

## **Bill LePere**

Bill is a 27-year veteran of the Lakeland Police Department where he currently serves as an Assistant Chief of Police with the Neighborhood Services Bureau. He began his police career in 1980 as a volunteer Auxiliary Police Officer before entering the profession as a full-time officer in 1982.

Over this career, Bill has served in a variety of patrol, investigative, and administrative positions as he rose through the ranks, which gives him a comprehensive view of police management and operations.

Bill is a graduate of Lakeland High School. His academic career includes an Associate's degree from Polk Community College, a Bachelor's degree from Saint Leo University, and a Master's degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Louisville.

He is a graduate of the 109<sup>th</sup> session of the Administrative Officers Course at the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, from the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Florida Executive Development Seminar sponsored by the FBI, and the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the Senior Management Institute of Policing sponsored by the Police Executive Research Forum at Boston University.

His professional affiliations include the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Florida Police Chiefs Association, the Polk County Police Chiefs Association, the Police Executive Research Forum, and the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. He is also a graduate of Leadership Lakeland Class XXII.

Bill is an adjunct instructor with the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute at St. Petersburg College where he teaches courses in community policing and police supervision.

Bill is an Eagle Scout and has dedicated over 25 years of service as an adult leader to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in Lakeland, as well as teaching outdoors skills at Camp Fire USA. He also serves as a member of the City's Enterprise Zone Development Agency.

He is married to Monica and they have two adult children, Jennifer and Matt.