

## Captain Chad Allen Reed, Sr.

On January 14, 2010, Captain Chad A. Reed was shot and killed at the age of 33 in a shootout with a man wanted for murdering two elderly women and shooting two other women in Hernando County.



Captain Reed was an extraordinary public servant. From an early age, Chad showed an extreme interest in working to help improve the lives of those around him. At age twelve he successfully completed his 48-Hour First Responder Course. He earned his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification during his senior year of high school and began employment with Dixie County EMS upon graduation. Within two years, he was named Dixie County's assistant director of emergency management. He was the youngest person ever appointed to run a county emergency agency when he took over at age 24. In January 2007, Chad made a career change, serving the Dixie County Sheriff's Office for 13 years.

Dixie County Sheriff Dewey Hatcher said that Captain Reed was irreplaceable in that "...he had the ability to write everything from speeding tickets to federal grants." Chad also served as the agency's spokesman and put on many of its public presentations.

Chad received numerous certifications related to the positions he held and served the public in many capacities, such as the Sheriff's Office DARE coordinator for Dixie County Schools, a graduate of the 238th session of the FBI National Academy, and he was elected to serve as President of the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association in 2004.

Chad was the loving husband of Holly Reed, and the father of two sons.