

About Zackary Belton

Zackary N. Belton was born in Wisner, La, a rural town near Monroe, Louisiana. He was one of five children raised by a single parent in a close knit community. Coming from a small town back in the 50's, funds were scarce and options were few. He could either go to the military or get a job. So Zackary packed his bags and joined the Air Force where he served his country during the Vietnam War.

After the military, Zackary came to Texas where many great things happened. While attending college, Belton worked full-time and also served as a member of the Texas Air National Guard. During that time, he met a beautiful school teacher named Tamra. Their courtship turned into a marriage and they raised three resilient children, Marsaillus, Stephanie and Ashley.

Belton always set high goals for himself and at very young age he decided to pursue a career in criminal justice. Zackary graduated from Texas Christian University (TCU) with a Criminal Justice Degree. The next stepping stone in Zackary's life was to pursue a career in law enforcement. He attended the Dallas Police Department Academy and graduated in 1975.

Throughout his time with the Dallas Police Department, Belton steadily climbed up the ranks of the department, was promoted to the prestigious position of Deputy Chief of Police.

With thirty-eight years on the force, Belton has worked in numerous divisions ranging from the jail, to patrol, to support operation and in the community. His expertise and knowledge enabled him to be a leader within the department and a dedicated public servant who has touched and changed the lives of many in the Dallas community.

He has earned numerous awards and accolades throughout his career, including the Chief Don Stafford Law Enforcement Award, Minority Trailblazer Award, Certificate of Civic Achievement and Certificate of Merit to name a few. Throughout his career, Belton has also received 90 commendations. Chief Zackary Belton is the 2nd African-American Police officer in the history of the Dallas Police Department to be promoted to Captain. Throughout the years Deputy Chief Belton has received numerous awards and honors ---but what is most important to him is family.

Retiring in 2012 from the Dallas Police Department after 38 years of service, Belton and his wife created the Belton Foundation as an avenue to continue to give back to their community.