

Sheriff Bob Peryam: Biography

Sheriff Bob Peryam has spent the past 27 years dedicating his time, energy and leadership to Monroe County and the Florida Keys.

Starting as a Road Patrol Deputy in the Upper Keys he quickly rose through the ranks to become one of the most decorated members of the Sheriff's Office. After working Road Patrol he was selected for the elite Special Traffic Enforcement Unit which operates county-wide. He was later promoted to Sergeant in the Middle Keys where he supervised the men and women operating day and night patrols of the Marathon area. Bob was then promoted to Commander of the Lower Keys District.

During this same period he was asked to command the Operations Bureau of the Sheriff's Office and held that position until he took over as the District Commander of the Marathon Sheriff's Station and became the Chief of Police for the City Of Marathon. Bob held that distinction until being sworn in as Sheriff in January of 2009.

Sheriff Peryam was selected twice to work as a supervisor for the Olympic Games. In 1996 he supervised security activities in the Olympic Village at the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. In 2002 he traveled to Salt Lake City to supervise law enforcement patrol activities at the Winter Olympic Games. Prior to his very successful law enforcement career with the Sheriff's Office, he was a Police Officer in Michigan.

Sheriff Peryam graduated from Hancock Central High School in Hancock, Michigan. He attended the Northern Michigan University Police Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from The Union Institute and a Master's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute Command Officer's Development Course. He is also a Alumni member of Leadership Monroe County and Leadership Florida, a state run leadership program. Additionally he has attended thousands of hours of training in other police related courses.

Sheriff Peryam has always been very active in the communities he serves and has been on several boards of directors and involved with several civic organizations. He is a current board member of the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission; Board of Directors for Fishermen's Hospital and Keys Energy Services. He also sits on the Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board and is the Vice Chairman of South Florida HIDTA . He has also served as a board member for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Pace Center for Girls, and the Salvation Army. He is an active member and past president of the Marathon Rotary Club; an active member and a Past Master of the Marathon Masonic Lodge and a member of the Shriner's Club of Marathon, the Scottish Rite of Key West, Toyz for Keyz Kidz of Monroe County. He has also been a Chairperson of Toys for Tots in Monroe County for fifteen years. He is a regular participant in the American Cancer Society Relay for Live and the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

He has been voted Person of the Year by the Salvation Army Board of Directors in 1999. He received the Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Community Award by the Marathon Rotary Club for 2001 –

2002; the Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Community Award in 2001 – 2002 from the Marathon Rotary Club; the Outstanding Community Service Award from the American Legion in 2002 and was the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 1982.

Bob is married to Cindy Peryam, also a Deputy Sheriff for Monroe County. He has four children and six grandchildren. Bob is looking forward to the possibilities and challenges that the future holds for all of the citizens of Monroe County and the beautiful Florida Keys.