



Mark Saunders

Police Foundations Leadership, 2008
Chief, Toronto Police Service

In April 2015, after 32 years with the Toronto Police Service, Mark Saunders was appointed Chief of Police, making history as the first black officer to lead the largest municipal police service in Canada and the second black leader to head a police service anywhere in Canada. He has served as co-chair of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police - Organized Crime Committee and participated as a mentor for the Black Community Consultative Committee. Saunders has also been an advocate and volunteer with Autism Speaks. He has received several awards for his work, including the Harry Jerome Award for Public Service, the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Police Exemplary Service medal. He is also an officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.