

Deputy Earnest Williams

Badge #226

Retired 30-April-2010 (34yrs on the job)

Sheriff's served under

Sheriff Carl Thomas

Sheriff Don Byrd

Sheriff Jim Bowles

Sheriff Lupe Valdez



Started with the Sheriffs Department as a clerk part-time 1976 while attending college. In 1979 Mr. Williams took the Deputy test and over came many obstacles to earn the position of Deputy Sheriff.

1980 Deputy Williams attended the academy, after 8 months of training he finished 13th out of his class of 46. Out of the academy Deputy Williams was assigned to the Old Jail where he assumed duties of a Detention Deputy.

From the Old Jail Deputy Williams was transferred to I.D. where he found his niche, latent fingerprint comparison technician. Deputy Williams excelled in this field, he was the first African American in the Sheriff Department to get certified as a Finger-Print Technician. Deputy Williams went on to be an expert in the field.

His abilities as a leader in finger-print comparison landed numerous high profile felons behind bars nation wide. Often times Federal Prosecutors used Deputy Williams detailed testimony to help convict some the nations most hardened criminals.

In 1983 Deputy Williams helped open the Departments newly formed Probation Check Department. This section of the Sheriff's Department coordinates with local and state agencies to compile accurate information for the courts used in an inmates sentencing. Deputy Williams is married to Detention Officer Francine Williams who also works for the Sheriff's Department as a Detention Officer at the Government Center Jail. Alone with his wife he has three children and three grand-children.

Good Luck Deputy Williams (Mr. Williams) and enjoy your retirement, you're leaving some big shoes to fill!