

Walt McNeil

Walter. A. McNeil was elected Sheriff of Leon County in November 2016. In his distinguished 35-year career as a public servant, Walter McNeil has led the fight against crime in Tallahassee, has been tapped to lead two state agencies under former Gov. Charlie Crist, and has advised the Obama White House and other governments around the globe on law enforcement strategies and tactics. During his time as Corrections Secretary, he put in place Florida's first prison reentry programs, reducing the inmate recidivism rate by nearly 5%.

For ten years at the helm of the Tallahassee Police Department, Chief McNeil was recognized for his progressive voice and his effective response to citizen concerns. His community policing efforts earned him numerous honors, including the Tallahassee NAACP Humanitarian Award, Public Sector Business Person of the Year and the United States DEA Award.

Chief McNeil also served on the advisory group that met with Vice President Biden to discuss gun violence and was elected President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.