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Police Chief Murphy admits to being 'scared' by uptick in Chattanooga's youth violence

By Camm Ashford

Having children of her own, Chattanooga Police Chief Celeste Murphy said she shares the concerns of the community surrounding mass shootings, youth violence and recent incidents with school resource officers.

"Okay, let's take off the uniform," Chief Murphy said. "As a mother, I'm scared. I mean, I read the things that other people read and see on the news. I'm scared for my own kids, and for other kids as well."

Chief Murphy's remarks came Monday night during "The State of Our Youth" panel discussion, hosted at Pneuma Christian Center, 7345 Old Cleveland Pike. According to one of its organizers, Pneuma Christian Center Youth Pastor LaDarius Price, the event was intended to provide "healthy dialog" during a "family meeting" concerning "protocol and possible solutions to better serve the youth of Chattanooga, Tennessee."

Besides Chief Murphy, the panel included the Rev. Dr. William Terry Ladd; Chattanooga Police Department Gun Unit Task Force member Josh May; Juvenile Court Judge Robert Philyaw;

City of Chattanooga Director of Community Engagement Chris Sands; Brainerd High School Principal Dr. Crystal Sorrells; and Hamilton County District Attorney Coty Wamp. Greg Funderburg, morning show co-anchor of "Good Morning Chattanooga" and reporter at WTVC News Channel 9, served as moderator.

Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp also briefly spoke during the event.

Recent incidents of Chattanooga youth making na-



Chattanooga police, school leaders and the Hamilton County District Attorney focus on school resource officers and youth violence at a panel discussion Monday night.



Monday night's "The State of Our Youth" event allowed community members to speak out on youth violence, mass shootings, issues regarding school resource officers and student behavior inside the school system.

tional headlines include: a violent altercation between the East Ridge SRO and an 18-year-old male student; the 15-year-old female student who was arrested after assaulting an SRO outside of the Brainerd Recreation Center; and the six teens who were shot in downtown Chattanooga by two teen suspects.

"Of course, you had the incident at East Ridge and you had the incident at Brainerd," said Price, who attended Brainerd High School. "The other thing is...that's just the stuff that made it to the news. This stuff goes on, if you work with kids, we see it day in and day out. So the other reality is that it happened those times, and it was highlighted. But it's going to happen again. So we have to come to a place where we have a full understanding of when it happens again, what are we going to do to ensure the safety of our kids, not just in school but in the community

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Investiture marks another historic first for Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson

By Camm Ashford

The Supreme Court held a special six-minute sitting on Sept. 30, for the formal investiture ceremony of Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. President Joseph R. Biden Jr., First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff attended as guests of the Court.

During an investiture, the Chief Justice generally administers the Constitutional Oath privately to the new Justice.

As the Supreme Court convenes for the start of its new term Monday, in addition to being its first Black woman, Jackson became the court's first former public defender and its first person from Florida.

"President George Washington once referred to America as a 'great experiment'--a nation founded on the previously untested belief that the people--we, the people--could form a more perfect union," President Biden said on June 30, 2022 as Jackson took the oaths of office to become the 104th Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

"And that belief has pushed our nation forward for generations. And it is that belief that we reaffirmed through the con-

firmation of the first Black woman to the United States Supreme Court."

President Biden vowed on the campaign trail in 2020 that he would nominate a Black woman to serve on the nation's highest court, and did so by selecting Jackson two months after Justice Stephen Breyer announced his retirement Jan. 27, 2022.

But a faction of Republican senators--led by Missouri's Josh Hawley and Texas' Ted Cruz-- pursued an aggressive campaign against her confirmation. And over two days of questioning, Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee grilled Jackson over her sentencing record in child pornography cases, defense of terrorism suspects and views of culture war issues like critical race theory and the definition of a woman.

Democrats and other supporters, including police associations, said the attacks were unfair and praised Jackson as highly qualified.

Following a grueling week of confirmation hearings, the U.S. Senate confirmed Jackson in a 53-47 vote in April. Three Republicans--Maine's Susan Col-

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Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. administers the Constitutional Oath to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson in the West Conference Room, Supreme Court Building. Dr. Patrick Jackson holds the Bible. Credit: Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SMBC ORDAINS NEW MINISTERS

Second Missionary Baptist Church (SMBC), located at 2305 East 3rd Street, is pleased to announce the ordination of four long-serving ministers following an extensive period of study and preparation. Based on the recommendation of the Ordination Council and approval of Pastor Ernest L. Reid, Jr., the following ministers were ordained Sunday, September 18, 2022: Rev. Ronald Harris, Rev. Frank Jones, Rev. John Perry, and Rev. Leroy (Lee) Stewart.

The candidates concluded their preparation for ordination with an examination on Saturday, September 17, by a panel of ministers comprising the Ordination Council. They were asked questions on various topics relative to ministry. Topics included were conversion, the Trinity, scripture, salvation,



Rev. Ronald Harris



Rev. Frank Jones



Rev. John Perry



Rev. Lee Stewart

ethics, and conduct. After careful consideration, the Council made recommendation to Dr. Reid that the candidates be ordained into the Gospel Ministry.

One of the highlights of the ordination service, was the inspiring message delivered by Dr. Reid, titled, "A Charge to Keep" using the background scripture 2 Timothy 4:1-5. From that passage, he raised three key points for the candidates

to always remember: 1) Preach with Seriousness; 2) Preach with Substance and 3) Preach Through Struggles.

Each of the candidates answered the call to ministry after having served in various capacities in the life of the church.

Ronald Harris, a life-long member of Second, has served as Dean of the Evangelism School, Chairman of Club

11 Ministry (sponsor of the Black History Celebration for over thirty years), Men's Sunday School Teacher, Chairman of Family Ministry 5, Worship Leader, and Chairman of Deacons. Ronald is married to Rosalind Crutcher Harris.

Frank Jones has served as Youth Minister, Bible Study Teacher, Prayer

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