

Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame
2016 Inductees



Willis D. Booth is a career law enforcement professional who served more than 40 years in state and local law enforcement organizations. He began his career in 1947 with the Clearwater Police Department, rising through the ranks to become chief of police in 1957. In 1968, he joined the newly formed Florida Department of Law Enforcement where he had a distinguished career until his retirement in 1984. Following his retirement from FDLE, he became the Executive Director of the Florida Police Chiefs Association, a position he held until 1991. His leadership helped shape Florida's law enforcement community. Perhaps his most important contribution is his mentorship and service as a role model for countless law enforcement executives and agencies throughout Florida.



Larry Campbell served 53 years with local and state law enforcement agencies over a distinguished career that began in 1961. He worked his way through Florida State University while serving as a detention deputy with the Leon County Sheriff's Office. After college, he was promoted to deputy sheriff and chief of detectives. From 1971-1981, he worked for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Hired as FDLE's first undercover agent, he eventually became the special agent in charge of the Tampa and Miami offices, and deputy director of the Division of Criminal Justice Information Systems. He won the J. Edgar Hoover award of excellence at the FBI National Academy in 1973. He returned to the Leon County Sheriff's Office in 1981 as undersheriff and was elected sheriff in 1996, a position he held until his death in 2014. Throughout his career, he was actively involved in helping youth through the Boy Scouts, Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, Special Olympics and Cops for Kids.



Thomas D. Hurlburt Jr. began his law enforcement career in 1968 with the Orlando Police Department. Rising through the ranks, in 1992 he was promoted to chief of police. During his tenure as chief, he became known for firm but fair leadership and dedication to the community, actively seeking to diversify Orlando's police force to reflect the community it served. In 1998, he was appointed Orange County's director of public safety, overseeing fire/rescue, corrections, emergency management, and the drug-free community office. In 2003, he was appointed by President George W. Bush as U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of Florida. He and the U.S. Marshal from the Northern District of Florida established the first Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force. Retiring in 2011, his law enforcement career spanned over four decades, and established a legacy for promoting community policing.

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James F. Medley served more than 35 distinguished years with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. He began his law enforcement career in 1977 as a deputy sheriff. In 1986, he was promoted to detective and investigated major crimes, including many high-profile homicides. In 2004, he was named "Detective of the Year." His dedication, investigative work, and inter-agency cooperation led to the capture of the Dougherty Gang and other violent suspects, bringing closure to victim families. As a 17-year member of the SWAT Team, he was looked upon as a team leader. He also served on the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard. Until his 2012 retirement, he was among the longest continuously certified deputy sheriffs in Pasco County history. In 2014, he rejoined the Pasco County Sheriff's Office in a part-time capacity, serving as a background investigator.



Leonidas George Mavro Thalassites began his law enforcement career in 1956 with Metro-Dade Police Department. In 1963, he joined the Hialeah Police Department, rising to lieutenant before retiring in 1990. Soon after, he joined the Tampa Police Department working in a reserve capacity and is currently a reserve officer with Hialeah Police Department. He is the oldest serving law enforcement officer in America according to the International Police Association. Throughout his life, he has been dedicated to serving others joining the Marine Corps at 14 and serving in World War II and the Korean War. He served in all five branches of the U.S. Military and has been a trainer for law enforcement and military units around the world. He has a special interest in helping U.S. veterans and works with Pinellas County Veteran Services, assisting veterans and their families.