

COUNCIL MEMBER
**CARMINE
DIPAULO**



Carmine Dipaolo chose Indiantown as his permanent home after serving 29 years in law enforcement, 28 years of which were for the Martin County Sheriff's Department. The retired sergeant spent nearly all of his 28 years in Martin County assigned to protecting the safety of Indiantown residents.

As a Martin County Sheriff's Deputy, Mr. Dipaolo made statewide headlines in 1996 when he rescued a 6-year-old missing Tampa boy by following his intuition. He had spotted an older man walking along 710 west of Indiantown with a young boy, both dirty and disheveled.

After passing them, Mr. Dipaolo turned his patrol car around to question and offer aid to the pair. Dissatisfied with the man's answers, the then-deputy discovered the man was a fugitive on multiple Polk County warrants, including for alleged child molestation and kidnapping.

He took both into custody, transporting the fugitive to the Martin County jail. The boy was returned to his mother that night unharmed.

The bonds and connections to Indiantown residents made by Mr. Dipaolo during his law enforcement career propelled him to a seat on the Indiantown Village Council in August 2022, after winning his first four-year term.

He represents Indiantown on the Martin County Business Development Board, reflecting his own interest and background in entrepreneurship. He purchased his first gas station at age 21 in New England, where he was born and raised, and by age 23, he had expanded his business to multiple locations.

Massachusetts' bitterly cold winters drove Mr. Dipaolo to Florida in 1991, where he began his law enforcement career at Port St. Lucie prior to moving to Martin County a year later. He continued to launch, then later sell, other businesses, including Treasure Coast Helicopters, although he retains his license as a commercially certified helicopter pilot to this day.

He is currently tapping into his law enforcement background to launch a private investigative service, Carmine Dipaolo & Associates, P.I.

Councilman Dipaolo has a keen interest in upgrading Indiantown's infrastructure, including its water system and its parks. He would like to bring the Martin County Fair to Indiantown, to finally tackle the issue of affordable housing, and to assist residents interested in starting their own businesses.

The father of two adult children, the councilman's son followed his father into law enforcement in Collier County, Florida, and his daughter, who lives in Massachusetts, blessed him with his first grandson and in April 2023 with his first granddaughter. He spends his vacation time traveling throughout the U.S. in his RV.