

Robert "Doc" Boissiere

Robert "Doc" Boissiere, born in 1947 to a military family, attended 13 different schools from Europe to Hawaii before his graduation in 1965. Earning an AA from Tallahassee Community College and a BA from Florida State University, Boissiere went on to pursue a career in public safety, starting with the pilot EMT Program at TCC.

Boissiere's career in public safety has been patterned with "firsts". In 1972, Boissiere took Leon county's first ambulance service call, and he also took the first Paramedic exam in Florida.

In addition to his EMT career, Boissiere has served as an instructor of many subjects, including Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Trauma Life Support, and International Trauma Life Support. He has also been recognized for his dedication to the field, receiving such distinctions as the Knights of Columbus Terry McGowan Memorial Paramedic of the Year Award and the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Employee of the Year Award.

Boissiere retired in 2008. He has a wife, Jenny, and two daughters, Gabrielle and Madeline. Reflecting on his contributions to the field, Boissiere says, "I was fortunate enough to be given the privilege of caring for the citizens of Leon County at critical, life-changing events in their lives for more than three decades, and, also, had the good fortune to work alongside remarkable, dedicated people every day. I have been truly blessed during my service career.