

Linda Butler

Linda Butler began her career as a dispatcher at the Leon County Sheriff's Office in 1985. In 1988, she was promoted to deputy sheriff after attending Lively Law Enforcement Academy full-time while working the night shift as a dispatcher. Linda served as a Field Training Officer before moving to the Vice/ Narcotics Unit, becoming the first female deputy in the unit.

She transferred to Crime Scene in 1997 before being promoted to Sergeant in the Vice Unit in 1998. She was promoted to Lieutenant in 2002 and served as the Public Information Officer for LCSO. Linda also served as the Lt. in the Criminal Investigations Unit, covering Property, Financial, Crime Scene, Vice, Internet Crimes, and the Violent Crimes Unit. Linda was promoted to Captain over the Criminal Investigations Unit and then Uniform Patrol before becoming the first female Major Law Enforcement Bureau Commander at the Sheriff's Office. She retired in 2021 at the rank of Chief.

Linda graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2010. During her years of service, she was recognized as one of the 25 Women You Need to Know (2016) and received the Sheriff Larry Campbell Distinguished Career Service Award (2017). She has served on numerous boards, including Refuge House, Turn About, Mothers in Crisis, and Fellowship Of Christian Athletes.