



HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2023

ROBERT OBERNIER

A 45-year veteran of the public safety field, Robert (Bob) Obernier began his career as a US Navy FMF Hospital Corpsman and ended it as a retired Fire Battalion Chief/Paramedic with the City of Tallahassee Fire Department (TFD). Bob has 25 years in the fire service, with 20 of those serving as a member of the TFD's various Special Operations Teams - Hazardous Materials, Urban Search and Rescue, and Tactical Medic Teams.

He has been an Incident Commander on the Field Leadership Team and is currently a member of Team Rubicon's Exercise Team, which assists in the planning and execution of tabletop and full-scale exercises in disaster response. Bob has deployed on over 40 domestic and international disaster responses as an Incident Commander or Team Leader with Team Rubicon.

Bob was also an adjunct faculty member in the Tallahassee Community College EMS Program, teaching EMT and paramedic students Advanced Extrication Techniques. After his retirement from TFD, Bob continued his service as a volunteer with Team Rubicon. Today, Bob serves on the faculty for the International Fellowship in Disaster Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, a Harvard teaching hospital, where he is the lead instructor for the pre-deployment program.