

Instructor Biographies

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James Aguiar, Jr.

James Aguiar, Jr. started his career in law enforcement with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in 1986. He served as a correctional officer, classification officer, sergeant, and director. In 2000, James served with the Marion County Sheriff's Office as a bailiff and fire safety officer. James is currently serving with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office as the accreditation inspector in their Professional Standards Division. James is an assessor and team leader for law enforcement and corrections for the Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation, Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission and Florida Model Jail Standards. He also serves as an assessor for American Corrections Association and served as a PREA auditor with the Bureau of Justice from 2015 to 2019. He has completed over 134 assessments and regularly teaches various subjects for both of the commissions and FLA-PAC.

Gary Barrett

Gary Barrett started his career in law enforcement in 1988, serving in the United States Army as a military police officer and criminal investigations command special agent. He was hired at the Leesburg Police Department in 1992 and is a lieutenant serving as the accreditation/professional standards commander. He has served in various capacities at the Leesburg Police Department including patrol, SWAT, traffic homicide, narcotics/ vice, criminal investigations, intelligence liaison, street crimes, professional standards/accreditation and grant management. He holds a bachelor's degree in organizational management and a master's degree in criminal justice administration. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officer's Course (125th) and the Police Executive Leadership Graduate Program. He is a CJSTC general and firearms instructor. He serves as a law enforcement assessor and team leader for CFA, and enjoys family activities, hunting, fishing and boating.

Brandy Benson

Dr. Brandy Benson is a licensed clinical psychologist, and Chief Psychologist of Tampa Bay Psychology Associates, a local practice that caters to the treatment needs of First Responders. Dr. Benson presents with over 10 years of specialized experience in behavioral health and wellness of critical response personnel, including: law enforcement, fire rescue, emergency medical, and dispatchers. She has worked closely with various police and fire rescue agencies across the State of Florida, in addition to the Department of Justice and the Department of Corrections. Dr. Benson's primary areas of focus include the provision of treatment and prevention services, such as trainings, crisis intervention, and accelerated trauma treatment methods. Additionally, Dr. Benson's most important role is through consulting with local agencies to assist in the development and execution of agency-wide Employee Wellness and Safety programming to support increased utilization of mental health services by employees, as well as overall resiliency and prevention efforts of PTSD, Suicide, and other psychological conditions impacting the First Responding Community.

Juli Brown

Juli Brown is the Northeastern Accreditation Coordinator for the Florida Sheriffs Association. Juli serves as a Liaison between the Florida Accreditation Office and Sheriff's offices seeking initial accreditation by CFA. Juli has 15 years of experience in accreditation - 10 years as the accreditation manager for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement. She has been a FLA-PAC Certified Accreditation Professional (CAP) since 2012, was awarded CFA Team Leader of the Year in 2015 and has conducted more than 70 mock and formal accreditation assessments as a CFA certified Assessor and Team Leader.

Lisa Cahill

Lisa Cahill started her career in the 9-1-1 communications center in November of 1995. She served as a call taker, law dispatcher, and master sergeant with Marion County Sheriff's Office. In October 2011, there was a consolidation and she became a shift supervisor with Marion County Public Safety. Lisa is a highly trained public safety telecommunicator with over 23 years of 9-1-1 call center operations and management experience. Lisa's duties involve training and supervising communication center public safety professionals, the development and implementation of standard operating procedures and directives for law enforcement, fire, EMS and emergency management operations. She is diplomatic and gracious, with a desire to deliver exceptional customer service by promoting training and teamwork.

Dawn Case

Dawn E. Case began her career in 1986 with Florida's Department of Children and Families (formerly the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services), Office of Inspector General, where she held numerous investigative positions including six years as its chief of investigations. After 16 years with the Department of Children and Families, Office of Inspector General, she held the positions of director of investigations and deputy inspector general in the Executive Office of the Governor's Chief Inspector General's office. After eight years with the Office of the Chief Inspector General, she returned to the Department of Children and Families as inspector general where she served in that capacity for approximately 15 months before returning to the Governor's office as deputy chief inspector general. In October 2016, Ms. Case became the inspector general for the Florida Department of Management Services. During her tenure as inspector general, the Florida Department of Management Services investigative function achieved accredited status in October 2018. Ms. Case returned to her previous position as the deputy chief inspector general in the Chief Inspector General's Office in June 2019. Ms. Case earned her bachelor and master's degrees from Florida State University. Ms. Case is a certified inspector general, a commission member on the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, and serves as the first vice-president of the Association of Inspectors General, Florida Chapter.

Richard Cerniglia

Richard J. Cerniglia is a retired Supervisory Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with over 25 years of overall law enforcement experience and 21 years of narcotics investigations, management, and training experience. During his time with the DEA, he was assigned to, and conducted, investigations as a special agent in the Miami Field Division, the Cleveland Resident Office, and the Norfolk Resident Office. He was also assigned to the DEA's El Paso Intelligence Center, where he served as a watch officer, training officer, security officer, and as the lead liaison and briefing officer. As the Resident Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati Resident Office, he directed special agents along with state and local task force officers in all aspects of complex federal drug and money laundering investigations; and developed a highly successful clandestine laboratory awareness training program that served to educate state and local law enforcement officers, fire department personnel, and emergency medical service unit members in identifying and approaching clandestine laboratories. During the last part of his career he was assigned to the DEA Headquarters as a staff coordinator in the Office of Enforcement Operations in the Mexico and Central America Section where he coordinated highly sensitive international investigations and enforcement operations, worked closely with field personnel and the interagency on various operational issues, met and worked with foreign counterparts, and facilitated the arrest and prosecution of individuals and criminal organizations through the coordination and management of highly sensitive domestic and global criminal investigations.

Juliane Day

Juliane Day started her career in law enforcement in 1995 as a Corrections Officer in Hernando County. She then became involved with Sumter County Sheriff's Office as a CI conducting undercover drug buys until 1997 when she accepted a position in the Sumter County Detention Center as a Corrections Officer. She held the position of accreditation manager during Sumter County's initial assessment. After earning the position of Administrative Captain in 2018, she left the sheriff's office and became the accreditation manager for Fruitland Park Police Department. She has earned a Masters's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida and is in the dissertation phase of her Doctoral Degree with Walden University in Law and Public Policy. She had previously earned an adjunct teaching certificate from Sumter County School Board and is an active instructor for FDLE. She was elected President of the Fla-PAC in 2009 and served until 2018. She served on the FCAC Standards Review and Interruptions Committee during that time also. She currently serves as a commissioner for FLA-TAC.

Isaiah Dennard

Isaiah Dennard is the Jail Services Coordinator for the "Florida Sheriffs Association", a position he has held since May 2011, prior to that Isaiah retired from the Orange County Corrections Department after 25 years retiring at the rank of Lieutenant. As the Jail Services Coordinator for the FSA, Mr. Dennard is responsible for training for Sheriffs and their Staff; oversight of the Florida Model Jail Standards Training Program, oversight of all Florida Model Jail Standards Subcommittees, liaison to the FMJS Full Committee on behalf of Florida's Sheriffs' and chairs the Florida Model Jail Standards "Quality Assurance and Improvement Subcommittee. Isaiah is also has an extensive training background and serves as an instructor to the National Institute of Corrections for "Detention Facility Inspectors", the Florida Model Jail Standards Jail Certification Training and special Fire Safety Inspectors through CJSTC. He is an active accreditation manager, assessor and team leader for FCAC and a member of the American Correctional Association.

Areaka Jewell

Areaka Jewell is the accreditation manager at the Sarasota Police Department. She began her career in law enforcement with the Key West Police Department in 2002, where she served in uniformed patrol, special operations, the training unit, accreditation, and information services. Areaka retired as a lieutenant in 2018 and moved her family to Sarasota to start a second career. Areaka is a team leader for CFA law enforcement assessments, completing over 20 assessments. Areaka enjoys cross-country road trips with her family and do-it-yourself projects. She is the CEO of Jewell Consulting Services, LLC and the founder of the Accreditation Academy.

Jack Jordan

William "Jack" Jordan has over 45 years' experience in law enforcement. His experiences include being a traffic homicide investigator for the Clearwater Police Department, an assistant state attorney in Florida, (6th Judicial Circuit), and undersheriff and legal counsel for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Jordan earned his bachelor of science degree from Eckerd College, and his doctor of jurisprudence from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, and he is a member of the Florida Bar. He is also a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, VA, Session 211. He has been an adjunct professor for over 30 years, teaching legal and management classes at both the bachelor and masters level.

Charles Kenniff

Lt. Charles Kenniff (retired) is a 37-year law enforcement veteran. A graduate of the New York City Police Academy, he worked for NYPD before relocating to Florida and joining the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office in 1990. Charlie has received numerous citations and awards and is a state recognized expert on special populations and the Baker Act. Charlie has been involved with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, specifically the "Memphis Model" since 2003, and is a Master CIT instructor as designated by the University of South Florida and the Florida CIT Coalition. He also has a special CIT Youth instructor designation. He was selected to participate on the working group for the development of the crisis intervention component of FDLE's basic recruit program, as well as its SRO-CIT course, which he has also taught on numerous occasions. Lt. Kenniff was one of the first to complete CIT International's Certified Coordinator course and he continues to teach civilians and law enforcement about the safe and proper response to persons in crisis due to mental/emotional illness, addictions, and organic brain diseases. Charlie just stepped down from a board of director's position with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Sarasota and Manatee Counties affiliate having "termed-out" after 8 years. In 2020 he was honored to receive NAMI Florida's 2020 CIT Officer of the Year award. Charlie has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and has participated in numerous advanced leadership and law enforcement trainings. At the sheriff's office, Lt. Kenniff was the commander of his agency's training section, overseeing all aspects of both law enforcement and corrections training, including its field and in-service training programs. Over 1,000 officers from surrounding jurisdictions have received their CIT training from Lt. Kenniff. He was also the agency's lead instructor and facilitator for its Leadership Academy which prepares newly promoted sworn and civilian supervisors to successfully navigate the challenges of 21st-Century Policing. Charlie retired in March 2021 and is now running his training and consulting company providing de-escalation strategies, leadership, ethics and wellness training for law enforcement, other first-responder agencies, non-governmental entities and corporations nationwide.

Oscar Kieffer

Oscar is currently the accreditation manager for the City of Palmetto Police Department, with a background in customer service management prior to his employment with the police department. He successfully got the agency re-accredited in 2016 and 2019. He served as the Training committee chair for the FLA-PAC from October 2016 – February 2018, and was appointed to 2nd vice president of the FLA-PAC in February 2018. He is an active assessor and team leader for CFA.

Jeff Kilpatrick

Jeff Kilpatrick is currently the Accreditation Manager for Alachua County in Gainesville, FL. Jeff has been with Alachua County for more than 23 years. Prior to being appointed to his current position, Jeff spent 20 years as a Program Supervisor with the Department of Court Services where he oversaw Pretrial Release and Supervision, Misdemeanor Probation, Day Reporting and EM/GPS Home Confinement. Jeff has a Bachelor of Science degree in the Administration of Criminal Justice from California State University Long Beach and a Masters degree in Business Administration from California Coast University. Jeff received his Certified Public Manager (CPM) through Florida State University in 2007. Jeff is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Jeff is a past President of Association of Pretrial Professionals of Florida (APPF); a former Commissioner for the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC); and is the immediate past President of National Association Pretrial Service Agencies (NAPSA). Jeff spend 21 years as a criminal investigator for the U.S. Coast Guard prior to joining Alachua County. Jeff was instrumental in developing and implementing the Florida Statewide Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument and the revalidation of this tool, the Florida Pretrial and Probation Accreditation Standards administered through FCAC and the National Pretrial Accreditation Standards administered through NAPSA. When not working, Jeff enjoys reading, golf, traveling and working on his project cars.

Ryan LaRowe

Ryan LaRow is currently a Detective Sergeant with the Palmetto Police Department and has been with the agency for 19 years. He is a Computer Voice Stress Analysis Examiner and Background Investigator as well as a member of the Association of Certified Background Investigators. Ryan is a FBI LEEDA Trilogy Graduate and holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration. He also serves as a CFA assessor for law enforcement assessments.

Julie Leftheris

Julie Leftheris serves as the Inspector General and Director of Compliance for the State University System of Florida. She previously spent 9 years as the Inspector General for the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and previously as the Deputy Inspector General for the Florida Lottery. Julie has worked in the Inspector General community for 28 years working in both auditing and investigative functions. Julie is a graduate of Florida State University with degrees in both Finance and Accounting. She has obtained the professional certifications of Certified Inspector General, Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, and Certified Information Systems Auditor. Julie currently serves as a board member of the Florida Association of Inspectors General and the Leon County School Board. She is a current Commissioner for the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

Flora Miller

Flora Miller started her career in state government in 2000 in Public Assistance Eligibility and Public Assistance Fraud Investigations, joining the Office of Inspector General in approximately 2003 as a regional investigator and regional investigator supervisor. She currently serves as both a regional investigator, covering portions of the Central, Northeast, SunCoast, and Southeast Regions, and as the accreditation manager for her agency. Mrs. Miller is a team leader for Inspector General assessments for the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA), completing over 25 assessments (mock, formal, and technical assists) as both a team leader and team member. She has completed approximately 20 peer reviews as both a team leader and team member for the Association of Inspectors General (AIG) Peer Review Committee. She is the chair of the AIG's Peer Review Committee. Mrs. Miller is an instructor for the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition (FLA-PAC) and the AIG Institute. She holds certifications as a certified inspector general investigator (CIGI) and certified accreditation professional (CAP). In her downtime, Mrs. Miller is active in the martial arts community with her husband, sanctioning amateur competitive events through the Florida Boxing Commission and in the Bahamas.

Amanda Newton

Amanda Newton is an 18-year veteran with the St. Petersburg Police Department, who is a Detective in the Major Crimes Unit and has served on the Crisis Intervention Team for the past seven years. Amanda has a master's degree in Criminal Justice and is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in Public Safety. Prior to her employment with the St. Petersburg Police Department, Amanda served our country in the United States Navy. Amanda is not only a full-time law enforcement officer, she is the proud mother of three beautiful, adopted children. Having experienced personal trauma, Amanda has made it her mission to teach on mental health within the law enforcement community and tell her story so others know they are not alone.

Joy Ozellie

Joy Ozellie has nine years of correctional experience. Her nursing profession started as a community-based registered nurse in 2007 and transitioned into correctional health administration in 2013. Her correctional career started at the Broward Sheriff's Office as a Nurse Educator and Continuous Quality Improvement Coordinator. She performed this role for five years, improving patient safety and operations, and was then promoted to Director of Nursing at one of the four facilities. Being a Director of Nursing involves management of staff and delivering optimal healthcare that is compliant with national guidelines and accreditation standards. In 2021, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office welcomed Joy to join their Corrections Standards & Staff Development team. Joy is a Medical Jail Inspector and PREA Manager. She regularly teaches staff on PREA, audits medical operations, develops training materials and is becoming a certified inspector for Florida Model Jail Standards and FCAC Assessor.

David Pate

David Pate started his career in law enforcement with the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in 1987. He served in Uniform Patrol, as a School Resource Deputy, Criminal Investigations, and, after 09/11, as a Domestic Security Task Force Agent. In 2004 he came to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) Commission, having served in the Office of Inspector General, the FWC Academy and the Office of Professional Standards. David retired as a Captain in 2020 and returned to FWC as a Reserve Officer in 2021, assisting with accreditation. David currently serves as a team leader for law enforcement and inspector general assessments for the Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation. He has completed over 70 assessments, and he regularly teaches Team Leader and Assessor certification courses for the Commission. David is a CJSTC and NRA certified firearms instructor and is also a taser, impact weapon and chemical agent instructor. He holds certifications in multiple disciplines as an armorer and has been assigned as the Agency Armorer for both LCSO and FWC. He is an avid waterfowl and upland bird hunter and has been active with the Boy Scouts of America since his youth.

Kattie Privett

Katie Privett is an attorney supervisor at the Florida Department of Financial Services, Office of the General Counsel (DFS). She handles public records legal issues and provides regular training to DFS employees. She also represents DFS in civil litigation on a variety of topics. Before coming to DFS, she was the public records attorney for the Florida Department of Management Services. Katie holds a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Bachelor of Arts in English from University of Florida as well as a J.D. from Florida State University College of Law. She has been a member of the Florida Bar since 2013.

Joshua Quigley

Joshua Quigley is a Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) Office of Statewide Intelligence (OSI) – Targeted Violence Prevention Program (TVPP). In July 2018, SAS Quigley established, and now leads, the FDLE's Protective Intelligence Unit (PIU), which provides intelligence support to the FDLE's Protective Services Bureau (PSB) through applied behavioral threat assessment and management (BTAM). The PSB is responsible for ensuring the 24/7 safety and security of Florida's Governor and first family, the Florida Governor's Mansion, and Florida's Executive Office of the Governor (EOG). Additionally, SAS Quigley has led two (2) strategic projects for the FDLE, including its most recent Governor-directed initiative to effectively and efficiently counter the persistent threat of targeted violence throughout Florida. SAS Quigley was the author of Florida's Strategy for Targeted Violence Prevention, published in January 2020, and principal architect of the FDLE's TVPP, which was implemented in November 2021. Florida's strategy represents the collaborative consensus of internationally recognized subject-matter experts (SME) in BTAM, as well as Florida's law enforcement community, including the Florida Police Chiefs' Association, Florida Sheriffs' Association, and Florida Attorney General's Office on how best to mitigate and prevent targeted violence, especially incidents of mass targeted violence. SAS Quigley is a native of Pensacola, FL and presently stationed at the FDLE's Headquarters in Tallahassee, FL. SAS Quigley is a veteran law enforcement officer with approximately twenty (20) years of combined civilian and sworn experience in both state and local law enforcement. SAS Quigley previously served with the Lakeland (FL) Police Department (LPD) from 2001 to 2008 before rejoining the FDLE in 2012. SAS Quigley holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminology from Florida State University, a Master's degree in International Relations and National Security from Troy University, and a Juris Doctor in Law from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. SAS Quigley is also a licensed attorney in Florida.

Doug Robertson

Chief Doug Robertson came to the Wilton Manors Police after a distinguished law enforcement career in Upstate New York, where he rose through the ranks from dispatcher to serve as Chief of Police for nearly 12 years. In addition to his law enforcement command experience, he served as an instructor at the Central New York Regional Police Academy and an adjunct faculty member of the Public Safety Training Center at SUNY Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, NY. Chief Robertson has 29 years of accreditation experience after having been named accreditation manager for the North Syracuse Police Department back in 1990. In 2005, he was the primary author of the New York State's Division of Criminal Justice Services Accreditation Manager Training Tutorial. In 2006, former New York Governor Pataki appointed Robertson to a seat on the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council (Commission). Over the last 29 years, he has served as an assessor and team leader in New York and continues to serve in those roles for CFA here in Florida. Doug has conducted over 36 mock and on-site assessments in both states and is an active member of the FLA-PAC and the training committee. He is a proud grandfather to his five grandchildren.

Gary Robinson

Gary Robinson started his career with the West Palm Beach Police Department in 1973, retiring as a Captain in 2004. He served in a broad range of assignments, including communications, patrol, special investigations, criminal investigations, training, property and evidence, and administration among others. He served as the accreditation manager from 1997-2004. He served as the Major over the Support Services Bureau for the Port St. Lucie Police Department from 2004 to 2012. With the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office since 2012, he currently serves as the Unit Manager over Staff Inspections and as the law enforcement accreditation manager. He holds an MBA and graduated from the Southern Police Institute, 82nd Administrative Officers Course. He's been involved in accreditation at some level since 1989; continuously since 1997, including as an assessor and team leader for CFA since 1999; CALEA assessor and team leader 2001-2012. Certified Accreditation Professional since 2010. CFA Assessor of the Year 2012 and Team Leader of the Year 2019. Individual recognition, IACP Webber-Seavey Award, 1995. He is a former FLA-PAC Treasurer and PAC-CHAT editor. He has served as a CFA SRIC member 2006 – 2009 and currently since 2019. A member of the FLA-PAC Training Committee, he instructs various classes at the conferences, including standards-specific classes. Gary has completed over 90 law enforcement and Inspector General assessments, over 65 as team leader.

Ann Rozycki-Fierro

Ann Rozycki-Fierro is a Senior Attorney with the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS), Office of the General Counsel in Tallahassee, Florida. She is a legal advisor to the Division of Investigative & Forensic Services and the Division of Public Assistance Fraud. Prior to joining DFS, Ann served as an Assistant Utah Attorney General in Salt Lake City, Utah. During her 20-year tenure with the Utah AG's Office, Ann prosecuted a range of criminal matters. For many years she prosecuted cases referred by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force including child pornography and online enticement of minors. She also has experience handling a variety of financial crimes from criminal child support matters to tax fraud. Prior to serving as a prosecutor, Ann represented the state in civil matters related to Public Assistance Fraud and Medicaid estate recovery. Ann holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Educational Psychology and Elementary Education from Brigham Young University and a J.D. from the J. Ruben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. She was admitted to the Utah Bar in 1996 and the Florida Bar in 2016.

Frank Ruggiero

Major Frank Ruggiero has been in law enforcement since 1990 and currently works for the Tarpon Springs Police Department (TSPD). Prior to his promotion to major in 2021, he served as the accreditation manager and supervisor of training, hiring, recruiting, traffic homicide, and special events. Major Ruggiero began teaching at the Pasco/Hernando State College in 2000 as a lead instructor and has taught more than 50 different academy classes. He is currently CJSTC certified in the areas of firearms, police driving, defensive tactics, medical first responder, dart firing stun guns, and general topics. He has been on the FDLE Curriculum Maintenance Board since 2006. He has been a member of the St. Petersburg College Training Advisory Board since 2005. He has presented for several different organizations including the Property Evidence Association of Florida (PEAF), the State of Florida Crime Watch Organization, FLA-PAC, and for several city commissions. Major Ruggiero has been a CFA assessor since 2012 and a CFA team leader since 2016. He is also a member of CFA SRIC and a Certified Accreditation Professional. Until his promotion in 2021 he served as the FLA-PAC Training Committee chairperson. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville's SPI Command Officer Development Course class #77. His awards include Officer of the Year 2004 and 2018, Best New Crime Watch Program for State of Florida 2011, Certified Public Pension Trustee (FPPTA), Best Instructor PHSC (multiple times), and the TSPD Award of Excellence.

Kim Wachter

Ms. Wachter began her career in law enforcement in 2002, as an intelligence analyst with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. She is a 2004 graduate of the FDLE Analyst Academy. During her career with FDLE, she worked in the Melbourne Field Office, in the Orlando Region. Her assignment to the field office included working as the analyst with Special Agents handling public corruption, economic crimes, violent crimes, narcotics investigations, and cold case homicides. In 2007, she began working with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office as an Investigative Analyst. There, she worked in the Investigations Unit with detectives assigned to persons and property crimes, as well as the detectives assigned to the Multi Agency Criminal Enforcement Unit, specifically handling narcotics investigations and Intelligence (gangs and drugs). In 2012, Ms. Wachter was hired by the Sebastian Police Department as their Crime Analyst and Accreditation Manager. In 2013, she became an accreditation assessor and has traveled around the state to assess other law enforcement agencies to determine their compliance with the state accreditation standards. In 2015, Ms. Wachter was promoted to Administrative Supervisor where her duties included continuing as the crime analyst and accreditation manager but also supervising the Records Unit and Logistics Unit. While with the Sebastian Police Department, she had the privilege of serving as their accreditation manager for two assessments (2014 and 2017), the last of which recognized the Sebastian Police Department as an Excelsior agency with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). In 2017, Ms. Wachter moved to Tallahassee where she now serves as a Senior Management Analyst Supervisor with the Department of Financial Services, Division of Investigative and Forensic Services. Her duties include supervising the Division's public records specialists and acting as the Division's accreditation manager. In October 2018, the Division proudly received their initial accreditation with CFA and received their first reaccreditation award in October 2021.

William Walls

William “Billy” Walls is a senior program manager for the Florida Accreditation Office and is responsible for assisting agencies in the Southeast Florida region. He has previously been an active assessor and team leader for CFA and has over twenty years of law enforcement experience. His career began in municipal law enforcement with the Havana Police Department. He then moved to the Tallahassee Police Department. While with TPD, he served as a patrol officer, DARE officer, and fraud investigator. Billy was hired in 2000 by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Inspector General as an investigative lieutenant and in 2002 he was promoted to captain. In 2003, he was promoted to the chief of training in the Division of Law Enforcement. In that position, he was a member of the State Law Enforcement Chiefs Association and a member of the Training Center Directors Association, Chairing Region 15 which oversaw funding for all state law enforcement officer advanced training. Billy holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Flagler College and is instructor certified through the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission.

Wanda White

Wanda White retired in 2016 after 41+ years with the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office (ECSO) and Escambia County Corrections. She served as accreditation manager for both law enforcement and detention at the sheriff’s office and as the accreditation manager for Escambia County Corrections. Wanda has over 20 years of experience in accreditation and has earned and maintained the designation of Certified Accreditation Professional for 10 years. She has been an active assessor conducting 50+ assessments for CFA, FCAC, FPAP, and FLA-TAC, usually as team leader. Wanda has been actively involved with FLA-PAC, serving on the executive board and many committees. She currently serves as chair of the CAP Committee. Wanda has been a member of the FMJS Subcommittee/Task Force since 2003. Prior to her assignment to accreditation at the ECSO, Wanda worked in administration, operations, investigations, training, human resources, traffic, records, detention, public records, and planning & research. Wanda is currently the CEO of Accreditation Consultants of Florida, LLC.