



## FBINAA Section III Representative



**Deputy Chief Craig Petersen** is a 23-year veteran officer of the Gulfport Police Department. Deputy Chief Petersen began his career in 1997 as a patrol officer and transferred to the detective division in 2000. Deputy Chief Petersen was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2002 and was promoted to Detective Lieutenant in 2005. In 2007 Deputy Chief Petersen was appointed as the Officer-In-Charge of the Detective Division for the Second District. In 2011 Deputy Chief Petersen was promoted to the rank of Captain, where he was the Officer in Charge of the Investigative Services Division.

On January 1, 2018, Deputy Chief Petersen was appointed to the Command Staff with the rank of Deputy Commander in the Support Services Bureau. On February 1, 2019, Deputy Chief Petersen was promoted to the rank of Commander of the Professional Standards Bureau, which is responsible for internal affairs investigations, background investigations, hiring, training, and agency accreditation. On September 1, 2020, he was appointed as the Deputy Chief of Police where he currently serves today.

Deputy Chief Petersen attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and transferred to the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1992. He earned a Master's Degree from Delta State University in Social Justice and Criminology in 2009.

Deputy Chief Petersen is a 2011 graduate of the FBI National Academy (245<sup>th</sup> Session) in Quantico Virginia. In 2016 Deputy Chief Petersen was elected to the Executive Board of the FBI National Academy Associates, Mississippi Chapter. Deputy Chief Petersen currently serves as the President of the Mississippi Chapter. In March of 2020, Deputy Chief Petersen was also selected to serve as an Ambassador for the FBI National Academy Associates Charitable Foundation and is actively serving in that capacity.

Deputy Chief Petersen has also been employed as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and William Carey University, where he has served as an instructor in Criminal Justice Courses.

Deputy Chief Petersen has also been involved in his local community as a volunteer coach in youth sports including football, baseball, and basketball and served as the President of the Lyman Youth Association and Vice President of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Football League.