



**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE & FORENSIC SERVICES**

**ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF:**

# Lieutenant Ernest “Duane” Cooper

We are pleased to announce the retirement of Lieutenant Ernest "Duane" Cooper after more than 30 years in law enforcement. Lt. Cooper started his career in 1990 as a Corrections Deputy with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

In 1998, Lt. Cooper was hired as a detective with the Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investigations, where he served the remainder of his tenure in the Jacksonville Field Office. In 2014, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. During his time with the Bureau, Lt. Cooper served as Lead Worker, FTO, Regional Training Coordinator, and Law Enforcement Instructor, and Fire College Instructor, with multiple task force and hurricane deployments.

Lt. Cooper has served the agency and his community with honesty, integrity, perseverance, and dedication. In his retirement,

Lt. Cooper is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 30 years, Lori, his children, and grandchildren.

Congratulations Lieutenant Cooper!



**DIFS thanks Lieutenant Cooper for his dedication and efforts in the fight against fire, arson, and fraud.**