

Mr. Anthony W. Finnell, Sr. currently serves as the Executive Director of the Citizens' Police Review Board (CPRB) in Oakland. The CPRB receives allegations of misconduct from citizens, investigates those allegations and renders a decision based on the findings of the investigation. The CPRB also reviews police policy and makes policy recommendations as needed. The CRPB is an independent organization, separate from the Oakland Police Department. Mr. Finnell answers directly to the City Administrator for Oakland.

Mr. Finnell has more than 25 years of experience managing law enforcement functions. He previously served as the Supervising Investigator for the Independent Police Review Authority in Chicago, Illinois, overseeing the areas of case assignment, misconduct complaint review, investigation compliance, and recommendations for suspension for the Chicago Police Department. Prior to this role, Mr. Finnell served as a Sergeant for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) for more than 23 years, where one of his most notable accomplishments was his introduction and implementation of the O.K. Program. The law enforcement based mentoring program, O.K., fosters strategic alliances between the Indianapolis Public School system, the business community, and the Indianapolis Police Department. In addition, he oversaw the Indianapolis School Liaison Officers and developed strategic alliances between the public schools, business, community, and the police department. Mr. Finnell also previously owned a private investigation and security company.

Mr. Finnell is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions during his time with the IMPD, including:

- 2008: Honorary Doctorate of Humanities for improving the lives of African America Males within the Indianapolis, Indiana community, received from Grace Bible College.
- 2007: Recipient of the FORSCOM Certificate of Appreciation for exceptional commitment to communities, dedication and mentorship, received from the United States Army.
- 2007: Medal of Merit for innovation in law enforcement for the establishment of the O.K. Program in the Indianapolis community, received from the IMPD.

Mr. Finnell holds a Master of Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management Oakland City University.