



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### **BILL BUTLER**

Bill Butler started his career with Atlantic Inter-City as a Paramedic in 1978 at just 18 years old. He fulfilled his lifelong dream to be a police officer when he joined the Oakland Park Public Safety Department in Broward County, where he served in multiple assignments, including Patrol, Canine Handler, Field Training Officer, SWAT Team member, Detective, and instructor for new recruits.

In 1998, Bill was hired as a Special Agent in the Protective Operations Section for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, assigned to the Governor's Mansion. In 2003, Bill was promoted to Special Agent Supervisor at FDLE's Miami Regional Operations Center. There, he coordinated the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force encompassing Monroe, Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. In 2004, he was promoted to Chief of Protective Operations, allowing him to return to Tallahassee. At the conclusion of Jeb Bush's term as Governor, Bill was assigned as Chief of FDLE's Domestic Security Preparedness.

In 2007, Bill joined the Tallahassee Police Department working in Patrol, Tactical Street Crimes, and the Criminal Intelligence Unit. He also served on the department's Tactical Apprehension and Control Team as a Crisis Negotiator. While working in property crimes, his unit received a Critical Incident Citation for a large-scale case that recovered multiple guns and stolen vehicles and a Unit Citation.