

## **CLASS OF 2020**



## **Wesley Derek Burch**

Wesley Derek Burch was born in Dothan, Alabama in 1979. He attended Sneads High School in Sneads, Florida, graduating in 1997 and then enrolled at Chipola College. After one year, Burch transferred to Tallahassee Community College. Prior to his graduation from TCC, Burch accepted a position with the Department of Transportation in the Information Technology department. Burch served in this role for 13 years, holding multiple titles. In 2011 Burch returned to Tallahassee Community College and completed his Associates of Arts degree. He then enrolled in the Florida State University College of Business, Dedman School of Hospitality where he received a degree in Hospitality Administration with a focus on Professional Golf Management. While in school Burch served as the golf coach at Holy Comforter Episcopal School and eventually accepted a position as a Golf Professional at Hammock Dunes Club in Palm Coast, Florida. While working as a Golf

Professional, he made the decision to follow his dream of becoming a law enforcement officer.

Burch then enrolled at the Tallahassee Community College Florida Public Safety Institute, Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy. While there Burch served as the class president of BRC class 421. Upon graduation from the Academy Burch was hired by the Tallahassee Police Department in 2015. Burch has served this community as a patrol officer and currently work on a specialty Community Oriented and Problem Solving (COPPS) squad. He also serves as a negotiator on the Tactical Apprehension and Control Team.