



# BEHIND THE BADGE

## Michael Kelly

Lieutenant | *Clinton Police Department*

*“Mississippi’s law enforcement are the best in the nation. Time and time again, these brave men and women answer the call to protect and serve, putting their lives on the line to protect ours. The Secretary of State’s Office is proud to honor their service to our great State.”*

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Lieutenant Michael Kelly graduated from Forest Hill High School in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1992 and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After serving on active duty, he returned to Jackson and attended Hinds Community College before joining the Clinton Police Department in 2000.

Lieutenant Kelly attended the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy in Pearl, Mississippi, with Basic Class 190 where he graduated at the top of his class. During his tenure with the Clinton Police Department, Lieutenant Kelly has been able to work in several capacities. He has served as patrol officer, sergeant, evidence technician, K-9 officer, and Commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team.



Early in his career, Lieutenant Kelly learned he enjoyed working with the community to encourage positive communications between police and citizens. He also served as a member of the United States Marshals Service Gulf States Regional Fugitive Task Force. Lieutenant Kelly’s willingness to serve and selfless attitude has enabled him to advance seamlessly throughout his career.

In 2016, Lieutenant Kelly was promoted to Lieutenant to serve as the Clinton Police Department’s Community Relations/Special Events Coordinator. This assignment allows him to spend much of his time working with different groups in the community on special projects and facilitates the creation of positive relationships. In addition to this primary assignment, Lieutenant Kelly continues to serve as a Firearms Instructor and Defensive Tactics Instructor for the Clinton Police Department. He also commands the Clinton Police Department’s S.W.A.T. team.

Lieutenant Kelly lives in Clinton with his wife, Amanda and their two children, Hope and Owen. He spends his free time laughing with friends and family. He and his family are members of Pinelake Church.