



Michael Terhune

Michael Terhune came to Tallahassee from Miami in 1986 to attend Florida State University. While working on a Graphics Arts degree, he played tuba in FSU Marching Chiefs. After leaving FSU he attended Lively Fire Academy and became a Florida Certified Firefighter.

In 1991 Michael enlisted in the US Coast Guard and graduated Honor Graduate from boot camp. He returned to Tallahassee and entered TCC where he became a Florida EMT and Paramedic and completed the Emergency Medical Technology degree.

In 1995 Michael transferred into the US Navy Reserves and became a Hospital Corpsman. That same year he was hired by Tallahassee Fire Department and is currently a Lieutenant Paramedic. Michael was also hired by Tallahassee Memorial

Regional Medical EMS and worked for 9 years.

Michael had a passion for teaching EMS and became an instructor for ITLS, BLS, ACLS, PALS and TCCC and taught at Southeastern School of Health Sciences. In 1998 he became the lab instructor for TCC's EMT and Paramedic Programs.

During his time with Tallahassee Fire Department, Michael has responded to numerous disasters around the state, received numerous unit citations, life-saving awards and has been named firefighter of the year by numerous organizations including the VFW and American Legion. In 2016 he developed the Tallahassee Police Department TAC Medic Program.

During his time in the Navy, Michael achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer and deployed to Iraq in 2003, and 2004. He continually gives back to those who serve with Team Guardian, a nonprofit that supports veterans and first responders. He is also on the board of Directors for the Florida Veterans Foundation.

Watch the video presented at the 2020 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of Douglas Smith speaking on behalf of Michael Terhune [HERE](#).