



Biography

David Kunkle

Chief of Police (Retired)
Dallas Police Department

David Kunkle has been a leading law enforcement authority for almost four decades. During that time, he led three of the top ten largest cities in North Texas. After serving six years as Dallas Police Chief, fourteen years as Chief in Arlington and three years as Chief of Police in Grand Prairie, dozens of his former employees have gone on to be Police Chiefs in cities across the country. Kunkle has always enjoyed mentoring the next generation of policing leaders.

As a Police Chief, Kunkle received local and national recognition for making significant lasting changes at each department he headed. While Chief in Arlington, Good Housekeeping magazine named APD one of the eight best departments in the United States. More recently, PBS aired a documentary based on the leadership concepts described by Jim Collins, bestselling author of the leadership book, *Good to Great*. The documentary aired across the country and profiled Kunkle's leadership of the Dallas Police Department. PBS heralded his leadership style as a successful model for turning around organizations in turmoil. In addition to his extensive experience as a major city Police Chief, Kunkle has also been instrumental in many key leadership initiatives. He had a primary role in the creation and funding of the Caruth Police Institute at the University of Texas Dallas and was instrumental in raising over 18 million dollars for the Dallas Police Department from foundation and private donations.

Kunkle has a Master's degree in Public Administration, and has had leadership roles in developing the curriculum for the State of Texas police management college, and developing and revising the standards for the Commission on Accreditation for Law enforcement agencies. His role in educating the law enforcement community also includes holding a position as an adjunct professor at the University of Texas at Arlington and regularly presenting to classes there, and teaching programs at the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute in Boston. Kunkle is also the Executive in Residence at the University of North Texas Dallas Caruth Police Institute.