



BEHIND THE BADGE

Kelley Clark

Detective | *Gulfport 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.”

Detective Kelley Clark, a 12-year veteran of the Gulfport Police Department, is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2003 with a Bachelor’s Degree in psychology and a minor in forensic science. Detective Clark previously served on the Gulfport Police Department’s SWAT team as a negotiator, and as a collateral Crime Scene Technician from 2005 until 2011. Detective Clark is also a certified child forensic interviewer, a member of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Alliance for Peer Support (LEAPS counselor), and serves on the Gulfport Police Honor Guard.

Detective Clark is a valued member of the investigative team because she continuously shows dedication to duty in her job performance. This year, Detective Clark has investigated numerous complex cases including two homicides. By working countless hours and building a good rapport with members of the community, Detective Clark was able to gather vital information needed to solve these



cases and bring closure to the grieving families. Detective Clark has also investigated and successfully solved many crimes against children.

In addition to her dedicated work for the police department, Detective Clark is involved with several civic activities including the Police Benevolent Association, Gulfport Schools Parent Teacher Organization, and the Harrison County Multi-Disciplinary Team (Child Advocacy).