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### Part One: Police Work Runs in the Family



MPD Sergeants George and Kevin O'Bryant

(Washington, DC) – Not everyone picks their career, sometimes it's a calling. For the O'Bryant brothers it was a calling that had some family history.

“My uncle, Tilmon O'Bryant joined the department in 1947 and after 31 years he retired as an Assistant Chief at the [Metropolitan Police Department](#) (MPD). Me and my brother [who are both Sergeants with MPD] connected with Tilmon after I joined the department,” said Sergeant Kevin O'Bryant who has been with the department since September, 1987.

Assistant Chief Tilmon O'Bryant, a Washington native, began his career as a patrolman, in what was then the 2nd Precinct. Within six years, he achieved the rank of captain and moved on to become one of the department's first African American Assistant Chiefs.

Tilmon and his colleague paved the way for many African Americans to rise through the ranks at the department.

Today, Sergeants Kevin and George O'Bryant continue the family's legacy. “Ever since I was young I had a desire to be a public servant in the DC Police Department,” said Kevin. “I enjoy serving the citizens of the city. I want to ensure that they know police officers are not their enemy. We are not out to hurt them. We are out to help and save lives.”



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In 1989, Kevin was assigned to Recruiting Division where his role was to enroll and screen prospective applicants. His love for serving the community led him to recruit his elder brother, George, to the department.

“My brother sent me an application as a joke. I filled out the application, took the test, and 28 years later I am still here,” said George.

At one point, the brothers did work in the same precinct, but they have always had separate assignments.

“Having my brother work with me on the department is an asset,” said Kevin. “It’s a dream come true. My older brother was always my protector growing up and I knew that I would always have someone on the department to back me up. It’s great that we share the same love for public service.”

Sergeant Kevin O’Bryant currently works for the [Emergency Response Team](#) (ERT), as the supervisor of the 15 member hostage negotiation team. They are responsible for responding to all barricades, hostage situations, and terrorist incidents. Outside of MPD, Kevin has written several books and serves as a pastor at a DC area church.

Sergeant George O’Bryant currently works at the [Maurice T. Turner Jr., Metropolitan Police Academy](#). George assists recruits with their 28 week physical endurance training and classroom training to prepare them for the challenges of being a police officer. At the academy, recruit officers receive skills training in operation of emergency police vehicles, community policing, self-defense, advanced first aid, and much more.

“I enjoy every day because I make a difference. I am at the academy training people to take my place. I am training the future of the Metropolitan Police Department. Whatever department they are assigned they will make a difference and move this department forward,” said George.

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The brothers agree that when they put on the uniform they are representing the O’Bryant family name, MPD and, police officers across the country.

“It’s an honor to put this uniform on,” said George, also known as the Steve Harvey of the police department, because his uniform is always clean. “I tell my recruits, your first impression is your last impression. That first impression is your uniform. I want to look and represent the part. If I am meticulous about my uniform, I am going to be very meticulous about my police work.”

The O’Bryant brothers also have two middle sisters who are not in law enforcement.

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