

Staff Spotlight: Shining a light on the citizens that serve our community every day...

Director of Public Safety - Scott McDermid



Scott McDermid serves the citizens of Wakulla County as the Public Safety Director, in which he manages EMS, Fire and Rescue, and Animal Control.

Scott is a Florida native, born to a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Pilot. He attended Chaires Elementary, Fairview Middle School, and graduated from JS Rickards High School. During his high school years he earned his Eagle Scout and was an active Explorer with the Leon County Sheriff's office and a junior volunteer at TMH. He moved to Oregon where he joined the Tualatin Valley Fire Rescue Department as a Volunteer Firefighter. He completed his Firefighter certification in 1989 and EMT in 1990; after which he attended a year-long search and Rescue School in the Grand Teton Mountains within the Great Rocky Mountain Range, bordering Idaho and Wyoming. He returned to Florida to complete his EMS Associates degree at Polk Community College, where he also completed his Associates of Arts degree. He worked as a Paramedic for Polk County EMS for nearly 10 years, where he became one of the inaugural Field Training Officers.

In 2002 he and his family returned to the Tallahassee area, accepting a position with the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services as the EMS agency inspector. Scott attended the National Fire Academy, where he completed a post grad certificate in leadership. Before leaving the State EMS office for Wakulla County, he had been promoted to Deputy Chief and served as the interim Chief for Florida. In addition, in 2006 Scott received his BA in Business Administration from Flagler College.

Scott's family includes his wife April, with whom he has a 15 year old son, a 9 year old daughter, and a 5 year old Son. Scott's future plans are to "finally" complete his Masters in Public Administration at FSU's Askew School; a program he has been enrolled in since prior to his start with Wakulla County.

If you would like to discuss any public safety issue, please feel free to contact Scott at 745-8699.