

**James E Byrd  
Patrol Division Major  
Sheriff's Office**

Major Jimmy Byrd began working for Wake County in May 1991 as a Deputy Sheriff. During Jimmy's career with Wake County, he has worked in Court House Operations, Patrol Division, Warrant Unit and Special Operations Division. Jimmy served as a Field Training Officer and was certified as an instructor where he taught in the Sheriff's Academy and other agencies. In addition to Basic Law Enforcement Training, he became a specialized firearms instructor and driving instructor, where he provided instruction for new officers as well as in-service training for veteran officers.

In 2003, after being promoted to Sergeant in the Patrol Division, he was given command of the Sheriff's Office Boat Team. He restructured the team and doubled the fleet of boats and the team members. With technological advancements and training, the Boat Team is able to provide waterway security for Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant as well as a search and rescue operation.

In 2005 Jimmy was promoted to Lieutenant in the Patrol Division. In 2013 he was promoted to Captain of the Patrol Division and the Special Operations Division. Jimmy received extensive incident command training and began working in the Emergency Operations Center during countywide incidents and emergencies.

In March 2018, Jimmy was promoted to his current rank of Patrol Division Major with command over the largest division within the Sheriff's Office.

In retirement, he plans to spend time with his wife and daughter, catching up on many home projects and continuing to serve his church and community.

Please join me in congratulating Jimmy on his retirement.