

## CLASS OF 2020

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### George Wilson

Lieutenant George Wilson began his career in Law Enforcement in 1985 at the age of 20 and has served for 35 years with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and its predecessor agency, the Game and Freshwater Fish Commission. George attended Lively Area Vocational-Technical Center later to become the Florida Public Safety Institute. George's first assignment in conservation law enforcement was in Glades County. He has served in various counties around the State and has resided for the past 23 years in Polk County. George obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida with a major in Accounting.

George has served as a Patrol Officer, K-9 Officer, Boating Fatality Investigator, Undercover Officer, Patrol Lieutenant and Investigations Supervisor.

George has served most of his career in the Investigations section. He was recruited into the Commission's undercover program in 1994 working for more than four years in long-term undercover assignments. George promoted through the ranks to Lieutenant to later supervise some of the Commission's largest undercover, organized, wildlife criminal investigations.

George has strived to advance the agency's expertise in wildlife investigations. George created the agency's Basic Covert Operations Training Academy and has been the lead instructor for the past 12 years. George was assigned to supervise the agency's Internet Crimes Unit and has fostered the unit to be the largest wildlife conservation internet crimes program in the nation. George integrated digital forensics into the agency's investigations program and became the agency's first certified computer forensics examiner. George now supervises the Digital Forensics Program, Internet Crimes Program and Technical Surveillance Unit. George maintains certifications as a Certified Computer Forensics Examiner, Certified Technical Investigator, Certified Cyber Crime Examiner and Certified Economic Crime Forensic Examiner.

Lieutenant George Wilson will retire from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, December 31<sup>st</sup> with 36 years in law enforcement.

Watch the video presented at the 2020 Heroes in Public Safety Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of James Barrow speaking on behalf of George Wilson [HERE](#).