

Chief Deputy Michael E. Gauger, MSAW

Chief Deputy Michael E. Gauger, MSW serves as the Senior Executive Staff Officer for the Department of Law Enforcement Operations and Corrections. As Chief Deputy he is responsible for an annual budget of \$594 million, with a staff composition of 1,576 sworn and 1,550 non-sworn personnel; and, a Corrections' budget of \$154 million, with a staff of 619 sworn personnel and 289 non-sworn personnel.



Chief Deputy Gauger is a distinguished honor graduate of Barry University, with a Master of Social Work. Additionally, he is a graduate of the 81st Session, Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville, Kentucky, Administrative Officer's Course, as well as a 1996 Alumni, Leadership Palm Beach County.

Chief Deputy Gauger is an active member of many philanthropic, fraternal, and community-based organizations. He has earned many prestigious awards over a distinguished 46-year career, including a recent Special Citation for Meritorious Service, from the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in Washington, D.C., and selected as the 2014 Palm Beach County social worker of the year.

Chief Deputy Gauger is an advocate for the mentally ill and substance abuse community and was past chairman of the Palm Beach County's Board of County Commissioner's County Advisory Committee for Health & Human Services. In addition, he serves as the chairman for the Southeast Florida Behavior Health Network, tasked with distributing funds for mental health and substance abuse treatment in a five-county region.

Chief Deputy Gauger is an adjunct professor and guest lecturer on community and problem-solving based policing and ethics and integrity. He is married to the former Ms. Phyllis Everett and has two children.