

Chief Paul Restivo

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Paul Restivo began his career with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in 1992 when he started their Police Academy. In 1996, he took the opportunity to transfer from Patrol to the Narcotics Division as an undercover detective. Six years later, he achieved the rank of Sergeant in 2002 and Lieutenant in 2015 where he commanded several units to include Patrol, Narcotics/Vice, Internal Affairs, and Emergency Preparedness. He was appointed to the command staff by Sheriff Mike Williams in May 2019 and held several positions to include Zone 3 Commander, Assistant Chief of Special Operations, and Assistant Chief of Community Engagement. In June 2022, Interim Sheriff Pat Ivey promoted him to Chief of the Professional Standards Division. In November of 2022, Sheriff T.K. Waters appointed him as Assistant Chief of Specialized Patrol. On July 22, 2023, Sheriff Waters promoted him to Chief of the Jails Division where he oversees all operations at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

Chief Restivo holds a bachelor's degree (*Summa Cum Laude*) from Liberty University in Business & Psychology and a master's degree (*with High Distinction*) from Liberty University's School of Business in Executive Leadership. He attended the FBI's National Academy at Quantico in 2022 and earned a graduate certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia. Before JSO, he also proudly served four years in the US Navy with eight months overseas during Operation Desert Storm. Chief Restivo is married to his wife, Dr. Kelli Marvin-Restivo. Together they have four adult children.