

# LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Community Outreach Newsletter



### SWFL CRIME STOPPERS "LUNCH & LEARN"

Many Southwest Florida residents are aware of the existence of the Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers program.

Few are aware of the volume of tips that this remarkable program forwards to the 16 Southwest Florida law enforcement agencies, the mechanics of truly anonymous calling and the ease of collecting rewards for providing information through the Crime Stoppers network.

For decades, these tips have been enabling law enforcement agencies to solve some of the community's

most distressing crimes.

On Tuesday, September 26, 2023, Crime Stoppers Manager Trish Route will be speaking at our "Lunch & Learn" held at the LCSO Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center.

A **FREE** lunch will be

generously provided by Ford's Garage of Miromar Outlets. Join us for this important and informative event!

**LUNCH & LEARN WITH TRISH ROUTE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS**

**JOIN US FOR A FREE AND DELICIOUS LUNCH GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY FORD'S GARAGE OF MIROMAR OUTLETS**

**HOW DOES CRIME STOPPERS WORK?  
HOW ARE REWARDS PAID?  
IS IT REALLY ANONYMOUS?  
SEEKING ACTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

**WHERE: LCSO MIROMAR OUTLETS COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER  
SUITE 190 - MIROMAR OUTLETS  
WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023  
FROM 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

**FORD'S GARAGE** **MIROMAR OUTLETS**

### SEPTEMBER 2023 EDITION

#### LABOR DAY AT CAPE HARBOUR

Staff at the LCSO Cape Harbour Community Outreach

Center, along with the LCSO Marine Response and Civilian Support Units, participated in the Rumrunners Labor Day Event held along Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral.

"Robbie," the LCSO robotic dog, was on hand, showing off his many abilities and talents.



The Ice Cream Response Team was busy serving much-needed and appreciated cold treats to guests.

The 24-foot long waterslide kept many of the children entertained and cooled while adults enjoyed LCSO assets including the Lee County Sheriff's Office jet skis and

response trailer, the Civilian Support Unit boat and, of course, Lieutenant Hope and the LCSO Animal Cruelty Task Force.

Guests and restaurant patrons received Lee County Sheriff's Office swag, chatted with agency members and enjoyed free, hot popcorn.





### "FRAUDS & SCAMS" CLASSROOM EVENTS

The Lee County Sheriff's Office will be presenting several "Frauds & Scams" educational events at our community outreach centers.

On Wednesday, September 13, 2023, a class will be held

Lee County Sheriff's Office Presents

## FRAUDS & SCAMS

An opportunity to learn best practices in keeping information and assets safe. Would you know what to do if you became a victim of fraud?



at the LCSO Downtown Community Outreach Center from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm. The outreach center is located at 2125 First Street, Suite 100, in Fort Myers. To register, please contact Melissa McComis-Lastra at 239-295-0764.

A second class will be held at the LCSO Edison Mall Community Outreach Center from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Thursday, September 14, 2023. The outreach center is located at 4125 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 1930, in Fort Myers.

For registration information, please email Kesha Tyler at [kt Tyler@sheriffleefl.org](mailto:kt Tyler@sheriffleefl.org)

Learn about the commonalities that exist within many of the scams that we encounter and learn how you can protect your identity and your money from these criminals.

### SHERIFF CARMINE MARCENO REMINDS YOU TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN BY DRIVING SAFELY

School is in session, here in Lee County, and the streets, school buses and crosswalks are brimming with children. Drive slowly and cautiously!



### "PIZZA & PAWS" CAT ADOPTION EVENT

Fascinated by the assortment of cats toys, the kittens seemingly pursued the "teasers" and dangled feather toys for most of the three-hour "Pizza & Paws" cat/kitten adoption event held at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Miromar Community Outreach Center.



The Animal Refuge Center arrived early with an assortment of kittens and cats...including a 14-year-old cat surrendered following hurricane Ian.

A free pizza lunch was generously provided by Luigi, owner of Luigi's Pizza é Pasta, located two doors down from the sheriff's outreach center.

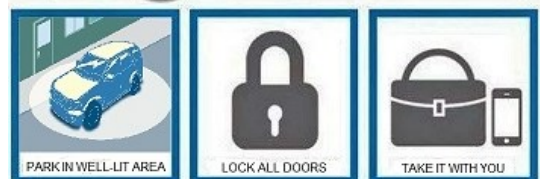
As expected, the kittens stole the show, attracting children, store employees and passers-by.

The Animal Refuge Center has a vast supply of cats and kittens of all breeds and ages to choose from.



Should you be interested in providing a safe and loving home for one of their felines, please visit them at 18001 Old Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers or call 239-731-3535 for additional information.

## LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



### Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE'S DOORS!
- REMOVE ALL VALUABLES INCLUDING FIREARMS!
- PARK IN A WELL-LIT AREA, IF POSSIBLE.
- NOTIFY THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

### ALWAYS BE R.E.A.D.Y.

Conflict and aggression are, unfortunately, part of everyday life. Regardless of age, women can be both mentally and physically prepared to fend off assailants and aggressors.

Additionally, there are methods and behaviors that, when used proactively, can prevent perilous and unsafe encounters.



The Lee County Sheriff's Office offers monthly R.E.A.D.Y. Women's Self-Defense classes at a number of their community outreach centers.

This free, one-time class consists of both lecture and basic hands on demonstrations for girls ages 13 and up.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For additional information and for upcoming event dates, please email [glevine@sheriffleefl.org](mailto:glevine@sheriffleefl.org).

### "COFFEE WITH A COP," HOSTED BY TARGET

"Coffee with a Cop" events may be nothing new, but they remain a quintessential way to meet and chat with county residents.

Perhaps there is some type of alchemy, that exists within a cup of coffee, that manifests relaxation and friendly conversation. As a result, discussions that take place over a cup of Starbucks coffee make for some constructive and meaningful communication.



Target of Coconut Point generously hosted our most recent "Coffee with a Cop" event, allowing deputies and LCSO Community Outreach Unit staff to chat about local issues and other relevant matters.

### FEEDING THE MIROMAR DUCKS...

While feeding the ducks, turtles and Koi fish at the Miromar Outlets, children jump at the opportunity to assist Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach staff with the task!



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### "BELIEVE N BOOKS" BOOK DRIVE

A local 501(c)3 started by a Lee County middle school student in 2021, "Believe N Books," has collected tens of thousands of new and gently used children's books for underprivileged children here in Southwest Florida.

Stop by the LCSO Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center on Thursday, September 28, 2023, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm and donate a book to a child eager to read and learn!

