



Chief Shelton has an extensive and commendable career in Hampton Roads law enforcement for more than 37 years and has led the University's Police Department as Chief of Police since April 2023.

Chief Shelton earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University and Master of Legal Studies from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. He is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.

Chief Shelton is certified as a law enforcement command executive by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. He was part of an inaugural class of law enforcement executives to complete a rigorous examination of training, education, command experience and public service to receive this distinction, and the first campus police chief to be recognized with this certification. His education is complemented by a high degree of expertise in campus law enforcement and public safety operations. While enriching professional connections across local and regional communities and governmental organizations, Chief Shelton consistently maintained a proven record of strong leadership and investigative expertise.

Chief Shelton began his career with the Portsmouth Police Department and has continued long ties in Hampton Roads. Starting in 2004, Chief Shelton held numerous command positions with the department as Captain and Interim Assistant Chief of the Operations Bureau. He demonstrated commendable service in investigations, tactical operations, special operations, and uniform patrol units throughout his 28 years with the Portsmouth Police Department. Chief Shelton then joined the ODU Police Department as Captain in 2015 and served as Interim Chief of Police from April 2022 to April 2023.

Chief Shelton upholds responsibility for the administration of operations for the University's police department and the highest level of safety for students, faculty, staff and visitors through leadership and executive oversight of the nationally and internationally accredited police department. Chief Shelton serves as a valuable member of the Division of Administration and Finance leadership team and works to maintain collaborative relationships with community stakeholders across the institution, Hampton Roads, and the commonwealth.