



Michael A. Terhune

Mike Terhune began his public service unknowingly from an early age with a childhood fascination of fire trucks. Terhune attended FSU in 1986, the Lively Fire academy in 1990, where he officially became a certified Florida Firefighter.

In 1991, he joined the US Coast Guard and became a Port Securityman. Upon returning to Tallahassee, he attended TCC and became a certified EMT/Paramedic as well as earning his AS in EMS technology. In June of 1995, Tallahassee Fire Department hired him as well as Tallahassee Memorial EMS. That same year he transferred to the US Navy reserve and became a field medical technician.

Throughout the 25 years at TFD, he has achieved promotion to Engineer and Lieutenant. He was also tasked with teaching EMT refresher classes, BLS, ACLS, ITLS and PALS. In 2004 he took over a temporary position running a Regional Medical Assistance Team for the State of Florida. He was also part of the development of TFD transition to ALS first response. After returning from his second deployment to Iraq, he developed the Tactical Medic program with Tallahassee Police Tactical Apprehension and Control.

Terhune has spent his entire career bettering himself professionally with schooling and certifications and has a BS in Fire Science, MS in Disaster Management and Executive Fire Leadership, Fire Officer I and II, Safety Officer, Public Information Officer, HazMat Tech, Occupational Safety and Health. He has been a member of TFD Honor Guard, Apparatus Committee, Health and safety, and awards program. He has also received numerous awards, including recognition from the City of Tallahassee and other organizations.

Watch the video presented at the 2021 Heroes in Public Safety Banquet of Charles Dery speaking on behalf of Michael Terhune [HERE](#).