Cedonia Brown, a former Dallas police sergeant. Together, they have a 14-year old daughter.