



**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE & FORENSIC SERVICES**

**ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF:**

## **Chief of Forensic Services Carl Chasteen**

The Division of Investigative and Forensic Services would like to congratulate Chief Carl Chasteen on his upcoming retirement, effective February 16, 2023. Chief Chasteen has been with the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services since its inception in 2016, and the Bureau of Forensic Services since January 1992.

From 1979 until January 1992, he served as a Chemist for the State of Ohio, serving the Department of Commerce and Division of State Fire Marshal at the Bureau of Arson Crime Laboratory. From there, Chief Chasteen would become the Crime Laboratory Analyst Supervisor for Florida's Bureau of Forensic Services, which then evolved into the role of Chief of Forensic Services for the State of Florida. Chief Chasteen also briefly served as the Acting Chief of the Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations from March to July 2007. During his time with the Bureau of Forensic Services, he has been awarded The Florida Distinguished Service Award twice, in 1998 and 2000. Throughout his tenure as Chief of the Bureau of Forensic Services, the Bureau's Laboratory has hosted scientists from across the country and around the world.

Chief Chasteen graduated from The Ohio University in 1979, with a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry. He served as Chair of the IAAI Forensic Science Committee from 1993 to 1998. Additionally, he co-developed a Forensic Evidence Collection course for the National Fire Academy, serving as an instructor of the course from 2009-2019, as well as developing a Organic Chemistry for Fire Debris Analysts class through the University of Central Florida which is currently taught online.



**The Division thanks Chief Chasteen for his dedication and efforts across decades of service, and wish him the best in retirement.**