



Houston Department of
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Speaker Biography

Courtney Fontenot is the Coordinator and Crime Victim Liaison for the Houston Police Department's Victim Services Unit. She attended the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech Pathology/Audiology and a Master of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology. She has been employed with the Houston Police Department for over 21 years, beginning her career as a Crisis Counselor in the Family Violence Unit. After spearheading the Department's contribution to the "Summit on Crimes against Women," in 1992, she promoted to the Community Outreach Division where she was the department's liaison to the women and victims' communities. After years of serving in this capacity, she co-wrote and developed a proposal for a new unit to assist victims of crime. This proposal was presented to then, Police Chief C.O. Bradford, and Courtney was selected as the department's crime victim liaison and coordinator of the Victim Services Unit. She has been the coordinator since July 2001 and has worked diligently to assist victims of crime and to represent the department in many community service areas. Courtney is a native of New Orleans and even after living in Texas for over 20 years, she still refers to New Orleans as "home."