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LCSO Announces Executive Director of Council on the Status of Men and Boys

The Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) is pleased to announce Royle King as the Executive Director of the Council on the Status of Men and Boys (CSMB). King, an experienced leader, and youth mentor in the community, will lead the call to action to address the issues outlined in LCSO's Anatomy of a Homicide report, with the goal of preventing homicides and non-fatal shootings in Leon County.

King is currently the Volunteer Services Manager for Leon County government and is the founder and executive director of Omega Lamplighters, a non-profit mentoring program for young men. Since its inception in 2008, King has helped empower more than a thousand youth in grades four through 12 with academic and social skills, community connections, and progressive opportunities necessary to ensure their roles as active, educated, and responsible citizens. The organization has expanded to more than 20 chapters across the country from Florida, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, North Carolina, and even Naples, Italy.

"Based on his impressive background and passion for changing young lives, King is the perfect choice to lead the Council on the Status of Men and Boys. His own experiences of dealing with the tragic shooting death of one of his mentees, in addition to playing a crucial role in guiding hundreds of others to graduate from high school and lead productive lives, are all key to this Executive Director role. King has a true understanding of what it takes to advance CSMB's mission of implementing a unified operational strategy for prevention, intervention, and enforcement," said Sheriff Walt McNeil.

King holds a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from Florida A&M University. He has earned numerous awards and recognitions including the 2021 Tallahassee Awards presented by the Mayor and City of Tallahassee, The Omega Man of the Year, the Black Enterprise Be Modern Man, Leon County Community "LEGO" Well-Being Award and WFSU Voices That Inspire in 2019. In 2018, he was awarded Destiny Church TLH "Unsung Hero" honor, Citizen of The Year from the Chi Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. In 2015, he was a Tallahassee Democrat Volunteer of the Year Finalist for Civic Service.

The CSMB is a collaborative partnership, funded by the City of Tallahassee, Leon County Government, Leon County School Board and LCSO.

King will start his position as Executive Director on August 1, 2022.



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