

## PROFILE

As Sheriff of Seminole County, Dennis M. Lemma directs the agency's enforcement, investigative, correctional, juvenile, and support services, leading a work force of more than 1,400 employees and managing a \$194 million budget. Sheriff Lemma is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and he received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Seminole County Sheriff's Office (33 Years)

- **Sheriff** January 2017 — Present
- Chief Deputy October 2013 — January 2017
- Major June 2011 — October 2013
- Acting Major January 2011 — June 2011
- Captain July 2008 — January 2011
- Lieutenant January 2006 — July 2008
- Public Information Officer January 2006 — July 2008
- Sergeant March 2002 — January 2006
- Child Protective Investigator June 2001 — March 2002
- Deputy Sheriff August 1997 — June 2001
- Flight Officer January 1998 — May 1999
- School Resource Deputy August 1999 — May 2001
- Corrections Officer June 1992 — August 1997

## MILITARY SERVICE

United States Marine Corps  
*Honorable Discharge, 2004*  
E-3 Corporal

## CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Law Enforcement Officer,  
State of Florida

Certified Correctional Officer,  
State of Florida

Graduate of the Florida Criminal Justice  
Executive Institute Chief Executive  
Seminar

## APPOINTMENTS

### *Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement: December 2023*

Appointed by Attorney General Ashley Moody to serve as Delegate Chair on Florida's Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement  
Re-appointed by Attorney General James Uthmeier, 2025

### *Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19: May 2020*

Appointed to represent Florida sheriffs on behalf of the Florida Sheriffs Association in reopening our courts

### *Re-Open Florida Task Force: April 2020*

Appointed to serve on the Governor DeSantis Re-Open Florida Task Force as a representative on the Agriculture, Finance, Government, Healthcare, Management, Professional Services Working Group

### *President's Commission on Law Enforcement: February 2020*

Selected for the Administration of Justice, Business and Community Development Working Group

### *All Sheriffs' Authority: February 2020*

Represent Florida sheriffs to address the mental health and substance abuse issues affecting communities across the nation

### *Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse: August 2019*

Appointed by Attorney General Ashley Moody to the Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse, elected Vice Chair by peers

### *Drug Abuse Prevention: July 2019*

Appointed Chair of First Lady Casey DeSantis' drug abuse prevention panel

### *Transition Advisory Committee Working Group on Opioid Abuse: January 2019*

Chair of Attorney General-Elect Ashley Moody's Transition Advisory Committee Working Group on Opioid Abuse



## EDUCATION

M.S. Administrative Leadership  
University of Oklahoma

Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS)  
Federal Bureau of Investigations Academy

B.S. Criminal Justice Administration  
Columbia College

National Academy — Class #236  
Federal Bureau of Investigations

Law Enforcement Academy  
Polk Community College

## ASSOCIATIONS

Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX) Governance Board  
FBI National Academy Associates  
Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Policy Board  
Florida Sheriffs Association  
International Association of Chiefs of Police

Large Jail Network  
Leadership Florida  
Leadership Seminole  
Major County Sheriffs of America  
National Sheriffs Association  
Police Executive Research Forum

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIPS

- Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida Board of Directors since 2016, Executive Board since 2020
- Camaraderie Foundation 2016 - Present, Board Member
- Central Florida Crimeline (Crimestoppers) 2016 - Present, Board Member
- Florida Sheriffs Association 2020 - Present, 2025-2026 President
- Kids House Childs Advocacy Center 2016 - Present
- Leadership Seminole 2016 - Present, Board of Directors
- Major County Sheriffs of America 2020 - Present, 2022-2024 President
- Project Overdose 2019 - Present, Founding Co-Chair
- Scouting America 2026 - Present, Honorary Member
- Seminole County Sheriff Foundation 2018 - Present, Honorary Founding Member
- Victoria's Voice Foundation 2021 - Present, Board Member

## LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Ali's Hope Foundation  
Aspire Healthcare  
Central Florida Criminal Justice Association  
Embrace Families  
Hope and Healing Center, in partnership with AdventHealth  
Inspire of Central Florida

Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
Rotary Club of Lake Mary  
Seminole County Law Enforcement Association  
United Negro College Fund