



## **Donald F. Eslinger** **Sheriff of Seminole County, Florida**

On January 1, 1991, the Governor of Florida appointed Donald F. Eslinger Sheriff of Seminole County for a two-year term. He was elected in 1992; re-elected in 1996, 2000, 2004 and again in 2008.

Sheriff Eslinger has 31 years of service with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. His career began in 1978 as a Radio Dispatcher and he advanced through the ranks as a Patrol Deputy, Criminal Investigator, Special Operations Investigator, Watch Commander, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team leader, two tours with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as a Task Force Agent; and returning as Commander of the City/County Investigative Bureau. At the time of his appointment, Sheriff Eslinger held the position of major, third in command of the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Eslinger earned his Bachelor's Degree in Applied Behavioral Sciences from National Louis University and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He also attended the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Chief Executive Institute in Tallahassee, Florida and the National Academy of Corrections - U.S. Department of Justice.

Sheriff Eslinger and his wife, Elise, have four children.

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### ***Sheriff Eslinger is involved in the following community programs:***

- Florida Network of Youth and Family Services – Board of Directors
- Envision Seminole - Board of Directors
- Safe House of Seminole - Founders' Council
- Central Florida Boy Scout Council - Executive Board
- Seminole Community College – Law Enforcement Advisory Committee
- Kids House of Seminole - Executive Board
- Keep Seminole Beautiful – Board of Directors
- Treatment Advocacy Center, Arlington, VA – Board Member

### ***Professional activities include:***

- Attorney General's Region 5 Gang Reduction Task Force - Chairman
- Interstate Adult Offender Supervision – State Council
- Central Florida Intelligence Exchange – Governance Board
- Law Enforcement Technology, Training, and Research, Inc. – Board of Directors
- Florida Adult Protective Services Advisory Panel - Member
- Florida Attorney General's Law Enforcement Advisory Commission - Member
- Florida Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council – Member
- Florida Sheriffs' Association –Past President, Board of Directors

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- Florida Sheriffs' Self Insurance Fund – Vice Chairman, Board of Managers
- Florida Sheriffs' Self Insurance Fund Audit Committee - Chairman
- Florida D.A.R.E. – Board of Directors and former Chairman
- National Sheriffs' Association – Former Board of Directors, Executive Committee  
Drug Enforcement Committee  
Resolution Committee – Vice-Chairman
- Commission On Accreditation For Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)- former Commissioner
- Florida Sheriffs' Association Task Force - Zone 5 – Chairman
- Florida Partners In Crisis – Former State Director
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Missing Children Information Advisory Board – Member
- Central Florida Criminal Justice Association - Executive Board
- Central Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) – Executive Board Member and former Chairman

***Honors and Awards:***

- *Silver Beaver Award* which is presented by Boy Scouts of America for distinguished service to young people, 2009.
- *Community Service Award* from Seminole Association of School Administrators, 2009
- *Leadership Legends Award* from Leadership Seminole, 2008
- *Seminole County Leadership Award* from the Office of the State Attorney 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, 2008
- *Good Government Award* from Private Business Association of Seminole, 2006
- *Friend of Youth Award* from Optimist Club of Sanford, 2006
- *President's Award* from Florida Crime Prevention Association
- *Florida President's Award* from National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI),
- *Excellence Award* from Seminole Community Mental Health Center
- *Spirit of Youth Award* from Girls and Boys Town of Central Florida
- *Leadership Award* from Florida Partners in Crisis
- *R. David Thomas Child Advocate of the Year Award* from Children's Home Society
- *Service to Mankind Award* from Sertoma Club
- *Leadership Award* from Seminole County Republican Executive Committee