

BIO: Captain Melissa McClellan

Division Commander, Captain Melissa McClellan, began her career at Oakland County Sheriff's Office in 1989, as a clerk in booking and promoted to Deputy in January of 1991. Captain McClellan was later promoted to Deputy II Supervisor before attending the Oakland Police Academy. Captain McClellan graduated from the Oakland Police Academy in June of 1999 – ranking second in her class. Upon graduating from the Oakland Police Academy, she transferred to road patrol where her primary assignment for Oakland County Sheriff's Office was Independence Township. After only one year of road patrol, in 2000, she was recommended for and graduated from Detective School. Captain McClellan became a Detective/School Liaison Officer overseeing cases where her specialty was child sexual assault investigations. McClellan's skillset was instrumental in breaking up a family's decades long child sexual assault ring that span across two additional counties. Her in-depth investigation and becoming the Detective in charge of the court case resulted in the imprisonment of a family of perpetrators for over 30 years.

McClellan was promoted to Sergeant in 2004 and transferred to the Corrections Division. In 2013, Captain McClellan was promoted to Lieutenant and assumed the role of Administrative Lieutenant, where her duties included overseeing special projects and jail renovations

In 2016, Captain McClellan was promoted to Executive Lieutenant and became the Jail Administrator. While Executive Lieutenant, part of her role and special skillset included jail policy, compliance and maintaining industry standards and best practices for jails and detainees that aligned with the mission of the Sheriff's Office as well as State and Federal Guidelines. She consistently maintained FULL Compliance with the Michigan Department of Corrections annual

inspections, where under her leadership Oakland County Jail was first deemed the Gold Standard of Jails.

In 2018, Captain McClellan was instrumental in developing, implementing, and creating the policy for Oakland County Sheriff's Office MAT Program - Michigan's first Medication Assisted Treatment program in a Jail. The Oakland County Jail's MAT program has become the Gold Standard of MAT programs in all of Michigan jails.

In 2020, McClellan was promoted to Captain, becoming the first female Captain in the Oakland County Sheriff's Office 200-year history.

Captain McClellan's career includes a graduate of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, where she returned to serve as mentor and senior mentor to senior level law enforcement executives from across the nation. Captain McClellan has presented in American Jail Association's leadership development conferences, as well as presented on Medication Assisted Treatment platforms during multiple conferences.

Captain McClellan is a graduate of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) Police Executives and New Chiefs School, the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and the FBI National Academy, in Quantico, Virginia.

Captain McClellan is a former member of the Board of Directors for the American Jail Association where in Feb. 2020, she was elected by members nationwide as the first African American female elected to the board of directors. Captain McClellan served a 3-year term, where she then focused her craft on implementing Oakland County Jail's COVID Guidelines and policies during the COVID epidemic.

Captain McClellan is a published co-author of an article entitled "Core Competencies and Jail Leadership: Manage Labor Relations" published in the American Jails Nov/Dec of 2017. Captain McClellan served as Secretary and Vice President of the Oakland County Command Officers Association which is now called the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Command Officers Association. Captain McClellan is an inaugural member of the Oakland County Equity Council and served on Mayor Tim Greimel's 2022 Mayoral Transition Team. Captain McClellan is a 2022 Honoree of Michigan Chronicle's Women of Excellence, a member of the Sheriff's Advisory Council and dedicated member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. In June of 2024, Captain McClellan was appointed by County Executive David Coulter to serve on Oakland County's Opioid Settlement Steering Committee. In October of 2024, Captain McClellan was selected to serve on the Overdose Fatality Review Public Health Subcommittee. Captain McClellan is Chair of Oakland County's Women 4 Women Employee Resource Group

Captain McClellan's assignments include Captain - Division Commander of Court Services Satellites Division where she leads a team of 280 + full and part time deputies and employees assigned to District and Circuit Court, Detention, and Buildings on the County Complex.

In February of 2025, Captain McClellan transitioned to Division Commander of Corrective Services Main Jail Division where she leads a team of over 361 Commanders, Deputies, and Civilian Staff.

Captain McClellan's professional memberships include the FBI National Academy Association (FBINAA), the National Sheriff's Association (NSA), the Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA), The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP), the Oakland County Association of Chiefs of Police (OCACP), and a former

*member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP),
to name a few.*