

Rich Hampton

Rich Hampton began his law enforcement career in 1990 and currently works as the Lieutenant of the North Naples Substation. The district is comprised of 70 members, covering 50 square miles.

Lt. Hampton pursued a career in law enforcement after serving in the U.S. Air Force, Security Forces, on active duty from 1990-1995. He served for an additional eight years as a USAF reservist and was deployed in Operation Noble Eagle after September 11, 2001.

During his law enforcement career he has served in several capacities, including Corrections Deputy, Road Patrol, Gang Investigations, Drill Instructor, Criminal Street Gang Unit Sergeant and the Golden Gate Patrol Commander from 2005-2015. In addition to his current duties, Lt. Hampton is one the agency trainers, specializing in defensive tactics, use of force and active shooter response. Lt. Hampton has earned numerous citations and awards including a unit citation, teamwork award, three command recognitions, the military defense award and a Gallantry Star for rescuing a citizen trapped inside a vehicle under water.

Lt. Hampton is a graduate of the University of Louisville command officer development program. He is former regional vice president of the Florida Gang Investigators Association and a former instructor at St. Petersburg College, specializing in juvenile delinquency and criminal street gangs. Lt. Hampton has been a speaker at several conferences throughout Florida, specializing in active shooter response.

Lt. Hampton was born in Kansas City, but moved to Marco Island at a young age and graduated from Lely High School. He and his wife Tara have four children. They enjoy traveling, boating, fishing and golfing.