

## **SUMTER COUNTY**

**Sheriff William O. "Bill" Farmer, Jr. (R)**

### ***Education***

Public schools, Sumter County; Lake Sumter Community College; AA degree, Criminal Justice; BA degree, cum laude, Criminology, St. Leo University; Graduate work, Public Administration; Executive Development Program, National Sheriffs' Institute; Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute; graduate, FBI National Academy, 195th Session

### ***Military***

U.S. Army, 1966-1968

### ***Career***

FBI, Washington, D.C.;  
Florida Division of Corrections;  
Patrolman, Webster Police Department;  
Patrolman, Wildwood Police Department;  
Sumter County Sheriff's Office, 46 years: Patrolman, Criminal Investigator, Chief Deputy;  
Elected Sheriff of Sumter County, 1996; re-elected 2000, ran unopposed 2004, 2008, 2016 and re-elected in 2020.

### ***Honors and Affiliations***

Past president, Sumter Gideon Camp; Board of Directors: Florida Sheriffs Association, 2003-2011, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, 2003-2008, 2012-2015, 2016-2017; Board of Directors 2019 to present: Central Florida CrimeLine, Lake/Sumter Habitat for Humanity, Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, and Children's Advocacy Center Lake/Sumter Counties; member, advisory committee: Lake-Sumter Community College, Central Florida Community College Criminal Justice; Emergency Planning Committee, Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council; Region VI Criminal Justice Standards and Training Council; member: Florida and International Homicide Investigator's Association, Florida Division of International Association for Identification, Florida and Sumter County Cattleman Associations, Sumter County Farmer's Market, Sumter Youth Charities; chairman of the board: Florida Sheriffs Association, 2005-2006; Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, 2005-2008, vice president, Florida Sheriffs Association, 2008-2009; president, Florida Sheriffs Association 2009-2010; board member, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches; chairman of the board, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, 2012 - 2013. Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Board, 2019-2020.

