

# LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Community Outreach Newsletter



### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS "LUNCH & LEARN"

While many Southwest Florida residents have heard of the program, few truly recognize the remarkable contributions made by "Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers" and their staff.

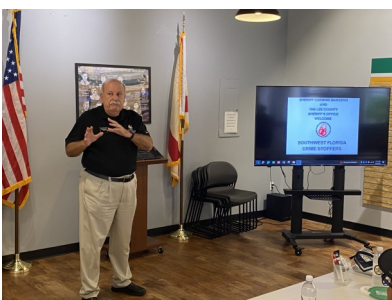
Collecting crime tips anonymously and providing them, in real time, to local law enforcement requires an enormous amount of work, nights on-call and a passion for ensuring justice for crime victims and their families.



Trish Route, Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers Manager, spoke to a group during a "Lunch & Learn" held at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Miromar Outlets Community

Outreach Center in Estero.

Guests included District 5 Estero Councilmember Rafael Lopez who spoke briefly to the group. As a former law



enforcement officer, Councilmember Lopez is both knowledgeable of and grateful for all that the Crime Stoppers program does for the community and for law

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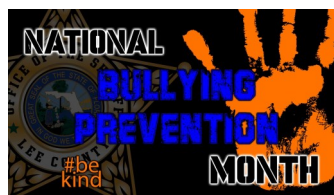
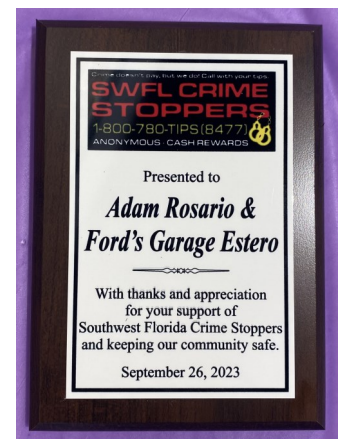
It is believed that many of the individuals with information regarding past-occurred crimes hesitate to come forward due to concerns for their own personal safety.

Trish Route meticulously outlined the mechanics of the tipsters calls as they are received in Canada and forwarded to Southwest Florida...ensuring anonymity!

The method used for assigning and distributing rewards was discussed, and a brief conversation was held with a guest whose teenaged son was murdered years ago.

Special thanks to Ford's Garage at Miromar Outlets for providing an incredible lunch for all of our guests!

Interested in having a representative from Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers speak at your event? Please email Trish Route at [troutte@sheriffleefl.org](mailto:troutte@sheriffleefl.org).



**SHERIFF CARMINE MARCENO  
REMINDS YOU TO SPEAK  
WITH YOUR CHILDREN  
ABOUT BULLYING**

## WORKPLACE VIOLENCE - ACTIVE SHOOTER LECTURE

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit offers lectures regarding a host of safety and security topics.



This month, Crime Prevention Practitioner Destiny Unsworth spoke to a group of property managers from

National Church Residences at the Caloosa Sound Convention Center.

Issues discussed included situational awareness, navigating active-threat circumstances, as well as recognizing warning signs and behavioral patterns. Past examples of such incidents were reviewed/analyzed.

This program is just one of many crime prevention presentations that the Lee County Sheriff's Office has to offer.



Are you part of an organization or group that would benefit from one of our crime prevention classes? Often, our classes can be customized to address the needs of your organization.

If interested in learning more, please contact 239-477-1CRU (1278) and ask about workplace violence, active shooter, residential security, internet safety, frauds and scams and the many classes offered.

## 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!



## DON'T BE A GHOUL! JOIN US!



## A DAY OUT WITH AMERICAN HOUSE SENIOR LIVING RESIDENTS

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit surprised residents from American House Senior Living by sponsoring a "day out" at Coconut Point.



Residents were chaperoned by LCSO deputies and CRU staff as they enjoyed lunch at Cheesecake Factory and visited our Community Outreach Center at Coconut

Point.

Residents were provided with "Day Out with Deputies" shirts and were given LCSO "swag bags" filled with all kinds of cool sheriff's office items and a gift card to Target!

Sheriff Carmine Marceno has asked his Community Response Unit to conduct many more such social excursions for community members.

Special thanks to our corporate partners who generously agreed to participate and to make this day a very special one for American House seniors!



## LCSO BOOK DRIVE COLLECTS OVER 300 CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The LCSO Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center hosted a children's book drive in an effort to benefit "Believe N Books," a local 501(c)3 designated to provide new and gently used books to low-income families in Southwest Florida.

The effort resulted in the collection of over 300 books!

Thank you to all who stopped by and generously donated!



## COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT EFFORTS "ON TARGET!"

It is far from uncommon for Lee County Sheriff's Office deputies to come across families and students in need of a few extra school supplies.

Thanks to the generosity of "Target," LCSO deputies will have access to over 500 new notebooks to distribute to children in need throughout the county!

The Community Response Unit is grateful to Target and all of our community partners!



## "SAFE KIDS, SAFE SCHOOLS"

### SHERIFF CARMINE MARCENO REMINDS YOU... SCHOOL BUSES ARE LIKE TRAFFIC SIGNALS!



The safety of our children is paramount. Sheriff Carmine Marceno designates significant resources, during the school year, to ensure a safe ride to and from Lee County Schools.

Drive cautiously and carefully. We're watching.

## THANK YOU, GIRL SCOUT TROOP 482

A number of local girl scout troops utilize our LCSO community outreach centers as a location to hold their meetings.

The little ones, from Girl Scout Troop 482, provided us with a unique piece of artwork addressing the qualities that we all hope they develop and maintain throughout their lives... caring, courage, teamwork, love and strength.

As for the spelling...well...we'll work on that. ❤️



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