



## Campus Security and Chief of Police

In April 2018, David Carter was named Assistant Vice President for Campus Security and Chief of Police as he continues his leadership responsibilities for law enforcement at The University of Texas at Austin. This appointment follows a five-year tenure as the Chief of Police for the UT Police Department (UTPD) that includes a 170-member staff and presiding over the UT System's flagship campus of more than 51,000 students, 23,000 faculty and staff, 18 colleges and schools on a 350-acre campus.

Previously, his career in law enforcement included serving as the first Assistant Chief for the Austin Police Department (APD) where he was responsible for all daily operations, including the oversight of more than 2,300 employees. Prior to his role as APD's Assistant Chief, Carter was among the department's most decorated officers having earned many distinguished awards, including the APD's Distinguished Service Cross for Valor, Distinguished Command Medal, Life Saving Medal, and three Meritorious Service Medals.

Carter earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University and also is a graduate of the National Executive Institute (NEI) class XXXV, the FBI's premier executive training course. In addition, Carter graduated from the Boston Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) and the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMITE), and marked completion of the first Austin Police West Point Leadership Academy which was a joint effort between APD and UT Austin.

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## David Carter wins Police Chief of the Year

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UT System named UT Police Chief David Carter the 2017 Police Chief of the Year.

Director of Police Michael Heidingsfield annually picks Police Chief of the Year out of the 14 UT System police chiefs and said Carter is the consummate law enforcement leader.

“He is a thoughtful and dedicated police executive who embraces the community that the (UT Police Department) serves,” Heidingsfield said in an email. “He tirelessly works to make the campus community safer and mentors and coaches his (UTPD) team members. David’s pursuit of professionalism sets the standard for all of us.”

Carter entered the UT System four years ago, replacing Robert Dahlstrom as UTPD chief in July 2013. Carter began his career in law enforcement when he joined the Austin Police Department in 1985 as a patrol officer, later advancing to assistant chief and eventually chief of staff.

Over the years, Carter has won many awards such as the Distinguished Service Cross for Valor and the Distinguished Command Medal.

“I am humbled and honored to received the award of Chief of Police of the Year from UT System,” Carter said in an emailed statement. “UTPD will continue to work hard to achieve our mission of ‘Protecting those who will change the world.’”

Darrell Bazzell, UT senior vice president and CFO, released a statement yesterday about Carter being awarded.

“I’m so pleased that the UT System has honored Chief David Carter in this way,” Bazzell said in an emailed statement. “As is everyone in UTPD, the chief’s co-workers in Campus Safety and Security, and his peers and friends throughout the Financial and Administrative Services Portfolio.”

Bazzell said he is grateful for Chief Carter’s service to campus.

“The University is fortunate enough to have his caliber of law enforcement professional leading our police force,” Bazzell said in the email. “This prestigious recognition of Chief Carter is well deserved.”

Bob Harkins, associate vice president in campus safety and security, also extended his congratulations to Carter.

“All members of the University Safety and Security community are deeply proud of Chief Carter,” Harkins said. “Chief is a true leader. His impact on UTPD has been significant. We are honored to work with him.”

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