

## **Benjamin Hollinger**

Benjamin Hollinger started his career in Alabama with the Monroeville Police Department in 1982. He joined the ranks of the Florida Highway Patrol in 1984, graduating from the 64th Recruit Class. Assigned to Miami, Florida, Benjamin quickly distinguished himself with his exemplary DUI and speed enforcement performance. His sharp attention to detail and unwavering professionalism earned him recognition from his superiors, leading to assignments in Dignitary Protection and as a Field Training

Officer. He furthered his expertise through additional training in Interview and Interrogation, Basic Traffic Homicide, and Background Investigations.

In 1986, Benjamin assumed the Recruiter and Background Investigator role for the South Florida area, playing a pivotal role in shaping the careers of over 1,700 troopers over 38 years. His mentorship has been instrumental in the success of numerous individuals within the force, including retired Major Christian Delapetra, retired Captain Brad Pelton, and Current Troop E Major Ellery Collado. His helpful guidance during FTO training with former Colonel David Brierton was the most notable of them all.

Despite his administrative duties, Benjamin remains committed to his primary role as a highway patrolman, dedicating approximately I20 hours to traffic enforcement on the roadways of Miami-Dade County annually. His exemplary record of 42 years of service reflects his steadfast dedication to ensuring the safety of Florida's roadways and upholding the highest standards of courtesy, service, and protection.