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Presentation in recognition of Jon V. Latimore as the first African-American police officer hired by the Mesquite Police Department.

The Mesquite Police Department (MPD) is celebrating Black History Month by honoring Mesquite’s first African-American police officer, Jon V. Latimore.

Officer Latimore was hired as a Mesquite Police Officer on June 10, 1985, and retired after 28 years of service on July 31, 2013. During his career, Officer Latimore earned the following departmental awards: Perfect Attendance, Firearms Proficiency, Safe Driving 10-Year Award and the Mesquite Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Officer of the Month. He also received special recognition in 2005 from the NAACP as the first African-American police officer hired by the Mesquite Police Department. Officer Latimore was a member of the MPD Choir, Interactive Community Policing Unit, 50-year Celebration committee and the Meritorious Conduct Board. He served in the Operations Bureau as a beat officer and field-training officer. He also served in the Criminal Investigations Division as a Burglary and Theft Investigator and in the Technical Services Bureau in the Property and Evidence Section. He held a Master Peace Officer certificate and was a certified Instructor by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Officer Jon V. Latimore passed away on July 19, 2018. He was a champion to those he served in the community and did all he could to help those who needed assistance.

A special presentation will be made to his wife, Debra Latimore.

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