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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
Special Operations
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 Safety Inspection
Fire Investigative Services
Fire Marshal
Public Education

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

Training
Recruitment
Community Instruction

Gainesville.
Citizen centered
People empowered



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Commission on
Fire Accreditation
International
2014-2019

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Self-Assessment Categories

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Leadership & Diversity



Jeffrey Lane
Fire Chief



JoAnne Rice
Deputy Chief



Michael Cowart
Assistant Chief
Operations



Stephen Hesson
Assistant Chief
Risk Reduction/Operations



Shawn Hillhouse
District Chief
Training/Risk Reduction



David McIntire
District Chief
Emergency Manager/
Grants/Accreditation

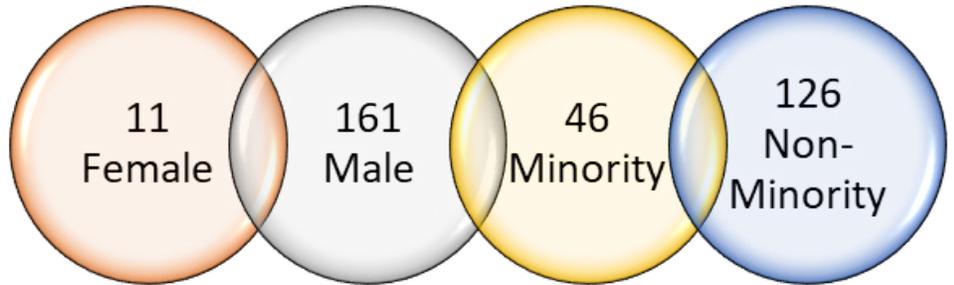


Michael Steele
District Chief
Training

Operations District Chiefs

- Rusty Barrett
- D.G. Campbell
- Adam Hinton
- Pat Lewis
- James Lovvorn
- Richard Saulsberry
- Cary Williams

2018
Demographics
172 Sworn
Personnel



Apparatus, Stations, & Staffing

Fire Station # 1	427 South Main Street	1962
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
Temprary Squad 2/9*	4400 SW 20th Avenue	2014
Modular Station #9	4213 SW 30th Avenue	2017
6 Engines—2 Towers—1 Quint		
2 Airport Firefighting Units		
1 Hazmat Response Unit at ST 2		
1 Squad Unit at ST 1		
1 Squad Unit SW Service Area eff. 6/23/14*		
2 District Chief SUVs		
1 Air and Light Truck at ST 6		
2 Backup Engines, 1 Backup Squad/District Chief's SUV		

180 FTE's in 2018

- 76 Firefighters
- 39 Driver Operators
- 36 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
- 3 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
- 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

170 Sworn Personnel
10 Support Staff

OPS FLEET
District 1
7/20/18
SWAT
Ambulance
9/26/17



Fire Station 1 525 S Main Street Dedicated August 11th, 2018



GFR BY THE NUMBERS 2018



130,000
City of Gainesville
Resident Population

\$18.5 Million
Department Budget FY18

64+
City of Gainesville
Square Miles

26,197,292
Square Feet Inspected
by Fire Safety Inspectors



Number of Fire Departments
Both ISO 2 and Accredited

81 Nationwide **4** in Florida

19,460

Total Incidents in the
City Limits

279

Night Inspections
of Local Businesses

55,000+

Estimated citizen contacts
through all programs

23,335

Total GFR Unit
Responses in the City
Limits

50 Confirmed Building Fires
in the City Limits

\$33,779,120

Value of Property Saved

Public Education Events **241**

24,136 Citizens Touched

94% of Property Value at
Risk Saved

141 Car Seat Installations



7 Fires Intentionally Set

77 Crowd Managers Trained

37 Recurrent Cases Managed by
Community Resource Paramedicine

383 People Trained in CPR

Fires in Inspected
Commercial Areas

26 Firefighters Hired

0

7 Firefighters Retired



33 Cardiac Arrest Patients
Arriving at ER with a Pulse

2 Firefighter Injuries
at the Fireground

18 Patients with a Pulse
who had Bystander CPR

8 Firefighter Injuries at
Non-Fire Emergencies

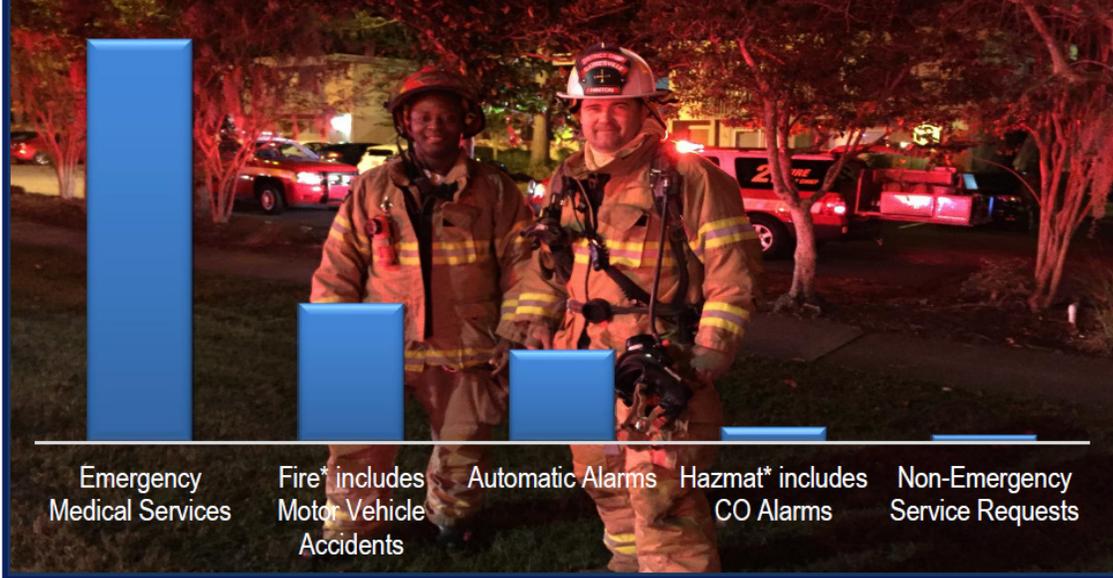


GFR Unit Responses

2018 GFR Unit Responses by Station 25,352 City and Automatic Aid Area



GFR Responses 2018 (All Units) 25,436



PulsePoint

Gainesville Fire Rescue and Alachua County Fire Rescue are available on the Pulse Point App. Sign up to view incidents and to register as a CPR provider to receive notifications.



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 Shawn Hillhouse

Staffing continues to present barriers to completing inspections. One Operations member worked full-time as a fourth inspector during 2018; however, this has not been enough to keep up with demand.

Inspections Completed = 1,155 Total Buildings Inspected = 5,431 Square Feet Inspected = 26,201,292
Plans Reviews Completed - 250 Complaint Follow-up = 113 False Fire Alarms = 826 (421 due to system malfunction)

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

In 2018, the department increased community education on disaster preparedness. GFR continued to deliver our current programming and added a new camp called Community Heroes. Resources that could benefit the public would be the addition of another Fire and Life Safety Educator, a Community Resource Officer, a sustainable funding source for Project Get Alarmed (smoke alarm installation program), and funding for our car seat installation program with additional trained personnel. All programs reached over 24,000 attendees.

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

A significant accomplishment in 2018 was the training of one Inspector as a backup Fire Investigator.

A total of 69 investigations were completed resulting in one arrest for arson:

Unintentional/Accidental = 53 Undetermined = 9 Confirmed Arson = 6 Juvenile Firesetter = 1

5E.3 Fire Suppression - Assistant Chief Stephen Hesson

Meeting diverse fire suppression needs in a community that is rapidly growing is a responsibility that GFR prepares for daily. In 2018, GFR Firefighters were able to contain 74% of fires in structures to the room of origin and no fires extended beyond the building of origin.

Suppression services saved nearly 88% of property at risk: Property at Risk = \$15,815,500 Saved = \$13,824,420

As Gainesville grows, so do the challenges to responding units. To prepare for increasing demand downtown, GFR opened a new multi-company Fire Station at 525 South Main Street in August 2018. In May 2018, a long-standing automatic aid agreement between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County expired. A temporary agreement was reached in June 2018 that supports responses by GFR and ACFR into each other's jurisdiction for significant emergencies, including structure fires. The agreement will be updated in the fall of 2019.

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

Over 60% of GFR unit responses are to medical emergencies and total over 16,000 annually. The agency continues to staff a minimum of one paramedic on each apparatus to ensure advanced life support services are available around the clock.

During 2018, bystanders witnessed 39 of 102 cardiac arrests and performed CPR for 28 patients. The successful return of circulation was achieved for nearly 40% of those patients as compared to less than 30% when no bystanders provided CPR.



Annual Program Appraisals

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

GFR's 29-member Light Technical Rescue Team #310 (LTRT) responded with the North Central Florida Disaster Task Force 8 (TF8) to provide Urban Search and Rescue services in Mexico Beach (ground zero) for a 10-day deployment after Hurricane Michael. The team also responded to 23 incidents classified as technical rescues. Initiatives begun in 2018, and extending into 2019, include: seeking dedicated funding; obtaining swift-water training and equipment; upgrading uniforms and personal protective equipment; and replacing search cameras.

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

The GFR Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) consists of 45 technicians and a program captain and serves as the technical core for the North Central Florida Regional Hazmat Team. Hazmat 2 investigated 248 incidents classified as hazardous materials odors, leaks, or spills in 2018 and 133 of those were confirmed as hazardous conditions. Upcoming needs in 2019 include updating asset tracking, replacement of specialized breathing air bottles, and evaluation of the hazmat truck replacement plan as Hazmat 2 is over 12 years old.

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

GFR provides aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) certified personnel to staff the Gainesville Regional Airport Fire Station 24/7. In 2018, 16 personnel attended ARFF recertification training. The ARFF program is assessed annually by the FAA for compliance with 14 CFR Part 139. Timed drills are conducted quarterly and the team participates in tabletop exercises and a triennial simulation drill.

The ARFF team responded to 35 calls for service in 2018:

12 aircraft events - 5 fire or alarm events - 1 hazmat event - and 17 medical events.

7G.5 Health and Safety / Physical Fitness - District Chief Don Campbell, Jr.

The Health and Safety Program is designed to facilitate a safe working environment for employees and citizens. Activities include fire station and protective gear inspections; annual and five-year physicals; maintenance of fitness and training equipment; and accident/injury/exposure report follow up. Needs for 2019 include certifying Peer Fitness Trainers, adding training equipment such as cardiac monitors, and implementing Life Scan health screening. A long-term goal is funding for all members to have a second set of personal protective equipment to reduce exposure to carcinogens.

During 2018, 30 incidents were reviewed by the Health and Safety Committee:

2 fireground injuries - 8 injuries at non-fire incidents - 1 training injury - and 19 other on-duty injury events.

9B.10 Communications - District Chief Adam Hinton

E911 and dispatching services are provided through an interlocal agreement with the Alachua County Sheriff's Combined Communications Center (CCC). The CCC uses standardized Emergency Medical Dispatch and Fire Priority Dispatch protocols which provide 911 operators with instructions for callers and dispatchers with response matrices to maximize efficiency. Radio communications occur over the Gainesville Regional Utilities 800 MHz trunked radio system. During 2018, the Public Safety Radio System was evaluated so both City and County Commissions could consider upgrade and replacement options.

Community Resource Paramedicine (CRP) - Program Coordinator Ariella Bak

The CRP is a patient-centered model that directs clients to a variety of medical and social services to help them effectively manage complex health conditions with local providers rather than through frequent use of the 911 and emergency room systems. During 2018, the CRP provided case management for 37 clients and conducted wellness checks for 38 more. A system utilization study of 17 clients showed a reduction in emergency room visits of 62%.



Awards and Honors



Medal of Valor Medal of Lifesaving Unit Citation

Evan Davis and Rutledge Rogers
Eric Pace and Andy Pearce
B-Shift

Tower 1: Eric Pace, Rut Rogers, Andy Pearce, Evan Davis
Quint 2: Dan Sivyer, Eric Williams, Anthony Hutchinson, Tyler Seibert
Engine 4: Joey Gonzalez, Michael Oliva, Tom Hand
Acting District Chiefs: Jeff Schuhmacher, Tracey Higdon
ACFR Rescue 81: Jennifer Blakeney, Brad Kear



Reaccreditation & Special Recognition
District Chief
David McIntire

Meritorious Service Award
Leavy Alvarez, Jr.

Distinguished Service Medal

District Chief Rusty Barrett
Driver Operator Jamel Cheesborough

Donald J. King Mentorship Award
Lieutenant David Sutton

Medical Director's Award
Danny Williams, TSAII

Employees of the Year

Chief Officer—James Loworn
Company Officer—Mike Tringali
Driver Operator—Ed Evans
Firefighter—Tyler Seibert
EMS Provider—Matt Browder
Instructor—Jon Cicio
Athlete—Jose Paredes
Dispatcher—Bonnie Rhodes
Administrative Employee—Artie Chestnut



Special Recognition & Service Appreciation Award
Deputy Chief JoAnne Rice
Don Campbell-David McIntire-Betty Braun-Ace Saulsberry

Service Appreciation Award
David Sutton

Josh Rodgers-Adam Whitehead
Mykul Gaskins
Jeff Miller

Tiffany Watts-Chestnut
Kristine Crothers-Laura Graetz-Samantha Wolfe
Kathy Steidley

Unit Citations

C-Shift Engine 7: Billy Jackson, Ernesto Acuña, Cory Brinson
Quint 8: Wes Breeden, Matt Nolan, Reggie Kinsey, Tyler Seibert
District 2: Pat Lewis
ACFR Engine 21: Justin Patterson, David Stirrat, Dennis O'Madigan
ACFR Rescue 3: Jacob Faul, Garrett Wood

C-Shift Quint 8: Dallas Baker, Martie Moore, Alix Thony, Cory Brinson

Community Service Award
Devin Chapman-Jon Cicio-Dylan Corris
Wes Breeden-Jorge Cortes-Martie Moore-Matt Nolan

Chief's Award of Excellence
Billy Brideson

Brett Thomas-Joe Morris-Eric Clary-Brett Burhenne
Brett Thomas-Colby Perryman-Jose Paredes-Patrick Carty

Promotions

District Chief Sean Campbell
District Chief Jeff Schuhmacher
Lieutenant Alix Thony
Lieutenant Wes Breeden
Lieutenant Alex Cowart
Lieutenant Brett Thomas
Lieutenant Jeremy Massicotte
Lieutenant Joel Graves
Lieutenant Drew Halvorson
Driver Operator Devin Chapman
Driver Operator Scott Robinson
Driver Operator Andrew Marsh
Driver Operator Alvin Jones
Driver Operator Colby Perryman
Driver Operator Mick Jasper
Driver Operator David Shuford
Driver Operator Kurt Baumann
Driver Operator Josh Roberts
Driver Operator Rutledge Rogers
Driver Operator Jamal Hafiz

New Firefighters

Oath of Office
Austin Bush
Jacob Campbell
Johannez Damm
Eric Green
William Hall
Zarak Lawson
Anthony Meyer
Douglas Mudry
Anthony Ottinger
Devonte Simon
Tucker Stanton
Dimitri Stimpfil
Andrew Williams

Continuing Education

David Asbell—Bachelor of Science
Dallas Baker—Associate of Science
Jorge Cortes—Associate of Science
Hazardous Materials Technician

Anthony Hutchinson
Nick Owens

Paramedic Certification

Stephen Hesson
Cory Brinson
Paul Bruney
Jeff Higgins
Andrew Picklo
Dylan Gault
Kurt Baumann

Technical Rescue

Colby Perryman
Jose Paredes



GFR Personnel 2018

Chief Officers

Jeffrey Lane	Fire Chief
JoAnne Rice	Deputy Chief
Michael Cowart	Assistant Chief
Stephen Hesson	Assistant Chief
Shawn Hillhouse	Assistant Chief
Rusty Barrett	District Chief
Don Campbell, Jr.	District Chief
Adam Hinton	District Chief
Pat Lewis	District Chief
James Lovvorn	District Chief
David McIntire	District Chief
Richard Saulsberry	District Chief
Michael Steele	District Chief
Cary Williams	District Chief

Driver Operators

Ernesto Acuña	Drew Halvorson	John Perryman
Preston Attebery	Matthew Harrison	Matthew Pfost
Mark Boals	Reshard Hodges	Andrea Powell
Wesley Breeden	Stephanie Hornbuckle	Jason Powell
Matthew Browder	Jeffrey Jamison	Josh Rodgers
Paula Buckholz	John Kalaf, Jr.	Nike Sheffer
Julie Butterfield	Joseph Lewis	Christopher Silcox
Jamel Cheesborough	Alexander Lopez	Daniel Sivyver
Ryan Clary	Jeremy Massicotte	Scotty Taylor
Alexander Cowart	Martie Moore	Brett Thomas
Scott Dillon	Joseph Morris	Alix Thony
Alan DuBose	Eric Pace	Corey Thomas
Joseph Gonzalez	Bradley Paquette	Elijah Virgin
Joel Graves	Erick Peña	Adam Whitehead

Lieutenants

Wendy Anderson	Kenneth Johnson
Dallas Baker	Parnell Jones
Chad Belger	Kris Keen
Erle Biggs	Gary Law
Timothy Bowen	Jody Markwich
Elizabeth Braun	Terry McCarthy
James Brown	Westin McQueen
Calvert Brown	Christopher Nelson
Sean Campbell	Chase Prince
Sean Canady	Willie Saulsberry
Jonathan Cicio	Keith Saunders
Alexis Delisle	Jeffrey Schuhmacher
Eugene Dugan	Michael Steele, Jr.
Todd Ellis	Ronald Thomas, Jr.
Herbert Ennis III	Michael Tringali
Nicolas Gonzalez	Bradley Tschorn
Tracey Higdon	Joseph Walker
Billy Jackson	Derrick West
Amanda James	Sean Withers

Training, Risk Reduction, and Administration

Conrade Irving	Captain
Daniel Smith	Captain
David Sutton	Captain
Ariella Bak	CRP Program Coordinator
Kelly DeRasmo	Investigative Services Officer
Ernie Benjamin	Fire Inspector
Thomas Burgett	Fire Inspector
Kevin Gutierrez	Fire Inspector
Edward Evans	Interim Fire Inspector
Krista Ott	Fire & Life Safety Educator
Artie Chestnut	Technical Systems Analyst, Sr.
Danny Williams	Technical Systems Analyst II
Kathy Steidley	Admin Assistant to Fire Chief
Marjorie Houston	Account Clerk, Sr.
Shetiquea Davis	Executive Assistant, Sr.
Adrienne Baker	Staff Specialist
Sheri Sheehan	Staff Assistant
Frank Diaz	Supply & Equipment
Dan West	Supply & Equipment

Firefighters

James Adams	Thomas Carty	Eric Green	Andrew Marsh	Noah Roberts
Malik Adelson	Trevor Caslin	Jamal Hafiz	Robert Mason	Joshua Roberts
Paul Alois	Devin Chapman	Thomas Hand	Matthew Nolan	Scott Robinson
John Amato	Jeremy Cicio	Kristian Harding	Jared Nuccio	David Rodriguez
Thomas Amato	Eric Clary	Matthew Harrison	Jimmy Nutt	Rutledge Rogers, Jr.
David Asbell	David Cook, Jr.	Jason Hendricks	Brian O'Connell	David Samperi
Kevin Babcock	Dylan Corris	Jeffrey Higgins	Michael Oliva	Tyler Seibert
Max Baggaley	Jorge Cortes	Nathaniel Hoskins	Nicholas Owens	Zachary Shinn
Kurt Baumann	Kevin Cuthbert	Aaron Hunt	Jose Paredes	Dustin Shreiner
Trey Beauchamp III	Evan Davis	Anthony Hutchinson	Joseph Park	David Shuford
William Brideson	Timothy Davis	Mick Jasper	Andrew Pearce	Joshua Smith
Cory Brinson	Jay Del Castillo	Alvin Jones II	Luis Peglow	Elliott Tobin
Casey Brooks	John Dowling	Michael Jordan	Richard Peña	Eric Williams
Paul Bruney	Hans Everson	Derek Joseph	Colby Perryman	Todd Willoughby
Brett Burhenne	Tyler Gatlin	Robert Kalaf	Andrew Picklo	
Kien Cade	Dylan Gault	Reginald Kinsey III	Gunnar Piner	
Anthony Carter	Marie Goltara	Wesley Lewis	Kyle Preus	
Patrick Carty	Joshua Gossett	Michael Lowery	Bryan Rincon	



Retirees and New Firefighters 2018

Assistant Chief Michael D. Cowart
 District Chief William R. Barrett
 District Chief John "Pat" Lewis
 District Chief Richard Saulsberry



Lieutenant Wendy L. Anderson
 Lieutenant Gary A. Law



Driver Operator Reshard F. Hodges
 Driver Operator Julie A. Butterfield
 Driver Operator Stephanie A. Hornbuckle

New Firefighters

James Adams
 Malik Adelson
 Paul Alois
 Thomas Amato
 Kevin Babcock
 Max Baggaley
 Casey Brooks
 Paul Bruney
 Brett Burhenne
 Dylan Corris
 Kevin Cuthbert
 Jay Del Castillo
 Hans Everson

Joshua Gossett
 Eric Green
 Kristian Harding
 Michael Jordan
 Robert Kalaf
 Wesley Lewis
 Jared Nuccio
 Jimmy Nutt
 Nicholas Owens
 Bryan Rincon
 David Samperi
 Zachary Shinn
 Elliott Tobin



We Will Always Remember...

Retired Chief Tommy Strickland
 1959 - 1984 8/1/18

Retired Captain Curtis B. Sheppard
 1955-1985 12/5/18

Retired Asst. Chief Michael O. Randolph
 2006 - 2012 9/24/18

Retired Lieutenant George F. Braun
 1980 - 2007 4/15/18



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and Alachua County since 1882*



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