Devon Clunis
City of Winnipeg Chief of Police (ret.)

Devon was born in Jamaica and immigrated to Winnipeg in 1975 at age 11. As a young immigrant, Devon was painfully aware of the deep social inequity faced by many groups in Winnipeg. He joined the Winnipeg Police Service in 1987 to impact social change.

He rose through the ranks to be appointed Winnipeg’s 17th Chief of Police, and Canada’s first Black Chief of Police, on November 2nd, 2012.


Devon is the recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for the Advancement of Inter-religious Understanding in 2017 and serves on the following:

Board of Directors:

- Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice
- Canadian Police Knowledge Network
- Bear Clan Patrol

Devon continues to work to advance leadership in policing and community safety across North America and in late 2020, Devon was named as the first Inspector General of Policing in the province of Ontario.