

## Montgomery Police Officers Will Receive Tuition-Free College Degrees

Mayor Bobby Bright recently authorized the establishment of the Montgomery Police Officer College Incentive Program. Mayor Bright states the following in an agreement letter:

**WHEREAS, the City of Montgomery wishes to provide post-secondary education to sworn police officers actively serving in the capacity of police officer in the police department of the City of Montgomery for the purpose of achieving a better-educated police force and for providing incentive to employment and continued employment, and the City having contracted with Auburn University at Montgomery to provide a program of classes for the said purpose; and**

**WHEREAS, the undersigned police officer wishes to participate in the Montgomery Police Officer College Incentive Program (hereinafter referred to as "the program") for the purpose of working toward and obtaining a post-secondary degree in criminal justice:**

**NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed as follows:**

**Tuition and Fees. The City of Montgomery shall pay to Auburn University at Montgomery (hereinafter referred to as "the University"), on behalf of the undersigned police officer, pursuant to the terms and conditions herein, the cost of tuition and fees, as prescribed by the University, for each semester that the undersigned officer is enrolled in the University's Criminal Justice Bachelor of Science program or Criminal Justice Master of Science program. The City shall not pay the cost of books or materials required for the classes or courses taken.**

As Chief of Police, it gives me great pleasure to have the ability to send officers to college tuition free. This incentive allows our officers to better themselves and at the same time better their ability to serve and protect the citizens of Montgomery. Currently, we have 108 officers who are enrolled or have made application to enroll at AUM.

Colonel A.D. Baylor

