

Chief Diane Hobley-Burney was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Fort Pierce Police Department on June 1, 2015. Hobley-Burney was hired after a very competitive national search. She brings 27 years of law enforcement experience from the Tampa Police Department, where she earned the distinction of a highly respected leader in that community.

Chief Hobley-Burney's fighting crime experience is extensive and her career is just as colorful working her way through the ranks. She believes community oriented policing is the key to building and growing relationships with the citizens of Fort Pierce. She strives each day to assure that the mission of the Fort Pierce Police Department [To Reduce Crime and Enrich the Quality of Life through a Collaborative Partnership with all Citizens] is always fulfilled. With great passion she states, "I listened to the residents, business owners, and visitors of the beautiful City of Fort Pierce. I made a promise that their voice would forever be a part of the foundation of the Fort Pierce Police Department. Today, I proudly say that it is."

Chief Hobley-Burney earned her Master of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Criminal Incident Management from Saint Leo University, where she also obtained a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. She is also a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police in the course study in Executive Strategic Management, sponsored by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).