



Leon Gill

Leon Gill was born and raised in Live Oak, Florida, and graduated from Suwannee High School in 1961. Upon graduation from North Florida Junior College and Hillsborough Community College, Gill joined the Florida Highway Patrol in 1966 as a member of the 30th Basic Recruit Class.

Gill has had a lifelong career in public safety across the entire state of Florida. From his first duty station was in Haines City, to his promotions to Corporal in Miami and sub-district Supervisor Tampa. In 1984, his promotion to First Sergeant at the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Academy in Tallahassee allowed him to serve as administrative assistant to the Chief Training Officer and as an Academy Staff Instructor. He was later promoted to First Lieutenant at the FHP Academy in 1986. Gill then went on to graduate from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, in Quantico, Virginia in 1987.

In 2001, Gill retired from the Florida Highway Patrol and joined the FHP Reserve. Re-employed by the Florida Highway Patrol in 2002 and assigned as Troop Training Coordinator in Lake City. Gill retired from the Florida Highway Patrol again in 2017, again joining the FHP Reserve. In total, Leon Gill has served 51 years and 3 months as a uniformed member of the Florida Highway Patrol. He has also enjoyed a career as adjunct instructor for institutions including North Florida Community College, Florida Gateway College, and the Florida Public Safety Institute.

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