

# MPA Enforcement International

## Captain Jayson Horadam

### BACKGROUND

**Jayson Horadam** is a state certified law enforcement captain in Florida. Graduating from the Florida Marine Patrol academy in 1989 he was the first officer specifically hired by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries for enforcement in the Key Largo National Marine Sanctuary. After a few years in uniform patrol, Jayson spent the next six years in covert/undercover operations in South Florida in a Resource Protection Unit focused on arresting those individuals involved in major natural resources violations. Promoting to Lieutenant in 1997 he served five years as a shift supervisor of marine units stationed in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale.

In 2002 Jayson was promoted to the first captain of NOAA's then newly created Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) enforcement team. This 19 member team was responsible for patrolling and protecting all of the 2,800 square miles (9,500 square kilometers) of the FKNMS including the Tortugas Reserves located over seventy miles west of Key West. In 2002 he was a member of NOAA's Federal Law Enforcement Summit in Washington D.C. In 2003 Jayson was sent by the National Marine Sanctuary Program to Belize, Central America to conduct an assessment of their enforcement efforts in Belize's Marine Protected Areas. Based on his report and recommendations, 10 rangers assigned to the countries marine reserves with Belize's Fisheries Department journeyed to the Florida Keys for a week of hands on training with their counterparts in Florida. Case preparation, proper handling of evidence, boat handling, fisheries identification, officer safety, etc. were some of the areas covered during this training program. A similar assessment and recommendation was addressed for rangers assigned to the marine reserves in Puerto Rico in 2004. Again 10 rangers traveled to the Florida Keys for a week of marine reserves specific training.

Jayson has a bachelor's degree from Barry University in Professional Administration and is a graduate the [Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Senior Leadership Class 12](#). In addition he is a graduate of the US ATF National Academy's Advanced Undercover Operations and has amassed over 1,000 hours of criminal justice training in a multitude of topics. Past duties also include Captain of Investigations and Captain of a Special Operations Group for the Region.

Jayson is presently a member of the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve's Advisory Council and is also board member of the Gulf of Mexico Marine Protected Area Network.



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## **AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS**

Award of Merit (1993)

Officer of the Year (1994)

Meritorious Service Award (1995)

Lifesaving with Valor (1995)

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NOAA Outstanding Leadership Award (2004)

EPA Gulf Guardian Award (2009)