

# Application for Appointment

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Please Provide Information for your Home/Legal Residence

Q. First Name

R. W. Barnett

Q. Last Name

R. Jones

Q. City

R. Lake Orion

Q. Oakland County Resident:

R. Yes

Q. Length of Residency

R. 35

Party Affiliation

Q. What is your party affiliation?

R. Democrat

Education

Q. High School Name or GED

R. Cooley High School

Q. City/State

R. Detroit, Michigan

Q. College/Technical

R. Henry Ford College/U of M Dearborn/Eastern Michigan/ Madonna University

Q. City/State

R. Dearborn/Ypsilanti/Livonia

Q. Degree(s) received

R. Associate of Science/Bachelors General Studies, Master's General Studies/ Master's of Educational Leadership

Employment

Q. Employer

R. Great Lakes Water Authority

Q. Position Title

R. Chief Security & Integrity Officer

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 05-2012 to present

Q. Duties

R. Manage the administration of the comprehensive GLWA Security services, assuring broad protection of employees, customers, GLWA facilities, properties and assets throughout Southeastern Michigan including water intake and discharge facilities and equipment.

- Responsible for planning, developing and implementing security plans, security programs such as Emergency Response and Crisis Management.
- Responsible for Physical Security and Information Protection,
- Oversee Incident Management and/or investigation.
- Responsible for the coordination and discharge of Homeland Security directives, training and information. Maintain knowledge of complex industry trends, current security issues and security technology and updates management on risk and threat that could impact GLWA operations, processes, systems or the integrity of the organization

Q. Employer

R. Village of Lake Orion Police Department

Q. Position Title

R. Part-time Police Officer-Patrol

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 03-2017 to present

Q. Duties

R. Patrol the community of Lake Orion Village performing the duties of enforcing the laws of the State of Michigan providing for the public welfare by crime suppression, community policing and criminal investigations.

Q. Employer

R. Village of Keego Harbor Police Department

Q. Position Title

R. Part-time Police Officer-Investigator

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 10/2014 to 09-2017

Q. Duties

R. Handled pre-employment background investigations as assigned by the former chief of police.

Q. Employer

R. City of Flint Police Department

Q. Position Title

R. Public Safety Administrator

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 4/2012 to 1/2013

Q. Duties

R. Hired as a contracted employee of the city of Flint funded by the C.S. Mott Foundation, reporting to the Emergency Manager. Assisted in the development of a Public Safety plan which avoided the layoffs of one

third of the Fire Department. Reorganized the Police department, along with the chief of police and reduced Police response time. Initiated a partnership with our federal law enforcement partners which removed guns and criminals from the city's streets. Participated in the successful development of a new Police Services millage strategy which was voted in and used to hire new police officers and avoid laying off one half of the existing police department.

Q. Employer

R. Ann Arbor Police Department

Q. Position Title

R. Safety Services Area Administrator

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 06/2006 to 03/31/2012

Q. Duties

R. Oversaw the daily operations of the Police Services Unit, the Fire Services Unit (through the office of the Fire Chief) and the Emergency Management Unit, in a jurisdictional area of 27 square miles with a population of over 114,000.

Lead (124) full-time sworn law enforcement officers and 50 civilian staff in the Police Services unit, (92) full-time sworn firefighters and (2) civilian staff in the Fire Service unit and (1) sworn law enforcement officer and (1) civilian in the Emergency Management unit.

Develop and execute policies to increase the effectiveness of the areas operations; while managing a total budget of over \$39+ million.

- Established excellent working/negotiating relationship with all unions (AFSCME, AAPOAM, COAM, Teamster Supervisors, Police Professional Assistants, Professional Service Assistants, Dispatchers, and IAFA).
- Garnered support from all City Departments, other area administrators, Council & Mayor, and many citizen, resident and business groups throughout the city. These relationships foster support for our police agency and its members.
- Led the agency through two restructurings that were out of necessity because of fiscal changes ongoing to the State and the City's economy.
- Instrumental in the planning and design of the new Law Enforcement Municipal Center.

References

Q. Contact #1

R. Ms. Sue McCormick/ Great Lakes Water Authority

Q. Contact #2

R. Dr. Thomas R. Clark/ Alpha Psychological Services, p.c.

Q. Contact #3

R. Mr. Rico VanChina/Oakland County Homeland Security

Please answer the following five questions in 500 words or less:

Q. What is your vision for the future of Oakland County?

R. As the next steward of Oakland County, my vision would first entail maintaining the status quo. The team that L. Brooks Patterson put into place helped make the county one of the premier counties in this country. I would have an eye on the past meaning; Dan Murphy and L. Brooks Patterson both had a vision that pushed the envelope in the area of tax reform, business partnerships, quality of life issues, securing park land, accepting emerging technologies and all types of community investments. There would only be a continuation of those type of programs during my watch. As needed and if necessary myself and the team would make adjustments during my temporary tenure, stewarding the organization until the citizens were given the opportunity to elect the next county executive.

Q. What are your professional qualifications?

R. Besides my educational achievements, my passion, my motivation, and my ability to problem-solve, I am a team-builder. I have proven time and again that I am resourceful in building a high functioning teamwork atmosphere. I also believe there is already such a team currently in place, so my number one responsibility would be to fit in without upsetting the teams ongoing success. Therein lies another of my professional qualities; being a respecter of people, I believe one gets the work done by the efforts of our staff, so open lines of communication and being a good listener are key. Another important fact; is my background. Being in public safety prepares you to handle changes at a moments notice, you must constantly be looking down the road, training for the unknown and being prepared to handle anything. Maybe that is why, Macomb and Wayne county both have county executives that come from public safety backgrounds it is a skillset that teaches you to rely on you staff, empower your staff, and provide good leadership through good policies and procedures which establish a good working framework. I possess all of the above and have demonstrated many more high functioning qualities throughout my public service career.

Q. Do you have background working with complex budgeting? If so, briefly explain.

R. Over the course of my career I have been responsible for developing and maintaining a budget. The largest budget I have handled is over fifty million dollars. Oakland County's budget of approximately 995 million dollars would require the same skillset I have developed in the past. First the establishment of a five year budget would be your foundation for any budgetary decisions going forward during the five years. The projected budget and the last years actual would lead the discussions around the formulation of a new budget based on new money, reductions, new programs or the like. Having a good CFO like Oakland County does makes the process even easier; if one could say the budget process is easy.

Q. Describe your involvement with national, state, and local civic organizations, especially working with other leaders.

R. Being a law enforcement leader requires one to network across many disciplines, from local to state to federal partners one must belong to any and every organization that may have an interest or a voice in your quality of service. As noted on my resume, I am involved in several professional associations and affiliations. One gathers more knowledge from many voices and differing thoughts that just your own experiences. As a pastor, being in the community allows you to assist those in need. Working with the church's food bank and clothes closet has allowed me to see our community/county through the eyes of those in need, thus helping me sit at the table and help formulate discussions that will have useful impact. These types of involvements are second nature to me and any leader must be prepared to sacrifice some time helping our civic organizations and building partnerships with other leaders.

Q. What do you think is the largest problem facing Oakland County today?

R. I believe the growing diversity in the county must be placed on the priority list. In today's time, to much fear can be present among our newly welcomed communities. Along with establishing an open line of communication with their representations, organizations, churches and peer-groups, county government must be proactive and go to the front lines of establishing firsthand knowledge and communication with all of our communities but especially with our black, brown and asian, and other disadvantaged communities. This may open up the door to help with/in reducing crime problems and disrespect for law enforcement authority, and all laws overall. Hand in hand with establishing open communication, I believe Oakland County should establish a Law Enforcement round table where all the policing agencies in the county are at the table and involved in discussions around establishing a county standard for policing practices. I believe this may be a first ever idea and would welcome chairing such a discourse. If Oakland County could establish such a standard where all of our county policing departments trained to the same standard, and made real attempts to diversify to some level, then the next largest problem of having a growing diversity could be minimized.

Q. Applicant's Signature

R. W. Barnett Jones

Q. Date:  
R. 08/12/19

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