

On behalf of the women and men of the Department of Campus Safety and Security (DCSS), I would like to welcome you to our website and thank you for your interest in our agency. DCSS employees are committed to the department's mission, its core values of service, integrity and respect. With direct support from the Associate Vice President of Administration and other Meharry Medical College officials, my team and I will continue to make this campus a great place to learn, study, work, live, and conduct business.

As the newly appointed Chief of Meharry's Department of Campus Safety and Security (DCSS), I am extremely grateful. Additionally, I am very proud and humbled to have been selected as the first female Chief in the history of this outstanding institution of higher learning that dates back to 1876. I am committed to building and maintaining strong relationships and trust with our faculty, staff and students, as well as the Nashville community. The DCSS will continue to strengthen and maintain partnerships with our local law enforcement agency as well as collaborating with other institutions of higher learning. I will always strive to provide quality training, equipment and career development so that Meharry's officers have the opportunity to achieve professional and personal excellence.

The DCSS currently has eighteen (18) armed officers, one (1) unarmed officer, six (6) supervisors and three civilian employees serving a diverse yet small community of approximately 750 students and 1100 employees.

You are encouraged to search our website and meet the staff and review important information pertaining to crime statistics, safety, crime reporting, emergency preparedness, traffic and parking and other resources that are needed to help ensure campus safety.

I am optimistic that the DCSS will continue on a path of excellence as we continue to address the needs of our diverse Meharry community with determination and professionalism. I am looking forward to leading the Department's future growth and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

If at any time you wish to provide us with information or should you have any questions and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (615) 327-6254, or email me at tmckinnon@mmc.edu.

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