



## CLASS OF 2021

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### **Thomas Coe**

Tom Coe began his public safety career in 1972 with the Tallahassee Police Department. In 1997, he was selected as assistant city manager by City Manager Anita Favors Thompson. This began a 17-year tenure overseeing the operations of the police and fire departments, parks and recreation, and the neighborhood and community services department.

Coe earned his AA degree from TCC in 1969 and a Criminology degree from Florida State University in 1971. He returned to FSU and earned a Master's degree in Public Administration in 1990.

He is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He is also a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police sponsored by the Harvard Business School.

During his career Coe has served on numerous boards and is the recipient of many awards, including induction into the TCC Alumni Hall of Fame. He is extremely proud of his instrumental roles in creating the Juvenile Assessment Center and in the establishment of the Consolidated Dispatch Agency.

Coe's family has the distinction of providing more than 114 years of continuous service to the citizens of Tallahassee. Coe's grandfather, Pinkney Coe, joined the Tallahassee Fire Department in 1906 and served as chief from 1912 to 1940. His father, Ridgway Coe was an Assistant Fire Chief and served over 42 years with TFD. Tom and Patty were married in 1975 and have two sons, Matthew and Michael. Both sons are Tallahassee firefighters. The Coe's are proud that their sons are continuing the family tradition of service. They're also proud to have four wonderful grandchildren.

Coe retired in 2014 after 42 years of service, he continues to lend his expertise to law enforcement agencies and governments through consulting and training.

Watch the video presented at the 2021 Heroes in Public Safety Banquet of Anita Favors speaking on behalf of Tom Coe [HERE](#).