

I am a current candidate for the position of Secretary on the Executive Board. I have been an active member of FCCD and Chapter 5 since 1997. During that time, I served on the Chapter 5 board from secretary to president. I have also served at the State level as the chairperson of the Training Award and for the past several years as the chairperson of the Chapter Effectiveness award. Additionally, during each quarterly board meeting and the annual institute I assist with the FCCD store and have also volunteered and served on various other committees and activities.

I began her career with the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) in 1986 at Baker Correctional Institution (BKCI). After serving as a Correctional Medical Technician for two years, I moved into Security, where I promoted to Sergeant in 1992 and remained at BKCI until 1997. During this time, I worked just about all positions and all shifts at the institution. I left FDC in 1997 when the opportunity arose and became the Institutional Inspector at Lake City Correctional Facility for Corrections Corporation and remained there until 2001. In 2001, I returned to FDC working for the Inspector General's Office and remained there until she retired as a Senior Law Enforcement Inspector in December 2018.

I am very proud to say that during my career with FDC, I served in the Florida Army National Guard as a Combat Medic and obtained the rank of Sergeant before being honorably discharged in 1989. Additionally, after obtaining becoming a certified instructor, I was employed with Florida Gateway College from 2015 until my retirement. And since I wasn't busy enough, in 2011, I began working for SAFE Management as a Security Officer providing security at Jaguar football games and various other sporting and entertainment events. I continue working for SAFE Management and really enjoy all the things I've been able to see because of this position, including the two Super Bowls recently held in Florida. Also, since retiring, I opened my own baking business, Sweet Blessings by Dorothy, that I continue to operate.

First and foremost I love my family. This also includes all of the family I have gained with FCCD. I am married to Ken and we have three sons (Wesley, Joshua, and Charles). But more importantly, we have three grandsons, Reid, Landen, and Wesley Jr. that we love spending time with. Our grandson's and us enjoy being in the outdoors and have spent many days at zoos and aquariums, hunting and fishing.

It would be an honor to serve on the FCCD Executive Board and your support is greatly appreciated. I look forward to continuing serving.