



Sam Bean *RB*

IAMI Past President - 2006, 2007

Master Deputy Sam Bean is a State of Florida certified Law Enforcement veteran. He was certified after graduating from Valencia Community College in 1983. Sam was employed by the City Ocoee Police Department in 1983 as a patrol officer and as an investigator. He was subsequently hired by the Orange County Sheriff's Office (Florida) in 1986 and assigned to road patrol.

In the spring of 1989, Sam was transferred to his current assignment within Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division / Marine Enforcement Unit. Sam has been assigned to his agencies Motor Unit and Aviation Unit.

Sam is a certified Florida Department of Law Enforcement Instructor and Field Training Officer and has served as an adjunct instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia.

He has also authored and taught several training courses that include Marine Law, Marine Law Enforcement Officer Training, Law Enforcement Vessel Operation, Dive Scene Management and Underwater Police Science and Technology.

Sam is cross designated as a Department of Homeland Security / U.S. Customs Agent and works closely with agencies in Florida and around North America in combating marine crime. He is a graduate of the U.S. Customs Marine Law Enforcement Officers Training Program and also the Department of Treasury Vessel Accident Investigator Training Program.

He is a founding member of both the Florida Marine Intelligence Unit (Past President) and IAMI; previously known as the National Association of Marine Investigators (NAMI).

Sam is a certified Advanced SCUBA / Specialty Instructor and is an active member of his agencies Underwater Search and Recovery Team.

Sam is also a licensed U.S. Merchant Marine Officer and currently holds a 100 ton Master Captains License with Tow Assist Endorsement.