## Biography of Natasha R. Fowlkes

I'm a native of Selma Alabama and a graduate of Selma High School. I'm married to Toney Fowlkes we have three children's Anthony, Averey and Ashlyn. I consider myself to be extremely blessed and have a wonderful family who supports me dearly. Matthew 19:26 "Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

I began my career in Law Enforcement in 2003, where I attended the Montgomery Police Academy from August 2003 to December 2003. After graduating from the Montgomery Police Academy, I was assigned to nightshift as a patrol officer with the Montgomery Police Department.

On July 27, 2004, I was then employed with the Selma Police Department, where I was assigned to nightshift as the first female patrol officer to work on nights. I've served in the patrol unit as a Patrol officer and Field Training Officer.

On November 22, 2009, I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and became the supervisor for the Community Relations Program, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Watch Program, School Resource Officer Program, Police Athletic League Program and the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T. Program).

On May 23, 2013, I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, where I became the First African American Female Lieutenant. I served as the Commander of the Training and Recruiting division, School Resource Officer, Police Athletic League and Drug Evidence Commander.

On May 25, 2013, The Optimist Club of Selma presented the Respect for Law Award to me for outstanding leadership within the community. On January 19, 2014, The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States presented me the Officer of the Year Award to as well.

On October 31, 2017, I was promoted to the rank of Captain, where I became the First African American Female Captain in the history of the Selma Police Department. Also on July 23, 2019, I was appointed Interim Chief of Police.

During the course of my employment with the City of Selma, I received my Associate in Science Degree and Associate in Arts Degrees from Wallace Community College. I received my Bachelor Degree in Public Safety and Criminal Justice from Amridge University. I received my Master's Degree in Justice Administration from Faulkner University as well as my Doctor of Philosophy in Theology degree from Touch of Love Theology.

I was a Criminal Justice Adjunct Professor for Concordia University Wisconsin and Concordia College Selma I'm a faithful and dedicated member to my church House of Praise under the leadership of Tina Thomas who is the Pastor. I'm also a faithful and dedicated member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Selma Alumnae Chapter and the President of the Fraternal Order of Police Alabama Lodge #12.