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Florida Highway Patrol

Steve Ashburn's law enforcement career began in 1976 with the Daytona Beach Shores Police Department before joining the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) in 1978 as part of the 55th recruit class. He served in Ft. Lauderdale and Apopka, then became a Traffic Homicide Investigator in Orange County in 1984, investigating over 300 fatal crashes. In 1986, Steve became an instructor for FHP's Traffic Homicide Courses while earning his BA in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida.

He helped develop FHP's Advanced Traffic Homicide and Reconstruction Courses and the Reconstruction Certification Test, setting a benchmark for the agency. After 21 years in Orange County, he transferred to Tallahassee, was promoted to Sergeant, then Lieutenant, and served as FHP's Statewide Traffic Homicide Coordinator.

Upon retirement in 2011, he continued instructing for the Florida Public Safety Institute and served as coordinator for the Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Safety and DUI Program. In 2015, Steve returned to FHP as an Investigations Specialist II and serves as a subject matter expert.

Steve is a Reserve Lieutenant with FHP and has been married to his wife, Rebecca, for 39 years.