

## **Lt. Col. Frank Stathopoulos**

Lt. Col. Frank Stathopoulos comes to the Clay County Sheriff's Office bringing an extensive history of business and public service. In the business industry, Frank was heavily involved in the automobile industry and working with car dealerships, starting and operating his own nationwide consulting firm. After selling the firm and "semi-retiring", he remained in the automobile business industry, and at one time was the general manager for Boots William Ford, a former KC area auto dealership.

Having a desire to help protect his community, in 1995 Frank attended a law enforcement academy, graduating with a Class A certification. Frank then began his law enforcement career as reserve deputy with the Cass County Sheriff's Office. In 2004 Frank joined the Clay County Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy, then in 2009 was promoted to the position of Sergeant of the Reserve Unit, where he served primarily in the Court Security Unit through 2012

In January of 2013, newly re-elected Sheriff Paul Vescovo asked Frank to join his administration and help head up his transition team, as well as assuming the role of the Undersheriff as the rank of Lt. Colonel. As part of his duties with the Sheriff's Office, Lt. Col. Stathopoulos is in charge of the Professional Standards Unit, and also acts as the Sheriff's liaison in contacts and relationships with the citizens of Clay County. As part of that community outreach, Lt. Col. Stathopoulos was instrumental in establishing self-protection classes for citizens, organizing the recent successful Citizens Academy, the Safe Zone Online Exchange program, Town Hall meetings, and Citizen access to Confidential Document Shredding program.