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NAKIA JONES

EX- POLICE OFFICER, AUTHOR, ACTIVIST



Being called for a time such as this, Officer Nakia Jones' passionate and heartfelt outcry over the death of Alton Sterling and other young African American males went viral and took the nation by storm. As seen on BET, The Roland Martin Show, The Tom Joyner Show, and other media outlets across the country, Officer Jones has been vocal about her outrage over the actions taken by some of her fellow men in blue. This life-altering experience inspired Officer Jones to write her book "The Truth Divided", which was released in April of 2018.

In 1999 Officer Jones joined the Highland Hills Police Department and in 2002 she was sworn in as the first African American female officer for the City of Warrensville Heights. She held that position as the Senior Response Officer until 2017. Officer Jones not only worked for the City of Warrensville Heights, but she also lived in the city. She is an active member of her community and volunteers for Career Day throughout the district. On many occasions, Officer Jones sat with Juveniles and their families, while off duty, to help resolve conflict.

Officer Jones' fervent plea over the death of Alton Sterling shook the nation. As her words resounded from coast to coast, it became clear that her life would never be the same. She has already released her book, "The Truth Divided" and is now considering authoring a follow-up book, as her journey for justice continues. Officer Jones wants to leave a positive mark on the world. She believes that if you want change it starts with the person you look at every day in the mirror; if you want change you must be that change.

Topics of Discussion

From Law Enforcement to Civil Activist
Impact of Generational Trauma
Policing While Black and Accountability