



### Ron Cave

Ron Cave was raised in Tallahassee and graduated from Godby High School. He went on to graduate from Thomas University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and continued his education by attaining a master's degree in Political Science from Florida State University, a master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of West Florida, and a master's Certificate in Public Administration from the University of West Florida. Cave is also a graduate of FDLE's Chief Executive Seminar and Senior Leadership Program.

Cave continues to actively engage with and contribute to the academic community by serving as an adjunct professor for at Tallahassee Community College where he teaches courses in political science and criminal justice. He has lectured on various topics related to criminal justice, public policy and administration, the Florida Legislature, and political science.

Cave holds criminal justice instructor certifications in general topics, firearms, defensive tactics, and vehicle operations. He has worked continuously in the criminal justice field since 1996. Cave served in various positions and roles with local and state criminal justice agencies including investigator (internal affairs and criminal), deputy sheriff, lieutenant, captain, major, chief over field and statewide operations and director of law enforcement for a state agency. Currently, Cave serves as the Chief of Staff for Sheriff Walt McNeil and the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

Cave is also currently serving on the FDLE, Executive Institute Policy Board and has served in a variety of community and criminal justice support organizations including; Member of the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition, File Review Committee, Member of the Joint Task Force- State Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS), President of the Florida Marine Intelligence Unit, Chairman of the Region XV Trust Fund, Member of the Florida Criminal Justice Training Center Directors Association, Member of Refuge House and an Executive Board Member for Keep Tallahassee- Leon County Beautiful. Cave also served as the longest-term President of the State Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association.

Cave resides in Tallahassee, with his wife Cathy and has one adult daughter, Brittany.

Watch the video presented at the 2020 Heroes in Public Safety Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of Gregg Gibson speaking on behalf of Ron Cave [HERE](#).