

Chief Ed Hudak has a long and distinguished career in Law Enforcement for the past 32 years, having worked through the ranks in every aspect of police work for the City of Coral Gables. He was appointed Chief of Police for the City on September 11, 2015 and currently provides leadership to a Department of over 263 positions and a budget of over \$38 million.

Prior to his appointment on September 11, 2014, as Interim Chief, Chief Hudak served in multiple capacities as a Major over most of the operating divisions of the Department. He was the Major of the Specialized Enforcement Division responsible for Marine Patrol, Motorcycle Patrol, Bike Patrol and Traffic Homicide Investigations. In this capacity, he was responsible for all major events held in the city, including the annual Fireworks presentation that is held at the Biltmore Golf Course on the 4th of July attended by an estimated 25,000 residents and visitors. For over seven years, he served as the Division Commander for the Uniform Patrol Division, the largest division within the Department responsible for the direct day-to-day patrol of the City of Coral Gables. Prior to that, he was the Commander of the Internal Affairs Section leading the section responsible for investigating all complaints regarding Police personnel misconduct, and reviewing all policy questions. Using his telecommunications expertise, he started the Department's first Forensic Video Unit.

Chief Hudak has extensive experience in many aspects of law enforcement. He has trained and led mass training exercises, focusing on coordination of multiple law enforcement agencies. His work portfolio includes investigating burglaries, auto-theft, narcotics, sexual batteries and domestic violence, kidnapping, and collaboration with homicide investigations. He has been a Hostage Negotiator for 18 years and was the Commander of the SWAT team during his time as Major of the Patrol Division. He has provided leadership to multiple dignitary protection details including the Summit of the Americas and participation in multiple Super Bowl Host responsibilities.

In 2010, he graduated from the prestigious executive leadership program of the FBI National Academy, and was elected Class President for Session 242 by the over 200 law enforcement executives in that session.

Chief Hudak has worked as a consultant with the Department of Justice in the Early Identification and Intervention Systems throughout the country, and was one of two instructors for the State of Florida. He has been considered an expert witness on hostage situations, and has lectured on that subject.

Chief Hudak has held numerous executive positions in his professional organizations including President of his Fraternal Order of Police, President of the Switchboard of Miami, the countywide crisis referral hotline, and Vice President of the Miami Dade County Police Officer's Assistance Trust. He has been honored multiple times over many years of service as Officer of the Month and in 1992 received the City of Coral Gables FOP DeKorte Award for Officer of the Year for his outstanding work in support of the City's recovery efforts after Hurricane Andrew.

Edward James Hudak, Jr.
Chief of Police
Coral Gables, Florida

Chief Hudak came to Miami from his home town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on a football scholarship to play for the University of Miami. His commitment to the University and its athletes has led to a unique role for the past 25 years as both a mentor and security advisor for the University of Miami Athletic Department. He was recently honored for his dedication and commitment by receiving the University of Miami Hall of Fame President's Award for Service. He is a member of Iron Arrow, the highest honor bestowed on any student or Alumni of the University of Miami.

Chief Hudak is a graduate of the University of Miami with both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in the Arts. He lives in Miami, Florida with his wife of 22 years and two daughters. He is an active community volunteer and participates actively in his parish, daughter's school and many other community organizations.