

Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame
2020 Inductees



Lawrence W. Crow Jr. began his law enforcement career as a police cadet at the Lakeland Police Department in 1962. He moved through the ranks and was appointed police chief in 1980. In 1987, he was appointed Polk County Sheriff by Gov. Bob Martinez. Crow restructured the agency and pursued professional law enforcement and detention accreditations. Sheriff Crow is also credited with modernizing the sheriff's office. He instituted laptop computers in patrol cars, used computer-driven crime analysis, and launched the agency's first interactive internet and intranet platforms. Though he is a fiscal conservative, he believed in making financial investments in public safety: "Cheap law enforcement isn't good, and good law enforcement isn't cheap." Sheriff Crow served with distinction as the chair of the Florida

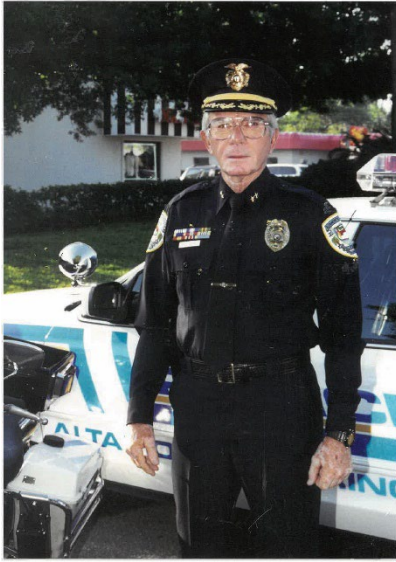
Sheriffs Youth Ranches, on the Florida Sheriffs Association Board of Directors, and the governor's Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Systems Council. Sheriff Crow was reelected every term until 2004, when he retired as Polk County's longest serving sheriff. His career has been one of professionalism and progress, and he has left a legacy of excellence and outstanding accomplishment.



James M. Gabbard began his law enforcement career in 1968 when, at the age of 19, he joined the West Palm Beach Police Department. Over the next 18 years he worked within every division of that department and was recognized for his work as a patrol officer, drug investigator, detective and ultimately, a division commander. He was often recognized for his expertise in the investigation of high profile violent crimes and complex drug organizations. In 1986 he was appointed Chief of Police in Vero Beach. Chief Gabbard focused his efforts on modernizing the department and attaining state law enforcement accreditation. He was an integral part in the construction of a new state-of-the-art police headquarters and firearms training facility. In 2005 Chief Gabbard retired from the police department to become City Manager of Vero Beach, serving in that position until 2011. A

recognized leader among his peers, Chief Gabbard was a founding member, and first President of the Treasure Coast Chiefs and Sheriffs Association. He served as President of the Florida Police Chief's Association in 1997-1998 and has remained active as a trustee for its Education and Research Foundation and a member of the Executive Search Program. In 2005, Governor Bush recognized Chief Gabbard and his department for saving lives during Hurricane Frances. Chief Gabbard was inducted into the FPCA Wall of Honor in 2009 and in 2010, he received the Evelyn D. Williams award from Governor Crist for his outstanding work on behalf of Florida's Missing Children.

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William A. Liquori began his law enforcement career with the Orlando Police Department in 1958. He rose through the ranks working, supervising, and managing nearly all divisions and bureaus of the department. He retired in 1982 as deputy chief of police. After he retired, he was hired as police chief for Altamonte Springs. During his time at Altamonte Springs, Chief Liquori reshaped the department into one that attained national recognition; today it is a leader in community policing and problem solving. The Weber Seavey Award recognized the department twice for its innovative programs. Chief Liquori retired in 2002 after 20 years as chief, and 44 combined years of service. Chief Liquori has served in many roles, including president of the Florida Police Chiefs Association, chair of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, commissioner and chair of the Commission for Florida Law

Enforcement Accreditation and a member and chair of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Education and Training Committee. Chief Liquori teaches nationally for several associations, colleges, and academies in the areas of ethics, discipline, and internal affairs, as well as budgeting and management of law enforcement agencies.



William "Jay" Romine began his career in law enforcement in 1979 as an auxiliary police officer for Holmes Beach. He achieved the rank of sergeant in 1986 and continued to rise through the ranks until he was appointed chief of police in 1993. In 2002, the governor appointed Chief Romine to serve on the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC), and he was reappointed in 2006 and 2012. He served 3 years as CJSTC Chair, and at the end of his chairmanship was awarded the Law Enforcement Champion Award by the PBA for his fairness in dealing with officers. In 2004, a year when several hurricanes made landfall in Florida, Chief Romine was elected to serve as president of the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA). Under his guidance, FPCA was a leader in coordinating disaster response to all areas of the state. After retiring in 2013, he was appointed director of the Law Enforcement Academy at

Manatee Technical College and he continues to serve in that capacity today. He was elected by his peers to the chair of the Florida Criminal Justice Training Center Directors Association, and he is the leader of the 40 certified training centers in Florida. Chief Romine has spent his career leading by example and striving to make Florida a leader in law enforcement excellence.

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Donna Uzzell began her law enforcement career in 1981 as a patrol officer with the Tallahassee Police Department, where she achieved the rank of sergeant in 1987. In 1993, she was hired as a program manager at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). In 1996, she became the director of Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS), where she served for 17 years. During her time in CJIS, she helped establish the Florida sexual offender/predator and career offender registration programs. She was also responsible for establishing the Florida AMBER Alert, Missing Child Alert, and Silver Alert programs. She worked closely with members of the Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse Advisory Board, and was a driving force behind Florida's annual Missing Children's Day. In 2014, as

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of Statewide Investigative Services, she served as Homeland Security Advisor and worked to revise and update the state's domestic security processes and plans. In 2018, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission was created; she worked countless nights and weekends to support the Commission and its investigation. SAC Uzzell retired from FDLE in January 2020 after 39 years of dedicated service to the criminal justice community.