

## CLASS OF 2020

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### David Harvey

Sheriff Harvey was elected in 1976 at the age of 26 as Florida's youngest Sheriff in modern time and retired 35 years later in 2011 as Florida's longest tenured Sheriff. When elected he inherited an office with 11 eleven employees and an 18-bed jail. When he retired, Harvey commanded 180 employees and a 350-bed jail.

During Harvey's tenure he became the President of the Florida Sheriffs Association and was appointed by several Governors to statewide Boards. Under his leadership, Wakulla was the first rural county Sheriff's Office to become accredited in both law enforcement and corrections by the State of Florida.

Harvey is a graduate of Florida State University, The National Sheriff's Institute and the FBI National Academy.

When he retired as Sheriff in 2011, Harvey was selected by his fellow Sheriffs to become the first Executive Director ever of the Florida Sheriff's Risk Management Fund. For five years he oversaw insurance and risk management for 59 Sheriffs and 20,000 sworn and non-sworn personnel for liability, auto and workers compensation. He again retired in 2016.

When he retired the Florida Sheriff's Insurance Programs were collecting \$60,000,000 in annual premiums with \$300,000,000 plus in reserves and investable assets when Harvey retired in 2016. During his tenure as Executive Director Harvey was elected to the Board of the prestigious National Association of Government Risk Pools.

Now as founder, President and CEO of David F. Harvey & Associates, Harvey continues to support public sector law enforcement and corrections, as well as several private companies, as a lobbyist and consultant. He has traveled the state extensively for the past seven years assisting Sheriffs.

Harvey remains the youngest elected Sheriff and longest tenured Sheriff in Florida history.

Watch the video presented at the 2020 Heroes in Public Safety Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony of Steven Casey speaking on behalf of David Harvey [HERE](#).