

Anthony W. Finnell – Bio and Photo

Mr. Anthony W. Finnell, Sr. currently serves as the Interim Executive Director of the Community Police Review Agency (CPRA) in Oakland, CA. He previously served as the Executive Director of the Citizens' Police Review Board (the CPRA's predecessor) in Oakland, beginning in July 2014. Under Mr. Finnell's tenure, the CPRA has grown from an agency with two investigators and a policy analyst to five investigators (budgeted for seven), a supervising investigator, a policy analyst, three intake technicians, an office assistant and a part-time office aide. The CPRB conducted just under 50 complaint investigations in 2014 to over 500 complaints in 2017 resulting in 125 investigations conducted. The CPRA launched a new complaint app, database and case management system in 2018. This new system replaced a series of ineffective and inefficient ACCESS databases, thus improving the CPRA's ability to track problem officers more effectively, received citizen complaints more efficiently, and monitor investigative progress more timely.



Prior to moving to Oakland to work for the CPRB, Mr. Finnell 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.

Mr. Finnell retired as a Sergeant for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) after a career spanning more than 23 years. One of his most notable accomplishments was his introduction and implementation of the O.K. Program (O.K.). O.K. is a law enforcement based mentoring program, which fosters strategic alliances between the Indianapolis Public School system, the business community, and the Indianapolis Police Department. In addition, during his tenure at IMPD, he oversaw the Indianapolis School Liaison Officers, developed strategic alliances between the public schools, business, community, and the police department, was a homicide investigator for more than 10 years and a field training officer. Mr. Finnell also previously owned a private investigation and security company.

Mr. Finnell has served on the NACOLE Board of Directors since 2016. Mr. Finnell has served as the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee (2016-2017) and the Chair of the Elections and Bylaws Committee (2017-2018). Currently, Mr. Finnell serves as the Treasurer for NACOLE. Mr. Finnell has attended the last four NACOLE Annual Conferences, the last three Academic Symposiums, hosted a NACOLE Regional Conference, and attended numerous other NACOLE Regional Conferences throughout the United States since 2014.

Mr. Finnell is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including:

- 2008: Honorary Doctorate of Humanities for improving the lives of African America Males within the Indianapolis, Indiana community, received from Grace Bible College.

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- 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 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. Mr. Finnell lives in Walnut Creek, CA with his wife, Brenda who is a Social Worker for the Veterans Association.