



# MIKE HADDEN

## Tallahassee Fire Department

Following his college graduation, Chief Michael Hadden witnessed a serious vehicle accident that became a pivotal moment in his life. Observing the first responders at the scene sparked his interest in the fire service, prompting him to earn his EMT certification and Certificate of Compliance from the Florida State Fire College. After several months of job searching, Chief Hadden was hired by Jefferson County Fire Rescue, launching his distinguished career.

Over the past 29 years, Chief Hadden has achieved numerous certifications, including Paramedic, Fire Officer I-IV, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator, Instructor III, Incident Safety Officer, Live Fire Instructor II, HazMat Technician, Pump Operator, and USAR Technician. He also holds a master's degree in public administration. Throughout his career with the Tallahassee Fire Department, Chief Hadden has steadily advanced through the ranks, serving in some of the department's busiest stations as Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Division Chief, Division Chief, and currently as Deputy Chief of Operations.

Chief Hadden and his wife, Kelli, have been married for 26 years and are proud parents of two sons, both of whom have completed college and started their professional careers.