

## William Blanton

William Blanton has served Leon County citizens as a Public Safety Communications Operator since 1991. He started his career with the Tallahassee Police Department and moved to the Consolidated Dispatch Agency at its inception. During this time, Will has concurrently served in law enforcement dispatch, fire dispatch, and EMS call-taking roles, as well as a communications training officer, recruiter, and public information officer.

Before becoming a public safety communications officer, Will was a nuclear, biological, and chemical warfare specialist and a non-commissioned officer in the Army's 84th Chemical Company and Florida National Guard. He is a distinguished veteran of Operation Desert Storm.

Will enjoys traveling with his wife, is an avid outdoorsman, and enjoys hiking and biking. In his free time, Will is well-known for his work as a radio disc jockey, professional announcer (Tallahassee Roller Derby), martial arts instructor (over 20 years UPKUDO), and wedding officiant. He is also a subcontractor for the United States Bureau of Land Management for Burning Man.