

## Capt. William Halvosa (Ret.) Gainesville Police Department Gainesville, FL

Captain William Halvosa (Ret.) began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer in 1985 with the Gainesville Police Department. He subsequently rose through the ranks and became a detective. He later led the Youth and Community Services Bureau and implemented policies to reduce school suspensions and contact between law enforcement and minorities. He also helped create programs to help officers understand trauma in the developing brain and is credited with tackling the school-to-prison pipeline in his area.

In 2015, Halvosa retired as a captain. Shortly after retirement, he returned to the agency and currently coordinates the department's program to address over-policing of minority communities. He co-developed and teaches the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice's Disproportionate Minority Contact and Procedural Justice Training programs. He serves as a board member for Partnership for Strong Families as well as the Child Advocacy Center and Institute for Workforce Innovation (I.W.I.) YouthBuild. He holds a B.A. in criminal justice from the University of Florida.

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