



Criminology Alumnus Promoted to Special Agent in Charge

USF's Behavioral and Community Science Alumnus, Rick Ramirez, to serve as Special Agent in Charge (SAC) for the Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center. Ramirez holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. In his new role, SAC Ramirez will oversee all investigative, forensic and administrative operations for the eight-county region.

SAC Ramirez has more than 20 years of law enforcement experience. His career with FDLE began in 2000 at the Orlando Regional Operations Center where he worked in narcotics for three years. In 2003, he was promoted to inspector in the Office of Executive Investigations where he conducted public integrity investigations. In October of 2006, SAC Ramirez was named SAS in the Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center. He was appointed ASAC in January 2008.

Prior to coming to FDLE, SAC Ramirez served as a deputy with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. During his employment there, he worked as a criminal investigator and a crisis-hostage negotiator. SAC Ramirez also previously served as an investigator with the State Attorney's Office, Seventh Judicial Circuit. He has 11 years of military experience which includes two years of service with the United States Army National Guard and nine years of service with the United States Navy.

SAC Ramirez brings a wealth of law enforcement and leadership experience to this important position. "I know he will continue an outstanding job for the Tampa Bay region and our Department," states Commissioner Gerald Bailey.

Please join us in congratulating SAC Ramirez on his new role.

