



Brent Coughlin

Brent Coughlin is a native of Tallahassee who has dedicated the majority of his adult life to protecting and serving the citizens of Leon County. He graduated from Leon H.S., earned an AA in Criminal Justice from TCC and a B.S. in Criminology from FSU.

Brent was sworn in as a Reserve Deputy with the Leon County Sheriff's Office in 1980 and then a full-time Deputy in 1982. Over the next 34 years with the agency, he served in many capacities. He began as a patrol deputy and then a Detective investigating Crimes against Persons. Over the years he was promoted to the rank of Major.

In addition to his primary assignments, Brent served on the Leon County Sheriff's Office Hostage Negotiation Team for over 28 years and was the team Commander for 18 years.

Brent has facilitated crisis intervention training locally, regionally and on the state level. He served two terms as regional director, VP and elected two terms as President for the Florida Association of Hostage Negotiators. He currently volunteers on the Executive Board as an advisor for FAHN.

Since retiring from LCSO in 2016, Brent has been employed with the Florida Sheriffs Risk Management Fund as a Loss Control Specialist, working with member Sheriffs Offices statewide to reduce risk and mitigate liability.

For over 25 years Brent volunteered as a Wish Granter with the Make A Wish Foundation. He is a member of Kiwanis Tallahassee Northside and he is a graduate of Leadership Tallahassee Class 32. Brent and his wife Stephanie have two adult daughters.

Watch the video presented at the 2021 Heroes in Public Safety Ceremony of Mike Wood speaking on behalf of Brent Coughlin [HERE](#).