

Assistant Chief John Bennett (Ret.) Tampa Police Department, Florida Tampa, FL

John Bennett began his law enforcement career as an officer with the Tampa Police Department in Florida. Over the course of 30 years, he served as a street cop, field training officer, supervisor for the SWAT team, a major overseeing District Two, and as the chief's executive officer before being appointed assistant chief.

Bennett helped modernize policing in Tampa by implementing initiatives such as the Situational Awareness for Enforcer's Common Operating

Picture program (SAFE COP), which led to a greater focus on data, intelligence-led policing, crime reduction through prevention, and partnerships with the community. In 2015, he left the Tampa Police Department and became an assistant administrator for Pinellas County. His responsibilities included overseeing public health, safety, and welfare.

In 2017, Bennett left Pinellas County to take up his current position as Principal Consultant for NC4, where he advises on cyber threats, emergency management, and risk management for law enforcement agencies and Fortune 500 companies. He holds a B.A. in criminology from St. Leo University, a MA in homeland security and defense from the Naval Postgraduate School, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

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