

ANNUAL REPORT

2019



Gainesville Fire Rescue



Gainesville Fire Rescue

Mission Statement

To protect and serve through community involvement, education, prevention, and rapid intervention by professionals committed to excellence.

Department Vision

Gainesville Fire Rescue will be recognized as the model of excellence by the provision of our services.

Department Organization

Administration 1025 NE 13th Street 352-334-5078

Office of the Fire Chief
Information Management

Operations 1025 NE 13th Street 352-334-5078

Fire Station 1 525 S Main Street
Fire Station 2 2210 SW Archer Road
Fire Station 3 900 NE Waldo Road
Fire Station 4 10 SW 36th Street
Fire Station 5 1244 NW 30th Avenue
Fire Station 6 3638 NE 39th Avenue (Airport)
Fire Station 7 5601 NW 43rd Street
Fire Station 8 3223 NW 42nd Avenue
Fire Station 9 4213 SW 30th Avenue

Risk Reduction Bureau 1025 NE 13th Street 352-334-5065

Fire Marshal
Fire Safety Inspection
Fire Investigative Services
Fire and Life Safety Education

Training Bureau 1026 NE 14th Street 352-334-5075

Training, Recruitment, and Community Instruction
Community Resource Paramedicine

Accredited by the
Commission on Fire
Accreditation International
2019-2024

CFAI Self-Assessment Categories

- 1 Governance and Administration
- 2 Assessment and Planning
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Leadership & Diversity



Jeffrey Lane
Fire Chief



JoAnne Rice
Deputy Chief



Stephen Hesson
Assistant Chief



Shawn Hillhouse
Assistant Chief



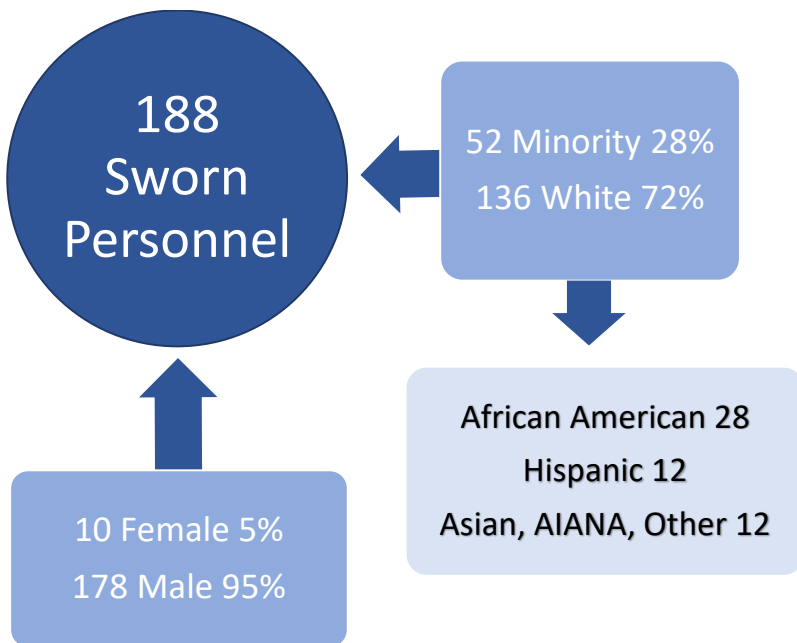
David McIntire
District Chief
Emergency Manager/
Grants/Accreditation



Michael Steele
District Chief
Training

Operations District Chiefs

D.G. Campbell
Sean Campbell
Adam Hinton
James Lovvorn
Jeff Schuhmacher
Cary Williams



Demographics
for Sworn
Personnel as of
October 1, 2019



Apparatus, Stations, & Staffing

Fire Station # 1	525 South Main Street	2018
Fire Station # 2	2210 SW Archer Road	1976
Fire Station # 3	900 NE Waldo Road	1960
Fire Station # 4	10 SW 36th Street	1964
Fire Station # 5	1244 NW 30th Avenue	1965
Fire Station # 6	3638 NE 39th Avenue	2017
Fire Station # 7	5601 NW 43rd Street	1981
Fire Station # 8	3223 NW 42nd Avenue	2011
Modular Station #9	4213 SW 30th Avenue	2017
6 Engines—2 Towers—2 Quints		
2 Airport Firefighting Units		
1 Hazmat Response Unit at ST 2		
1 Squad Unit at ST 1		
1 Squad - Peak Unit at ST 3		
2 District Chief SUV's		
1 Air and Light Truck at ST 1		

198 FTE's in 2019

- 87 Firefighters
- 42 Driver Operators
- 39 Lieutenants
- 6 District Chiefs
- 1 Chief
- 1 Deputy Chief
- 2 Assistant Chiefs
- 1 District Chief / Emergency Manager
- 1 District Chief Training
- 3 Training Captains
- 1 Investigative Services Officer
- 4 Fire Safety Inspectors
- 1 Fire and Life Safety Educator
- 1 Community Resource Paramedicine Program Coordinator
- 1 Technical Systems Analyst, Sr.
- 1 Technical Systems Analyst II
- 1 Logistics Officer
- 0.5 Supply and Equipment Specialist
- 1 Account Clerk, Sr.
- 1 Administrative Assistant to Fire Chief
- 1 Executive Assistant, Sr.
- 1 Staff Specialist
- 1 Staff Assistant

188 Sworn Personnel - 174 On Shift
10 Support Staff



GFR By The Numbers 2019



133,000
City of Gainesville
Resident Population

\$19.3 Million
Department Budget FY189

64+
City of Gainesville
Square Miles

23,187,087
Square Feet Inspected
by Fire Safety Inspectors



Number of Fire Departments
Both ISO 2 and Accredited

88 Nationwide **5** in Florida

18,797

Total Incidents in the
City Limits

232

Night Inspections
of Local Businesses

70,000

Estimated citizen contacts
through all programs

23,669

Total GFR Unit
Responses in the City
Limits

62 Confirmed Building Fires
in the City Limits

\$10,311,832 Value of
Property Saved

Public Education Events **248**

38,112 Citizens Touched



87% of Property Value at
Risk Saved

232 Car Seat Installations

9 Fires Intentionally Set

34 Crowd Managers Trained

36 Recurrent Cases and

92 Wellness Visit Patients

Managed by Community Resource
Paramedicine

642 People Trained in CPR

Fires in Inspected
Commercial Structures
1

(Year of Inspection: 2017)

26 Firefighters Hired

7 Firefighters Retired



40 Cardiac Arrest Patients
Arriving at ER with a Pulse

15 Patients with a Pulse
who had Bystander CPR

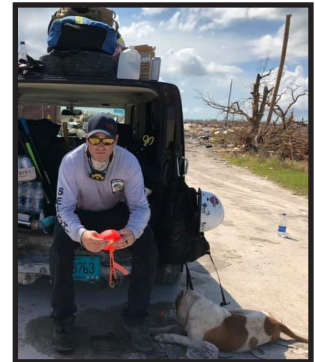
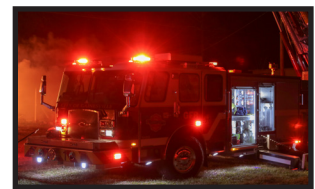
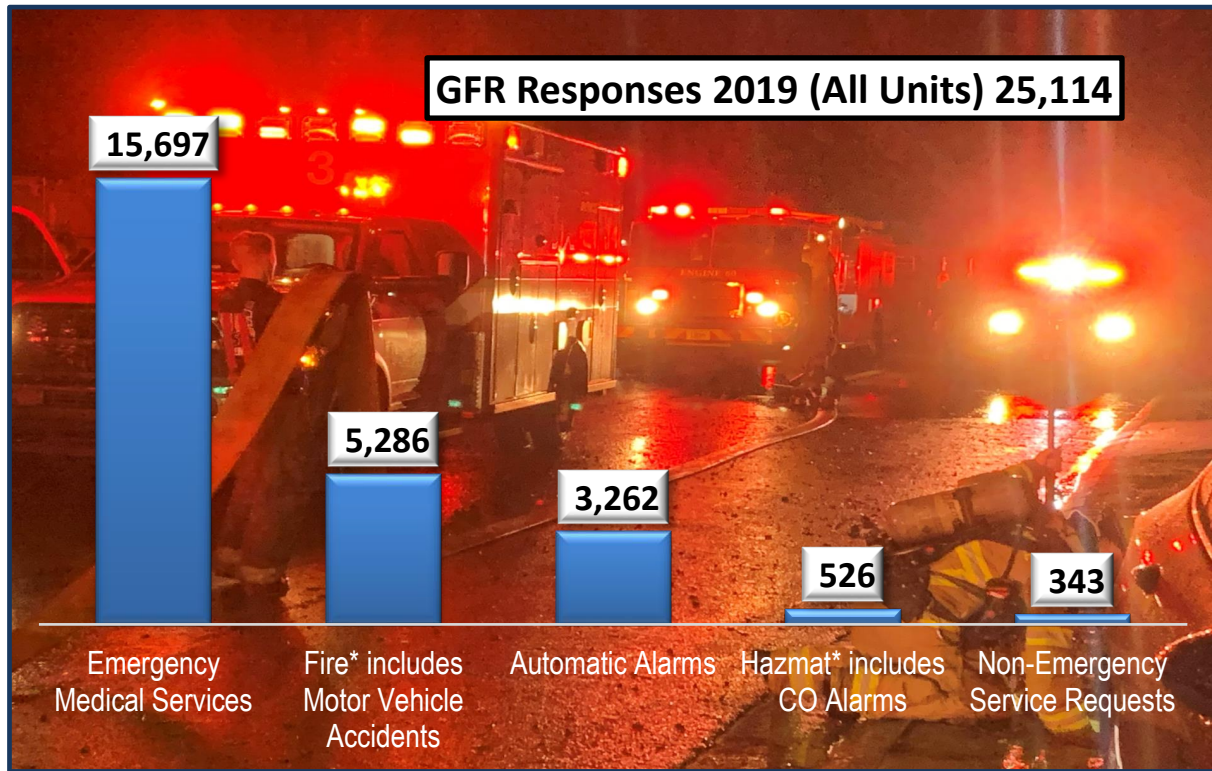
8 Firefighter Injuries
at the Fireground

18 Firefighter Injuries at
Non-Fire Emergencies



GFR Unit Responses

2019 GFR Unit Responses by Station 23,423
City and Automatic Aid Area



Annual Program Appraisals

Command Staff annually appraise each program for effectiveness and future needs. Detailed reports look at performance, training, resources, accomplishments, and sustainability needs. Here are *highlights*.

5A.5 Fire Prevention - Assistant Chief Stephen Hesson

The Risk Reduction Bureau received one additional Fire Safety Inspector position in October 2019 to bring the total to four. Prevention efforts included over 4,300 building inspections for over 23 million square feet. The unit also completed 213 special event permit reviews and 45 special event inspections for safety needs. False alarm reduction efforts resulted in an 8% decrease.

5B.3. Public Education - Fire and Life Safety Educator Krista Ott

Education efforts to reduce injury from fire, traffic, and other risks included 98 company visits, 41 station tours, 43 presentations, crowd manager training, car seat installations, and five youth firesetter interventions. Outreach remains limited as the program has only one full-time educator who partners with Public Works and local Law Enforcement to extend educational opportunities.

5C.5 Investigative Services - Investigative Services Officer Kelly DeRasmo

Out of 55 fire investigations, two were confirmed as arson and one involved a juvenile firesetter. Both arson investigations resulted in arrests. The GFR ISO works closely with the Fire and Life Safety Educator to help focus prevention efforts based on fire origin findings.

5E.3 Fire Suppression - Assistant Chief Shawn Hillhouse

GFR's Operations personnel responded to 271 incidents reported as building fires and over 1,400 automatic fire alarms. The 90th percentile total response time for the first arriving unit to incidents dispatched as building fires was 8 minutes 39 seconds and 14 minutes 53 seconds to get all units onscene. GFR continues to operate out of a temporary fire station in southwest Gainesville and has been seeking a location to build a permanent station. The demand on the east side of town is being met by the addition of a part-time Squad joining Engine 3 on Waldo Road. These two units are often busy on separate incidents at the same time and together handle nearly 20% of the demand.

5F.7 Emergency Medical Services - Training Captain Betty Braun

GFR's Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighter/Paramedics responded to over 16,700 medical incidents including over 100 cardiac arrests. Bystander intervention continues to improve patients' outcome potential with a 75% resuscitation rate compared to a 30% rate for events with no bystander CPR. GFR's efforts to support community CPR capability included the training of over 630 citizens in Basic Life Support.



Annual Program Appraisals

5G.3 Technical Rescue - District Chief Don Campbell, Jr.

GFR continues to train and staff the 29 member Light Technical Rescut Team LTRT #310 to provide rescue services locally and regionally in the United States. Team members also provide much needed search and rescue services after devastating events and participated in recovery efforts due to Hurricane Dorian in both Florida and the shattered area of Marsh Harbor in the Bahamas.

5H.3 Hazardous Materials - Interim Training Captain Erick Peña

GFR trains a Type 1 Hazardous Materials Response Team that serves a 12-county region. Technicians receive 160 hours of initial training and 16 hours every three weeks. The team responded to over 240 incidents including assistance to Alachua, Suwanee, and Union counties and continues to provide monitoring and response preparedness for University of Florida football games.

5I.2 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting - District Chief Cary Williams

GFR had 23 ARFF certified personnel to ensure 24/7 staffing at the Gainesville Regional Airport. They provided services to three aircraft with problems such as minor fuel leaks, cockpit smoke, and landing gear failure. One of these specialty units was also deployed to suppress a fuel fire from a gasoline tanker involved in a vehicle crash. In addition to aircraft responses, the ARFF team responded to 24 medical calls on the airport property.

11B.6 Health and Safety / Physical Fitness - District Chief Don Campbell, Jr.

The Health and Safety Committee (HSC) provides essential support for the wellness of first responders. They ensure that annual physicals and five-year physicals are completed, that personal protective equipment is inspected, maintained, and replaced, and that Peer Fitness Trainers are available to assist personnel with individual training needs. Prevention efforts helped to keep fireground injuries down to two in 2019. To improve early stage cancer detection, GFR began using Life Scan in 2019. GFR also continues to learn more about and develop resources to support the emotional and mental well-being of our team.

9B.10 Communications - District Chief Adam Hinton

In 2019, the trunked radio system received a multi-million dollar upgrade and meets all of the best accepted practices with regards to the Department of Homeland Security's guidelines for interoperable communications. The radio service agreement with GRUCom ends in September 2020 and the City of Gainesville is working on a new agreement.

5L.2 Community Resource Paramedicine (CRP) - Program Coordinator Ariella Bak

The CRP seeks to improve the quality of life for our neighbors with chronic health conditions by empowering patients to make positive personal health choices and to successfully navigate the healthcare system. The program helped 38 patients reduce hospital admissions by 60% and emergency room visits by 40%.



Awards and Honors

Medal of Valor

Assistant Chief Joseph Hillhouse
Lieutenant Chad Belger
Lieutenant Jonathan Cicio
Lieutenant Rutledge Rogers
Driver Operator Jose Paredes
Driver Operator Timothy Davis

Employees of the Year

Chief Officer—Cary Williams
Company Officer—Jon Cicio
Driver Operator—Jose Paredes
Firefighter—Tim Davis
EMS Provider—Paul Bruney
Instructor—Jose Paredes
Athlete—Max Baggaley
Admin. Employee—Kevin Gutierrez
Dispatcher—Brad Canaday

Chief's Award of Excellence

Lifescan
Don Campbell, Eugene Dugan

Rapid Intervention Team

John Amato, Max Baggaley,
Trey Beauchamp,
Jacob Campbell, Thomas Carty,
Devin Chapman, Evan Davis,
Tim Davis, Kris Keen, Wes Lewis,
James Lovvorn, Ty Ottinger, Jose Paredes, Colby Perryman,
David Shuford, Devonte Simon, Dimitri Stimphil, Andrew Williams

Recruitment

Kurt Baumann, Wes Breeden,
Dylan Corris, Josh Gossett,
Jamal Hafiz, Alix Thony

MDA Support

John Amato, Trey Beauchamp, Devin Chapman, Dylan Corris,
Marie Goltara, John Kalaf, Brad Paquette, Luis Peglow,
Gunnar Piner, Elliot Tobin

Distinguished Service Medal

District Chief James Lovvorn
Lieutenant Willie Saulsberry

Service Appreciation Award

Lieutenant Billy Jackson
Lieutenant Keith Saunders
Driver Operator Mick Jasper
Firefighter Dylan Corris
Firefighter Zarak Lawson
Firefighter Andrew Picklo

Promotions

District Chief David Sutton
Captain Sean Withers
Lieutenant Adam Whitehead
Lieutenant Jeff Jamison
Lieutenant Rutledge Rogers
Lieutenant Christopher Silcox
Fire Inspector Edward Evans
Driver Operator Noah Roberts
Driver Operator Paul Beauchamp
Driver Operator Patrick Carty
Driver Operator Trevor Caslin
Driver Operator Timothy Davis
Driver Operator Jorge Cortes
Driver Operator Marie Goltara
Driver Operator Gunnar Piner

Continuing Education

Joel Graves—Bachelor of Science
Matt Harrison—Bachelor of Science
Billy Brideson—Associate of Science
David Shuford—Associate of Science

Donald J. King Mentorship Award

Lieutenant Dallas Baker

Unit Citations

Squad 1 B-Shift
Lieutenant Jeff Jamison
Lieutenant Rut Rogers
Firefighter James Adams

Engine 2 C-Shift
Driver Operator Matt Pfost
Driver Operator Jason Hendricks
Firefighter Dimitri Stimphil

Engine 3 and Tower 1 C-Shift
Lieutenant Alexis Delisle
Lieutenant Herb Ennis
Driver Operator Alvin Jones
Driver Operator Josh Rodgers
Firefighter John Amato
Firefighter Doug Mudry
Firefighter Todd Willoughby

Paramedic

Marie Goltara
Michael Johnson
Alvin Jones
Joseph Park
Gunnar Piner
Austin Polk
David Rodriguez
Tyler Seibert
Josh Smith

Hazardous Materials

James Adams
Malik Adelson
Paul Alois
Kevin Cuthbert
Hans Everson
John Kalaf
Josh Roberts
Sean Withers

Technical Rescue

Tim Davis

Rewarding Excellence and Achievement from 2019 was unexpectedly affected by the need for social distancing due to COVID-19 in 2020. Instead of hosting our annual ceremony, GFR leaders recognized their members in their respective work areas in small groups to maintain safety.



GFR Personnel 2019

Chief Officers

Jeffrey Lane
JoAnne Rice
Stephen Hesson
Shawn Hillhouse
Don Campbell, Jr.
Sean Campbell
Adam Hinton
James Lovvorn
David McIntire
Jeff Schuhmacher
Michael Steele, Jr.
Cary Williams

Fire Chief
Deputy Chief
Assistant Chief
Assistant Chief
District Chief
District Chief
District Chief
District Chief
District Chief
District Chief
District Chief
District Chief
District Chief

Lieutenants

Dallas Baker
Chad Belger
Timothy Bowen
Wesley Breeden
Calvert Brown
James Brown
Sean Canady
Jonathan Cicio
Alexander Cowart
Alexis Delisle
Eugene Dugan
Herbert Ennis III
Nicolas Gonzalez

Joel Graves
Drew Halvorson
Tracey Higdon
Billy Jackson
Amanda James
Kenneth Johnson
Parnell Jones
Kristopher Keen
Jody Markwich
Andrew Marsh
Jeremy Massicotte
Terry McCarthy
Westin McQueen

Christopher Nelson
Chase Prince
Willie Saulsberry
Keith Saunders
David Sutton
Brett Thomas
Ronald Thomas, Jr.
Alix Thony
Michael Tringali
Bradley Tschorn
Joseph Walker
Derrick West
Sean Withers

Driver Operators

Ernesto Acuña
Preston Attebery
Kurt Baumann
Mark Boals
Matthew Browder
Paula Buckholz
Julie Butterfield
Kien Cade
Devin Chapman
Jamel Cheesborough
Ryan Clary

Scott Dillon
Alan DuBose
Joseph Gonzalez
Jamal Hafiz
Matthew Harrison
Jason Hendricks
Jeffrey Jamison
Mick Jasper
Alvin Jones II
John Kalaf, Jr.
Joseph Lewis

Alexander Lopez
Martie Moore
Joseph Morris
Eric Pace
Bradley Paquette
José Paredes
Colby Perryman
John Perryman
Matthew Pfof
Andrea Powell
Jason Powell

Joshua Roberts
Noah Roberts
Scott Robinson
Josh Rodgers
Rutledge Rogers, Jr.
Nike Sheffer
David Shuford
Christopher Silcox
Daniel Sivyver
Corey Thomas
Adam Whitehead

Firefighters

James Adams
Malik Adelson
Trace Adkins
Paul Alois
John Amato
Thomas Amato
David Asbell
Kevin Babcock
Max Baggaley
Trey Beauchamp III
William Brideson
Cory Brinson
Casey Brooks
Paul Bruney
Brett Burhenne
Austin Bush
Jacob Campbell
Parick Carty
Thomas Carty
Trevor Caslin
Matthew Chupp
Jeremy Cicio

Eric Clary
Matthew Combs
David Cook, Jr.
Dylan Corris
Jorge Cortes
Kevin Cuthbert
Johannez Damm
Evan Davis
Timothy Davis
Jay Del Castillo
Hans Everson
Cross Fischer
Dylan Gault
Marie Goltara
Joshua Gossett
Eric Green
Thomas Hand
Kristian Harding
Jeffrey Higgins
Nathaniel Hoskins
Aaron Hunt
Anthony Hutchinson

Michael Johnson
Derek Joseph
Robert Kalaf
Robert Kiem
Reginald Kinsey III
Zarak Lawson
Wesley Lewis
Michael Lowery
Todd Martin, Jr.
Robert Mason
Anthony Meyer
Douglas Mudry
Matthew Nolan
Jared Nuccio
Jimmy Nutt
Brian O'Connell
Michael Oliva
Anthony Ottinger
Nicholas Owens
Joseph Park
Cole Parks
Michael Partridge, Jr.

Andrew Pearce
Luis Peglow
Richard Peña
Andrew Picklo
Gunnar Piner
Austin Polk
Kyle Preus
Ryan Rodriguez
David Samperi
Tyler Seibert
Zachary Shinn
Dustin Shreiner
Devonte Simon
Joshua Smith
Tucker Stanton
Dimitri Stimphil
Elliott Tobin
Andrew Williams
Clarence Williams, Jr.
Dennis Williams
Eric Williams
Todd Willoughby

Training & CRP

Elizabeth Braun Captain
Conrade Irving III Captain
Erick Peña Interim HZ Capt.
Ariella Bak CRP Program Coord.
Adrienne Baker Staff Specialist
Payton Campbell CRP Intern
Kamelia Klejc CRP Intern

Risk Reduction

Kelly DeRasmo Investigative Services Officer
Ernie Benjamin Fire Inspector
Thomas Burgett Fire Inspector
Edward Evans Fire Inspector
Kevin Gutierrez Fire Inspector
Krista Ott Fire & Life Safety Educator

Administration

Artie Chestnut Technical Systems Analyst, Sr.
Shetiquea Davis Executive Assistant, Sr.
Robert Healy Logistics Officer
Marjorie Houston Account Clerk, Sr.
Sheri Sheehan Staff Assistant
Kathy Steidley Administrative Assistant
Daniel West Supply and Equipment
Daniel Williams Technical Systems Analyst 2



Retirees and New Firefighters 2019



Lieutenant
Kenneth A. Johnson



Lieutenant
Terry A. McCarthy



Driver Operator
Mark T. Boals



Firefighter
Richard S. Peña



New Firefighters



Alexander Battaglia
Austin Bush
Jacob Campbell
Johannez Damm
Cecil Hall
Zarak Lawson
Anthony Meyer
Douglas Mudry
Anthony Ottinger
Markus Rodriguez
Devonte Simon
Tucker Stanton
Dimitri Stimpfil
Andrew Williams

Trace Adkins
Matthew Chupp
Matthew Combs
Cross Fischer
Bejarlin Jimenez
Robert Kiem
Todd Martin, Jr.
Cole Parks
Michael Partridge, Jr.
Austin Polk
Clarence Williams, Jr.
Dennis Williams



We Will Always Remember...

Retired Battalion Chief Freddie J. Miller
1955 -1984 10/14/19

Retired Lt. Douglas Wayne Wright
1965 -1985 6/19/19

Retired Driver Operator Dewey H. Lee
1956 -1982 7/8/19



Retired Captain George E. Wright
1949 - 1976 3/3/09

Retired Lieutenant Ralph E. Osteen
1965 -1990 10/22/19

Retired Firefighter Sharron Jones
1992 - 2012 5/22/19



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Serving the City of Gainesville, FL
and Alachua County since 1882

