

PUBLIC SAFETY HALL OF FAME

Induction into the Public Safety Hall of Fame honors individuals whose service and leadership have meaningfully advanced the field of public safety. This distinction recognizes those whose careers reflect sustained excellence, dedication, and a deep commitment to strengthening the communities they serve.

Hall of Fame inductees have made significant contributions through their leadership, innovation, and service at the local, state, or national level. Their impact has helped shape the public safety profession and set a standard of integrity and professionalism for those who follow in their footsteps.

PUBLIC SAFETY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES CLASS OF 2026

Janet Hartman,

Tallahassee State College, Florida Public Safety Institute

Janet Hartman has made a lasting impact on law enforcement and training across Florida. Rising to the rank of Chief with the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, she led statewide enforcement operations and regulatory initiatives. In 2023, she was appointed Executive Director of the Florida Public Safety Institute, becoming the first woman to serve in the role. She now oversees critical training programs that serve thousands of public safety professionals, continuing to shape the future of law enforcement and criminal justice education statewide.



Mary Nicholson,

Tallahassee Leon County Dispatch Agency

In her role with the Tallahassee–Leon County Consolidated Dispatch Agency, Mary Patricia Nicholson has provided steady leadership and operational expertise across public safety and higher education. As Employee Services Administrator, she oversees human resources and finance for mission-critical emergency communications. Her career spans senior administrative roles with the Leon County Sheriff's Office and multiple colleges, where she strengthened organizational systems, supported public safety operations, and advanced overall effectiveness through service-driven leadership.



Marty West,

U.S. Marshals Service

Marty West has served more than three decades with the U.S. Marshals Service, specializing in violent fugitive apprehension and multi agency operations. A founding member of the Northern Florida Violent Fugitive Task Force, he advanced to senior leadership and now serves as Deputy Commander of the Florida–Caribbean Regional Fugitive Task Force. He oversees large scale operations coordinating federal, state, and local partners to enhance regional and national public safety.



Mark Wheeler,

Tallahassee Police Department (RETIRED)

A longtime leader in law enforcement and training, Mark Wheeler dedicated more than 40 years to advancing public safety. A 30-year veteran of the Tallahassee Police Department, he served as a lieutenant and held leadership roles in tactical operations, homeland security, training, and special investigations. Following his retirement, he has trained thousands of officers statewide, earning recognition for advancing firearms instruction, officer survivability, and professional policing standards.

