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Dean Register

Director, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, FL



Dean Register is the Director of the Criminal Justice Professionalism Division of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and serves as the P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) Director for Florida. In his role, Director Register oversees the competency and professional conduct of Florida's criminal justice officers, as well as the training of Florida's criminal justice community and FDLE members, through the bureaus of Professional Development, Training, Standards and Policy and Special Programs.

Prior to joining the Criminal Justice Professionalism Division, he was the Assistant Inspector General of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement where his duties included oversight of accreditation management, staff inspections, policy development, response to citizen complaints and selected internal affairs investigations. Director Register previously served as the Director of the Capitol Police Division.

Director Register earned a bachelor's degree from Florida State University and has 35 years of law enforcement experience. He holds training certifications in multiple high liability disciplines, is a certified crime prevention practitioner, a certified Inspector General, and has been involved in the state and national accreditation process for over 20 years. He is currently serving as a CALEA Accreditation Team Leader for Gold Standards assessments across the country.

Michael Adkinson, Jr

Sheriff, Walton County Sheriff's Office, FL



Sheriff Michael A. Adkinson, Jr., is a sixth generation native of Walton County and a 25 year law enforcement professional. Sheriff Adkinson holds a BA in Criminology from Florida State University and a Master's in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University. He has continued his criminal justice education by attending more than 2,000 hours of law enforcement training and is a past Commissioner for the Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. He is the past President of the Florida Sheriff's Association and is a current member of the Board of Directors for the National Sheriff's Association. Additionally, Sheriff Adkinson is a member of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute and Police Fellow at Radford University. Sheriff Adkinson has lectured at the university level on law enforcement issues. Prior to being elected as Sheriff, he served as the Chief of Police for the City of DeFuniak Springs.

In 2012, a team of state law enforcement assessors reviewing operations at the Sheriff's office reported that under Sheriff Adkinson's leadership the Walton County Sheriff's Office has become one of Florida's premier law enforcement agencies. The role of the Office the Sheriff has expanded over the last decade to encompass; 911 Communications, Law enforcement operations, Jail operations, Walton County Fire Rescue, State Child Protection Investigations and Animal Control

Sheriff Adkinson was first elected in 2008 and was re-elected in 2012, 2016 and again in 2020 with no opposition.

Sheriff Adkinson resides in Point Washington with his wife, Erin, and two daughters, Annabelle, and Ava. His wife owns and operates her own business.

Sheriff Adkinson is a committed supporter of Emerald Coast Type 1 and [JDRF \(Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation\)](#). Both organizations are dedicated to supporting families and finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

(Please see attached Curriculum Vitae for professional and academic achievements)

Vince Niski

Chief, Colorado Springs Police Department, CO



Chief Niski joined the Colorado Springs Police Department in February of 1989. After working in Patrol, he was assigned as an instructor at the Training Academy as well as a detective in the Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division. Following his promotion to the rank of Sergeant in 1997, he served as a supervisor in the Gold Hill Division, DUI Unit and Metro VNI upon his promotion to Lieutenant in 2007, he worked as a Shift Lieutenant in Patrol and was later assigned as the Patrol Support Section Lieutenant in the Specialized Enforcement Division. He was promoted to Commander in 2011 and was assigned to the Stetson Hills Division until being promoted to Deputy Chief in

March of 2012. Serving as the Deputy Chief of both the Operations Support Bureau and Patrol Operations Bureau, he was appointed the Chief of Police in February 2019.

Chief Niski holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Northern Colorado. He is a graduate of the Center for Creative Leadership and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.