

Angel A. D. Tucker

Angel Tucker was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. He grew up in an impoverished neighborhood flooded with drugs, gangs, and violence. Within this community, Tucker experienced an incredible amount of harassment and endured daily pressure to join one of the local gangs. Rather than falling victim to this pressure, Tucker persevered, becoming a notable servant of his community for more than 30 years. As a young and ambitious leader in his neighborhood block watch, Tucker helped organize neighborhood revitalization initiatives. He has since been dedicated to mentoring youth from similar communities.



In 2011, Tucker made local history by becoming the first African-American police officer to join the Oregon Police Department (OPD) in Oregon, Ohio, where he currently serves as patrolman. During his career with OPD, Tucker has led the initiative for external carrier vests and is currently working on an initiative with the OPD, city officials, and Bowling Green State University to recruit a more diverse slate of candidates for first responders across the county. Tucker has served on the SWAT team, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Honor Guard, Bike Patrol Unit, and is currently a presenter for the Citizens Police Academy.

During his career Angel has been highly regarded as a leader and advocate in the field of mental health. His mission to bring awareness to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and continued traumatic stress disorder (CTSD) has been acknowledged and integrated into his Tactical Communication work. These efforts have been recognized locally by the mental health board and other organizations, earning him the 2020 Officer of the Year award for Lucas County.

“Being from poverty and working for a middle-class police department was a culture shock, and once I had my aha! moment, it all clicked.”

Selected workshops presented by Angel A. D. Tucker

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