



## HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2023

### Kelly Burke

Tallahassee native, Kelly Burke, retired as a Captain from the Tallahassee Police Department in 2007 after serving 25 years. His assignments included Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Vice and Narcotics, and Public Information Officer, and for much of his career, he served on TAC (SWAT) as an operator and as Commander.

Kelly has served as the lead Chaplain for TPD, where he has been instrumental in several wellness-focused implementations, such as the TPD Legacy of Heroes, which focuses on identifying, integrating, and including retired TPD officers. He was responsible for organizing the department's first-ever Legacy of Heroes event, providing fellowship, food, fun, and a time of reflection for TPD Family members past and present. He is an integral part of TPD's wellness program, has overseen countless funerals of fallen retirees, and was the department's rock during the untimely loss of Officer Christopher Fariello in 2022.

Kelly and his wife Nancy know God's goodness and faithfulness and desire to honor Him and serve others through all they have been given. After the line-of-duty death of one of Kelly's best friends in 2002, they especially have a heart for law enforcement officers and their families. They seek to encourage and support these officers whenever they can. Kelly says that every day is a blessing, and he lives to support and help current-day officers.