

JAMES E. (EDDIE) MCCONNELL

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Personal

Born July 25, 1953 in Brooksville, Florida. A life-long resident of Hernando County with four sons and nine grandchildren.

Qualification: (34) years in Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement Career:

1977 – 1978 Correctional Officer/Florida Department of Corrections,
Brooksville Road Prison

1978 – 2001 Hernando County Sheriff's Office

1978 – 1980 Deputy Sheriff/ Patrol Div. Performed normal patrol duties.
Part-time supervisor.

1980 – 1984 Sergeant/ Juvenile & Crime Prevention Div. Investigated crimes committed by juveniles, child abuse awareness for the youth. Youth counselor, school programs, and development of crime prevention programs.

1984 – 1985 Detective/ Vice & Narcotics Unit. Investigated narcotic violations, undercover intelligence, collected information on known and suspected drug dealers and traffickers.

1985 – 1986 Detective/Criminal Investigations Div. Investigated crimes against children such as physical and sexual abuse, working in conjunction with H.R.S. (currently known as Department of Children & Family Services). Lectured on child abuse awareness.

1986 – 1988 School Resource Officer. Working with students to understand the law and how it relates to the youth in their community.

1988– 1993 Crime Prevention Coordinator in the Community/Personnel Div. Responsible for managing, developing, and presentation of crime prevention programs. Coordinating neighborhood crime watch groups and patrols.

1993 – 1998 Tech. Sergeant for Community Personnel Services Div. Supervisor over training, crime prevention, volunteer programs, sheriff office substations, and community law enforcement events.

1998 – 2001 Tech. Sergeant for Services Div. Supervisor for purchasing and supply, fleet, grounds and facilities.

2001 – 2002 Detective with the Crystal River Police Dept. Investigating major crimes and Internal Affairs Division/ Administration support.

2002-2005 Patrol/Detective/Administration support with the Brooksville Police Dept.

(2006 – 6mos. (Employed as a Law Enforcement Teacher at Nature Coast Technical High School) Hernando County School Board) held part-time status with the Groveland Police Department.

2006 – 2009 Patrol/ Detective Sergeant with the Groveland Police Department

2009 – 2010 Captain of Operations with the Groveland Police Department

2010 - Realigned Staff Level eliminating the Captain's position and added two Lieutenants positions. Upon the elimination of the Captain's position was appointed to Lieutenant.

Education:

Hernando County School System
Saint Leo University (Criminal Justice Studies)
Kaplan College (Paralegal Studies)

Certifications/Certificates:

- Law Enforcement (Florida Department of Criminal Justice and Standards)
- Corrections (Florida Department of Criminal Justice and Standards)
- Law Enforcement Instructor Certification since (1982)
- Crime Prevention Practitioner since (1984)
- Convenience Business Security Inspector No. 92-052
- School Resource Officer Certification
- Firearms Instructor
- General Law Enforcement Instructor
- FDLE "Budgeting Course for Criminal Justice Agencies"
- Certified Voice Stress Analysis Examiner (Truth Detection)
- Leadership Hernando Graduate (Hernando County Chamber of Commerce 1999)
- Over 3,000 hours of Accredited Law Enforcement Training

Instructor for Various Agencies/Associations/Institutions:

- Florida Attorney General's Office – Neighborhood Watch
- Florida Sheriff's Association – Domestic Violence
- Florida Clerk of Courts Association – Domestic Violence
- Pasco – Hernando College (L.E.A.) Line Supervision & Middle Management
- Withlacoochee Technical Institute - Crime Prevention & General Law Enforcement Subjects
- Lake Technical Public Safety Institute- General Law Enforcement Subjects
- Firearms

Awards & Citations

- Deputy of the Year (1983)
- Deputy of the Quarter (1991)
- Founder and supporter of Explorer Post #409
- 20 Letters of Commendation from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office
- Commendation from the Crystal River Police Department
- Over 100 letters of Appreciation from the Public and Business Community
- 2008 Public Servant Award South Lake Chamber

Affiliated or Member of Related Organization

- 1991 - 1992 Vice President of the Suncoast Crime Prevention Association
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- 1996 -1998 Secretary/Executive Board of the FL. Crime Prevention Asso
- 1998 - 2005 Broad President, of the Boy's & Girl's Club of Hernando Co.
- 1998 Present Member of the Cops for Christ
- 2001 -Present Mason, Masonic Lodge Hern. Lodge #97 of FAM
- 2002 -Present Egypt Temple Shine (Tampa Florida)
- 2004 - Present Hernando County Shrine Club

Political Involvement:

Was a candidate for the Office of Sheriff in Hernando County in 2000 and lost by approximately 2% and ran again in 2004.

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