

THE LCISO VOICE

with Sheriff Carmine Marceno



Summer 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

DEPUTY DOGS expands outreach

Look for new Chance office space in future

Since launching our **DEPUTY DOGS** program on April 13th at the Bell Tower Shops, we have welcomed more than 270 **DEPUTY DOG** members who are living our motto – **See it, Say it, Make the Call**. Becoming a member is easy: simply visit www.deputydogs.com, click on the “Become a Deputy Dog” tab to complete and submit the form.

Recently, we have been very busy working with Deputy Chance and our newest addition to the team, Maggie the bloodhound, with creating a great office space where Chance can work with other **DEPUTY DOGS**. “Deputy Dogs Central” will allow Deputy Chance to teach other **DEPUTY DOGS** some of what he has learned at the Sheriff’s Office.

Deputy Chance and Maggie were also busy joining me at the Southwest Florida Military Museum’s Cape Coral Memorial Day Parade in May. There, we remembered those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our great country. Thank you to our many **DEPUTY DOGS** members who joined us in remembrance.



From left, Deputy First Class Julio Lock & K9 Maggie, Criminal Investigations Assistant Caira Everly, Sheriff Carmine Marceno and Staff Officer Richard Castellon & Deputy Chance.

On another note, we are continuing to hold various seminars and classes preparing the community for various crises. One of which include an active shooter/assailant situation. Although this is something we all hope and pray never happens in our area, it is better to be prepared for the unthinkable.

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Become a Deputy Dog

Visit www.deputydogs.com, click on the “Become a Deputy Dog” tab to complete and submit the form. You also can download the Lee County Sheriff’s Office app and follow our Facebook page to keep up with what we are doing.



Don't let a thief spoil your vacation

The kids are out of school and vacations are being planned. Below are a few quick tips to help protect your home from potential burglars while you are enjoying your family vacation away from home.

- **Consider hiring a house or pet sitter:** The best way to make sure your house is safe while you are gone is to have someone you trust still living in it. If a relative or trusted friend is available, that is great; if not, there are local services you can use but we suggest you do your research and choose wisely!

- **Stop delivery of your mail and newspapers:** When you're leaving for more than a couple of days, contact your local post office to halt mail delivery; if you're still reading newspaper, make sure you place a hold on the delivery service of your paper because uncollected newspapers alert criminals that you are not at home.

- **Make your home looked lived in:** To help create the illusion that

You can help

Would you like a volunteer member of our V.O.I.C.E. Unit to be an extra set of eyes and ears in your neighborhood while you are away? Visit our website at www.sheriffleefl.org and sign up for a Vacation Request Watch Order. This Watch Order will request an increase in police patrols in your area and is in place up to 6 months.

your home is still occupied, invest in timers that turn on the interior lights for a few hours every evening. You also might consider setting a radio and/or TV on a timer to further the illusion that your home is occupied.

- **Check your locks:** Take a walk around your home and make sure all of your locks work properly. Burglar-resistant deadbolts and other auxiliary locks should be in place to protect the entry doors and windows on your first floor. Consider turning off your garage door opener and putting up

(or down) your hurricane shutters as an added layer of defense.

- **Watch your social shares:** Though Facebook, Instagram and other social networks have made it easy to keep up with each other, it has also opened the door to a new thief ... the "Check-in, Check-out" burglar. They know when you're not home because you just "checked in" elsewhere. You also do not want to advertise that you are finally heading out to your long anticipated vacation.

You are advertising to the world that you will not be home for a specified amount of time. It is also a good time to educate your children about the importance of being discreet on their social media as well.

To arrange to have someone come out to your community to talk about this or another safety or security topic please contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Community Relations Section at (239) 258-3280.

Sheriff Carmine Marceno, left, pays respect to America's veterans at the Southwest Florida Military Museum in Cape Coral.



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So far in 2019, we have conducted well over 110 Active Shooter Seminars for both communities and business/organizations. If you missed them, there will be many more scheduled in the future.

If you want to schedule one of these seminars for your business, community or organization please call our Crime Prevention Unit at (239) 258-3280.

In addition, we have conducted more than 830 programs throughout Lee County this year, and we are not done; there is so much more to come! We are working 24/7 developing new programs that make our county an even better place to live, work and play. Keeping paradise safe is my number one priority!



Deputy Ward running for a cause

Deputy Jason Ward is running in the 10th Anniversary 9K "Run to Home Base" on July 27th in Boston.

Home Base is an amazing program and partnership between the Boston Red Sox and Massachusetts General Hospital created to help veterans and family members with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI's) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD).

Since 2009, the Home Base program has helped more than 20,000 veterans. Deputy Ward has started a fundraiser for Run to Home Base with all proceeds going directly to this charity. For information on how you can help him reach his goal, please visit <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/JasonWare0>.



Deputy Jason Ward is running for veterans.

Sgt. Perez puts Lee County's youth first

Meet Sergeant Yadi Perez. Sgt. Perez has lived in Lee County since 1999 and has served the citizens of Lee County as a deputy since 2002.

Perez has spent the majority of her career working with our county's youth in our Youth Services Division. She has served as the Explorer Senior Adviser and coordinator for the middle school Cadet and elementary school Junior Cadet Program while working in Youth Services as a School Resource Officer and Youth Services Detective.

In addition to her roles in the Youth Services Division, she also serves as the logistics chair for a major backpack event, is the liaison between the Dominican Republic National Police and the Lee County Sheriff's Office, and is a member of the Gateway



Sgt. Yadi Perez is a LCSO Youth Services supervisor.

Kiwanis.

In her off time, Perez enjoys running marathons and is a member of the Fort Myers Track Club. She raised three boys, two of whom joined her at the Lee County Sheriff's Office as deputies and one who currently is

attending Florida State. Her passion is truly with the youth of our county where she enjoys mentoring them to become all they can be by always striving to do their best.

In addition to her role as a Youth Services Division supervisor Sgt. Perez sits on the Sheriff's Youth Activities League as the Executive Director. Keep an eye out for the many opportunities available to Lee County's youth through the Sheriff's Youth Activities League. Right now SYAL has open swim and *free*-swimming lessons to those in need at the Tice Community Pool and offers summer youth archery programs throughout Lee County.

Call (239) 258-3210 for more information on the Sheriff's Youth Activities League.



Are you prepared for an emergency?

Be in the know with free apps



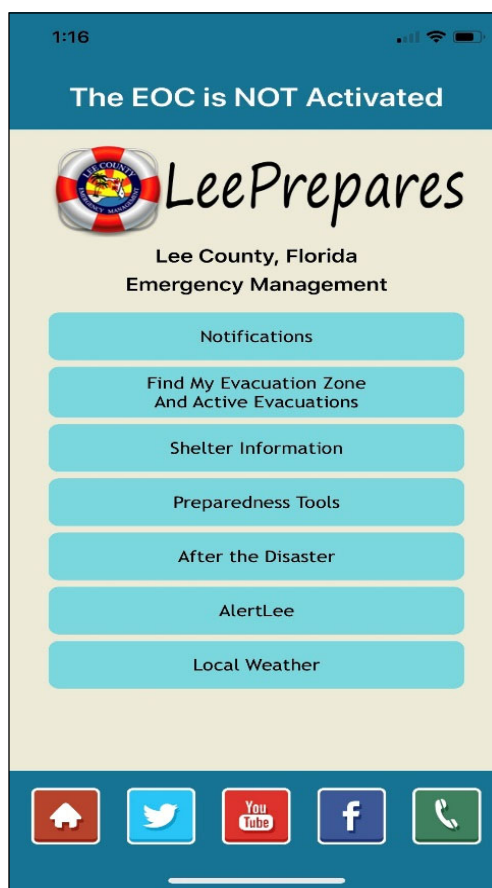
Lee County Emergency Management has two new tools to help residents prepare for and be aware of hurricanes and other emergency situations – the LeePrepares app and the AlertLee system.

LeePrepares

The LeePrepares app – available in Google Play and the App Store – assists individuals and families with preparing for and recovering from all types of disasters that may affect the community.

Features include:

- GPS functionality for locating the user’s Evacuation Zone;
- Real time information from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on shelter openings, with mapping/directions and hurricane evacuations;
- Current Emergency (EOC) Activation Level;
- Recovery information on re-entry, curfews, points of distribution, and coping with disasters;
- Sign-up for AlertLee emergency notification system (see below).
- Frequently Asked Questions;
- Links to Special Needs registration for those with special medical



needs, and/or transportation needs during an evacuation;

- Family Disaster Plan and Emergency Supply List;
- American Sign Language Disaster Preparedness Videos;
- Current local weather and hazardous weather outlooks.

AlertLee

AlertLee is an emergency notification system that allows registered users to receive telephone, text, and/or email alerts related to natural or man-made emergencies.

The AlertLee system will be used when an emergency arises that you should know about. Severe weather situations, missing persons, evacuation notices, boil water notices, fire or floods and active shooter situations are a few examples of the type of events that may warrant a notification.

To sign up, residents should go to www.AlertLee.com, select their municipality or unincorporated Lee County and complete the registration.

The AlertLee system already includes published, listed landline telephones, but not cell phones or VOIP numbers. To be certain to receive alerts, it is important to register and update the information if it changes. The information will be used only for AlertLee notifications.

There is no charge to register or receive system alerts.

For more information regarding Lee County Emergency Management, log on to www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement.



LCSO EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Deputy Ryan Lynn conducted a traffic stop in which a passenger fled. Deputy Lynn detained the driver and additional passenger until more units arrived.



Lynn

Central District deputies responded to the scene along with Deputy Brian Walkowiak and his K-9 partner Jak. As deputies closed in on his location, they gave multiple orders for the fleeing passenger to drop his firearm, who pointed it at Deputy Lynn and Deputy Walkowiak.



Walkowiak

Fearing for their own lives, and the lives of fellow deputies, Deputy Lynn and Deputy Walkowiak bravely engaged and fired their weapons, striking the passenger. Deputies were then able to disarm and detain him before administering first-aid.

While off-duty in late 2018, Deputy Javier Rosa observed an altercation at a business between two customers who had become verbal with employees after they were unhappy with their service. The verbal argument escalated when one of the customers physically battered an employee. The second customer also became physical and armed herself with a pair of scissors. Deputy Rosa quickly identified himself and ordered the female customer to drop the scissors. The female refused to comply. Deputy Rosa drew his off-duty weapon, de-escalating the situation until deputies could get on scene and secure the two suspects.



Rosa

Crime Scene Technician Christine Althoff responded to a residential fire where she noticed some of the victim's expensive personal items may be missing. Her efforts helped tie a suspect to the fire.



Althoff

Christine also provided valuable help with identifying skeletal remains in Lehigh Acres.

Roger Gillis became a VOICE member in 2014 and worked out of Central District, where he volunteered more than 1,500 hours. Gillis was diagnosed with terminal cancer, but he did not let that stop him until the end. He is an example to all of us to never give up.



Gillis

CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER

Senior Budget Analyst Jill Jones played an active role in the implementation and integration of new software that ties together this agency's Human Resources, Payroll and Purchasing systems. She is a very hard-working individual who focuses on continuously learning and developing the best practices to manage routine activities. She has become the go-to person for anything regarding this project.



Jones

LAW ENFORCEMENT, CORRECTION DEPUTIES OF THE QUARTER

Detective Thomas Rall is the deputy of the quarter for recent actions he took to de-escalate an armed, suicidal man and search for occupants in a burning residence. Detective Rall confronted the man and ordered him to drop a large kitchen knife to his throat. After Detective Rall talked him down, deputies took the man into custody as a Baker Act. Detective Rall later was on an unrelated call where he learned of a nearby house fire with a resident possibly trapped inside. Detective Rall immediately entered the smoke-filled residence in an attempt to locate the female, who ultimately was found deceased in the bathroom.



Rall

Corrections Deputy Andrew Porter was driving on Fort Myers Beach after midnight recently when he observed two Lee County Sheriff's Office deputies attempting to restrain an individual who had been in a physical altercation. Without hesitation, Deputy Porter stopped his vehicle and assisted in control of the crowd while the officers handcuffed the individual. He later joined in a foot pursuit of a second individual involved in the altercation who ultimately was apprehended.



Porter



Clockwise from top, Crime Prevention Specialist Kim Hart teaches seniors about Frauds, Scams and Cons. Crime Prevention Specialist Ann Kelly and Deputy Hetrick assisted with community cleanup during Charleston Park Day. Crime Prevention Specialist Heather Turco teaches a group of women from Gulf Shore Church realistic self-defense tactics and techniques during a recent S.A.F.E. (Self Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange) class.



What are SRO's doing this summer?

Even though school is out for the summer, our School Resource Officer's continue to provide a safe and secure school environment while continuing to build positive relationships between students, parents and law enforcement.

Members of our Youth Services team are busy throughout Lee County engaging with kids at our Summer Youth Programs that provide a fun and educational youth camp for middle school aged students, safeguarding campuses during summer school sessions, as well as checking on juvenile offenders on probation in efforts to minimize juvenile crime. In addition, School Resource Officer's will receive additional training in Active Shooter, Mindset and Stop the Bleed training before heading back to school in August.



Lee County Sheriff's Office paralegal Tiffany Salters attends Dining in the Dark at The Collaboratory in support of Lighthouse of Southwest Florida.



The Lee County Sheriff Office teamed up with Pickup the Ball, Inc. to engage local youth in hard discussions, reverse role-play, social and sporting event, as well as one-on-one discussions and training.



Staff Officer Scott Griffith presents an Active Shooter seminar to a packed house.



Lt. Angelo Vaughn, left, Staff Officer Claude Tyus, third from left and Commander Morgan Bowden, fifth from left, join participants at the National Prayer at the Old Lee County Courthouse steps.



Youth Services Staff Officer Claude Tyus, left, and Sgt. Johnathon Armato spread good cheer at Goli-sano's Children's Hospital with the Easter Bunny.



HAVE YOU SEEN THESE PEOPLE?

Wanted as of 6/18/19



Troy Bolin
5 ft. 10 in.
180 lbs.
D.O.B. 8-25-60
Felony warrant, sexual battery on a child less than 12 years of age

Don Collins
5 ft. 9 in.
170 lbs.
D.O.B. 4-9-62
FTA robbery and kidnapping, VOP robbery

Efrain Gomez Morales
5 ft. 4 in.
140 lbs.
D.O.B. 6-18-78
Sexual battery

Joseph Harmon
5 ft. 9 in.
180 lbs.
D.O.B. 6-12-75
FTA aggravated assault

Ismael Marquez
5 ft. 5 in.
150 lbs.
D.O.B. 8-26-82
FTA lewd lascivious



Alejandro Mendoza-Carbajal
5 ft. 4 in.
160 lbs.
D.O.B. 12-8-80
Felony BW FTA attempted second degree murder

Angel Morales Carrasco
D.O.B. 10/1/92
2nd degree murder

Duwayne Roberts
5 ft. 10 in.
178 lbs.
D.O.B. 6-8-99
VOP robbery

Madison Schiel
5 ft. 3 in.
145 lbs.
D.O.B. 9-21-94
2 counts VOP DUI manslaughter

Dean Trevil
6 ft. 1 in.
220 lbs.
D.O.B. 1-11-85
Felony warrant, FTA aggravated battery



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Who to call

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N. Fort Myers
(239) 477-1810

East District
1301 Homestead Rd.
Lehigh Acres
(239) 477-1820

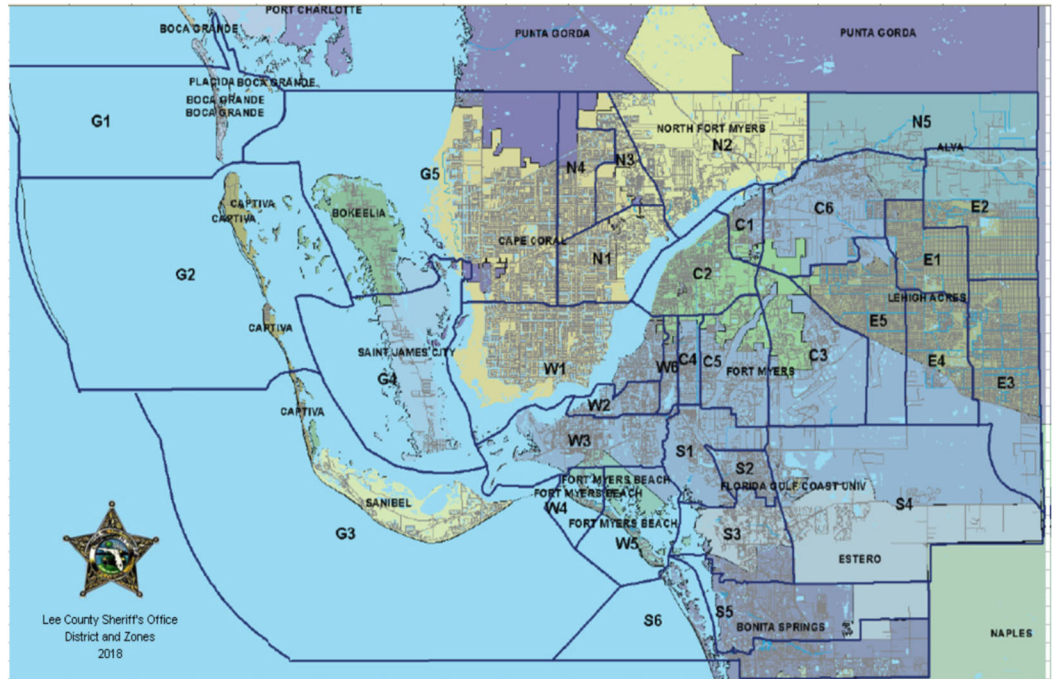
West District
15650 Pine Ridge Rd.
Fort Myers
(239) 477-1830

Central District
14750 Six Mile Cypress
Pkwy.
Fort Myers
(239) 477-1850

South District
8350 Hospital Dr. St. 114
Bonita Springs
(239) 477-1840

Gulf District
13921-4 Waterfront Dr.
Pineland
(239) 282-5766

Gulf District (Boca)
360 E. Railroad Ave.
Boca Grande
(941) 964-2400



SW Florida Crime Stoppers earns top honors

For the 14th consecutive year, Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers was awarded for being the Most Productive Crime Stoppers program in the entire Southeastern United States at the annual Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association training conference.

The award is based on the number of tips received during 2018, the number of arrests, cases cleared, and the value of drugs and property seized because of the anonymous tips. In addition to the Productivity Award, SWFL Crime Stoppers also earned the Most Creative Advertising Award.

To date, anonymous tips to Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers number well over 75,000, resulting in the closure of more than 20,000 criminal cases.

Tips also have led to the seizure of \$18,938,000 in drugs and stolen property. And for those tips, \$1.993 million in cash rewards have been approved for payout.

Volunteers honored

At a recent luncheon to honor the hard work and dedication of our 125 V.O.I.C.E. members, Sheriff Carmine Marceno received a check made out to the Lee County Sheriff's Office for \$1.2 million,

signifying the amount of money the Sheriff's Office saved taxpayers by utilizing the skills, talent and time of these awesome volunteers instead of paid personnel.

V.O.I.C.E. volunteers assist both certified and civilian employees in a wide variety of jobs including, traffic control, business and neighborhood patrols, neighborhood canvassing, picking up found property, as well as many clerical and operational support duties.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this select group of individuals, please call (239) 477-1422.