

Captain William C. Lawhorn currently serves as the Assistant Director of the St Lucie County Sheriff's Office, Department of Detention. He is a corrections expert with over 28 years of experience in jail operations and administration. He began his career in 1989 with the Broward County Sheriff's Office, where he held positions as a Detention Deputy and Deputy Sheriff, working his way through the ranks to major and serving as the Director's Executive Officer, overseeing a jail system of over 5,500 inmates. Several of the responsibilities held during his tenure at the Broward Sheriff's Office included line level operations in 4 separate facilities, a detective sergeant in Internal Affairs, running the Special Operations command of 312 staff members, Accreditation Manager, Auditor and Inspector, Agency Compliance Manager, Policy Development, Management Accountability Coordinator, facility design projects, Assistant Director and Acting Director.

In 2007, Captain Lawhorn relocated to the State of Vermont and continued his career as the Director of Security, Operations, and Audits for the state's prison system, where he assisted the Facilities' Executive in operating the state-wide correctional system. In 2011, Captain Lawhorn was promoted to the Facilities' Executive position, commanding the prison system for Vermont until 2013.

In May 2013, Captain Lawhorn returned to his roots in Florida and assumed the responsibilities of the jail commander for the St Lucie County Sheriff's Office.

His accomplishments include holding a commissioner's seat with the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission; a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 262; a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police with the Police Executive Research Forum; the Executive Leadership Program at the Florida Atlantic University; the Command Officer Development Course at the Southern Police Institute; and he majored in Corrections Administration at the John Jay City College of New York. During his career, he established a manual of detention facility standards for the State of Vermont's Corrections system; published in three national corrections publications; has presented at the National Sheriffs Association (NSA), American Correctional Association (ACA), and the Florida Sheriff's Association (FSA).