

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

William Logan was Evanston, Illinois first African American Chief of Police. He joined the Evanston Police Department (EPD) in 1957 and became Police Chief in 1984. He served for three years and then retired to become the Director of Safety and Security where he worked for 20 years.

Logan came back to Evanston after fighting in the Korean War and he needed a job. His father saw in the Evanston Review that they were hiring police officers. At first, he didn't want to apply because he had heard that they didn't hire African Americans. But he applied anyway and he was one of two African Americans hired.

When he was a detective, he was assigned to guard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he visited Evanston in 1963. On the final day of his visit, Dr. King told him that education would be the key to his future. Logan went back to school and got his B.A. in public administration.

Chief Logan started several community programs because he believed that it's not just the police department that can prevent violence, it's the police and community. He started a Foot Patrol Program. These police officers had a very positive effect on the community. They often attended community meetings with gang members. He asked professors from several different colleges who lived in Evanston to start a Police Citizen's Research Advisory Committee.

The Committee advised the EPD to increase the number of community meetings for Evanston residents to engage with police officers. He worked closely with Mothers Against Gangs and the Police Clergy Team. The Police Clergy Team comprised clergy from churches all over Evanston. Chief Logan served on community boards including the Rotary Club, Evanston Community Foundation, Evanston's Parks and Recreation, and the Levy Center Foundation.

Chief Logan was a founding member of NOBLE.



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Marian Wright Edelman