



SunTrust Foundation Partners with National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) to Bring Police and Community Together

\$150,000 Grant Expands Law and Your Community Program to New Cities

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Alexandria, Va. — Today, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) announced its partnership with the SunTrust Foundation in an effort to connect communities with local law enforcement and build trust, knowledge and confidence. Through the SunTrust Foundation’s \$150,000 grant, NOBLE will bring its “The Law and Your Community” program to the cities of Baltimore, Richmond and Atlanta, while also conducting NOBLE Town Halls in these three areas.

The Law and Your Community is a nationally recognized, hands-on interactive training program for young people ages 13-18 and adults designed to provide standards for communications with law enforcement and their understanding of their federal, state and local laws. The program, which is open to the public, aims to develop trust and understanding between law enforcement and the local community.

“On behalf of our NOBLE executive board, chapter members, and the communities we serve, we thank the SunTrust Foundation for their partnership investment,” stated Perry Tarrant, NOBLE national president. “We look forward to expanding our programmatic services to the citizens and communities of Baltimore, Richmond, and Atlanta.”

Additionally, the Foundation’s grant will help NOBLE host Town Halls, which are community empowerment impact forums aimed at identifying and helping to resolve real issues that are negatively impacting local communities. The goal is to merge law enforcement education with economic empowerment, community engagement, and reconciliation strategies. These multifaceted discussions will be open to the public.

“The men and women of law enforcement put their lives on the line for us every day, and we see a unique opportunity to help reconnect our police officers with our communities to foster camaraderie, discuss issues and offer important job training that leads to financial confidence,” said David Fuller, president of the SunTrust Foundation. “We look forward to continuing our partnership with NOBLE in order to support the connection of our communities and law enforcement.”

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