

CLASS OF 2020



Cindy Dick

Cindy Dick has over 30 years of public safety experience. She began her career, as a Firefighter/EMT with the Tallahassee Fire Department, in 1987 and rose through the ranks to become Fire Chief in 2005. Dick is the first woman to achieve the Fire Chief rank, in Tallahassee, and among only a few in the State of Florida. As Chief Executive Officer, she was responsible for leading a staff of 280 personnel, which served nearly 300,000 citizens and responded to nearly 30,000 emergencies annually. Dick retired from the fire service in July of 2013 to pursue other endeavors.

After retirement, Dick was employed by the Florida Department of Health as the Director of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support. In that role, she directed the activities of the Bureaus of Preparedness and Response, Emergency Medical Oversight, Public Health Pharmacy, Public Health Laboratories and Radiation Control, along with providing support and guidance for several divisions and offices throughout the agency. Dick served as the Incident Commander for the Department's response to the Ebola threat in 2014, the Zika Outbreak in 2016 and Hurricanes Irma and Michael. Her role with the agency continued to expand as she became the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health, and ultimately Chief of Staff.

Dick has been recognized nationally for her work and has held several positions with organizations such as the Florida Fire Chief's Association, Florida Domestic Security Oversight Council, North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force and Florida Domestic Security Resource Committee. Along with a successful career with the City of Tallahassee, Dick was named the 2012 Florida Fire Chief of the Year by the Florida Fire Chief's Association.

A graduate of TCC, Dick now holds both a Bachelors and Masters of Science in Business Administration, is a graduate with honors of the Executive Fire Officer Program and the Harvard Kennedy program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

In January 2019 Dick retired once again and has relocated to Santa Rosa Beach. She spends her time golfing, fishing, walking the beach and hanging out with her family.

Watch the video presented at the 2020 Heroes in Public Safety Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of Tom Coe speaking on behalf of Cindy Dick [HERE](#).