

T. Starr Cummings Biography

Financial stability, a passion to serve, and community empowerment are only a few of the qualities that Starr inherited from her family. Starr believes she has always had the best of two worlds growing up. Her father was raised in Northwest Atlanta. From him she learned her work ethic and drive - always work hard while helping as many as you can along the way. Her mother was raised in the small town of Washington, Georgia. Starr's mother instilled in her the values of patience, humility, and compassion. The beliefs and values from her parents stoked her sense of service to her community.

As a newly appointed Battalion Chief for the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, she works hard to live out and demonstrate those traits each time she puts on her uniform. Throughout her 22-year career with AFRD, she has served in various divisions of labor including Arson Investigations, Background and Recruitment, Field and Airport Operations, and Resource/Communication Management. Serving in these divisions of labor affords her the ability to stay on the pulse of the community.

Starr is a proud product of Atlanta Public Schools. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Leadership Communication as well as a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Public Administration, both from Waldorf University.

Starr has been married to Detric Cummings for 4 years. She is the mother of two strong, young men Jeylan and Jordan, and the bonus mom to Jaylon, J'Nae, and Jada.

Starr is no stranger to public service. Starr works on many community service programs with AFRD. She is the co-coordinator for Camp Ignite - a week-long program that introduces female high school juniors and seniors to the fire service. She is the coordinator for the AFRD Citizens Fire Academy (CFA)- an 8-week program that provides citizens the opportunity to find out what it is like to live a day in the life of a firefighter. The participants take part in fire training drills, receive first responder training, visit arson scenes, participate in a controlled fire burn, ride-alongs, and have an opportunity to drive the fire tiller truck.

Starr saw a need for high school students to be introduced to a non-traditional career. She created the curriculum for the AFRD Cadet Program. The Cadet Program partnered with Atlanta Public Schools serves as a career path for high school seniors who choose to enter the workforce right after high school rather than attend college or enter the military. Starr also participates in career day programs at local schools and serves as a fire education instructor at local churches and youth organizations.

The residents of East Point saw that the future was bright in the city and voted for a "Starr". There is much work to be done and I am extremely honored, grateful, and blessed to be given the opportunity to serve the great people of East Point.