Tommi Lyter serves Escambia County as the Chief Deputy at the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office.  He is responsible for 711 employees and runs day-to-day operations of the Sheriff’s Office.

Chief Deputy Lyter has 32+ years of law enforcement experience, including 30 years at Pensacola Police Department.

He holds a master’s degree in public administration and is a graduate from the FBI National Academy.

During his career he served on the K9 team, SWAT team, Street Crimes Unit, Dive Team and Waterborne Response Team. He served in the Administrative Division, Investigations Division, Uniform Patrol Division, and Community Services Division.

In May of 2017, he was appointed Chief of Police by then Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward.

Tommi Lyter took over the role of Chief Deputy at the Escambia County Sherriff’s Office on January 5th, 2021 after retiring as the Chief of Police.