



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### **DONNIE CRUM**

Born and raised in Wakulla County, Donnie Crum graduated in the last class of Sopchoppy High School in 1968. He went on to attend law enforcement classes at the Lively Law Enforcement Academy and attended Gulf Coast Junior College.

Donnie began his law enforcement career in 1973 with the Sheriff's Auxiliary. He then spent the next 35 years diligently working his way through the ranks of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. He worked as a Special Agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in domestic narcotics operations between 1985 and 1989 before returning home to assume the position of Major, then Undersheriff of Wakulla County. The pinnacle of his career came when he was appointed Sheriff twice; the first as Interim Sheriff by former Governor Charlie Crist and then as Sheriff by former Governor Rick Scott in 2011, where he served until his retirement in 2013.

Donnie attended the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute and became certified in the Investigation and Prosecution of Jamaican Gangs. He was a proud member of the Florida Sheriff's Association, the Florida Intelligence Unit (FIU), and a founding member of the extremely successful Big Bend Narcotics Task Force. Over the course of 38 years, he worked undercover with local, state, and federal agencies, including the Florida Marine Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, Drug Enforcement Agency, and U.S. State Attorney's Office, which resulted in the seizure of drugs and money totaling millions of dollars. These operations led to the prosecution of hundreds of offenders and contributed to his lifelong and decorated law enforcement career.