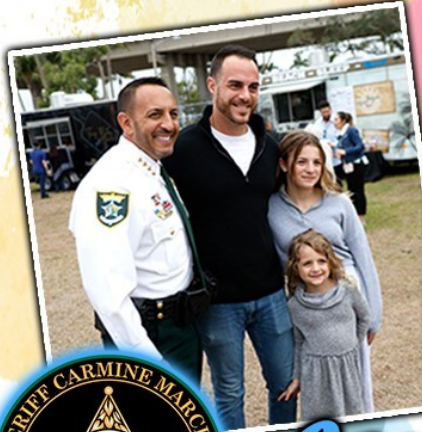


# LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Community Outreach Newsletter

### BARKTOBER FEST

There are few things that will bring a bigger smile to one's face than pooches in Halloween costumes...so, the



Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit gladly participated in the annual "Barktoberfest" at the Gulf Coast Town Center.

LCSO's Ice Cream Response Team was on-hand providing "pup-cups" to the furry visitors and ice cream to all guests.

The canine costume competition was intense as pups paraded the property in Minion costumes, dressed as various edible treats, as well as adorned in adorable insect and fire-breathing dragon outfits!



A donut-eating contest brought laughter to attendees and prizes were awarded to winners of all of the various contests.



Special thanks to all of the vendors who came out and made the event special!

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#### GIRLS SCOUTS AND ONLINE SAFETY

As children begin internet and social media usage at early stages of life, and knowing the perils that children face online, the Lee County Sheriff's Office were excited to have an opportunity to teach "Internet and Social Media Safety" to the members of Girl Scout Troop 108.



Crime Prevention Specialist Heather Turco presented an age-appropriate lesson to these first graders to help

them to understand that while the internet can provide wonderful and fun experiences, "stranger danger" exists on their computer screen and/or cellphone.

Lacking most life and security skills, the lesson



contained messages regarding the sending of personal information, photos or the revealing of school location.

For additional information regarding federal legislation designed to protect our children online, please visit <https://www.ftc.gov/business-guidance/privacy-security/childrens-privacy> to learn more about the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).



## COMMUNITY DAY AT PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit has had the pleasure of working with Goodwill's "Pathways to Opportunity" program, their clients and their staff.

An adult training program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, "Pathways to Opportunity" provides vocational training, educational assistance and so much more for this wonderful population.



LCSO Consultant and children's book author, Grace Birch, read her new book, "Carmine's Canines" to the Goodwill group.

The LCSO Animal Cruelty Task Force was on-hand with none other than our furry ambassador, Lieutenant Hope, who kissed and snuggled with anyone and everyone in the room.

The Ice Cream Response Team, along with one of LCSO's ice cream trucks, served delicious cones to all who wished to partake in the frozen dessert.

Should you know of an adult who wishes to gain independence and experience new opportunities, please visit the "Pathways to Opportunity" website at <https://goodwillswfl.org/>



## 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!



## SERVING ICE CREAM TO FRIENDS AT HOPE PACE

Hope PACE serves members of our senior community by assisting them with their medical needs while affording them an opportunity to live as independently as possible.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit, along with the LCSO Ice Cream Response team, served ice cream to the facility's residents, caretakers and employees.



We have come to the realization that, regardless of age, everyone enjoys an ice cream cone.



## "FAITH AND BLUE"

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit enjoyed a day out at Cape Christian Fellowship as we participated in their "Faith and Blue" event.



Guests had an opportunity to check out the LCSO Special Operations Unit, Aviation Unit and enjoyed ice cold treats from the LCSO ice cream truck.

Robbie the robot dog was on-hand, apparently attempting to steal hot dogs from unsuspecting guests.



The Civilian Support Unit was present offering free child fingerprinting services to parents and guardians.



In addition to a number of automotive collectibles, the Lee County Sheriff's Office displayed our 1965 Ford Galaxie 500 patrol car.



## HALLOWEEN AT GULF COAST TOWN CENTER

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit participated in this year's Gulf Coast Town Center "Trick or Treat" event.



Children's fingerprinting services were offered to parents, Lee County Sheriff's Office swag was distributed and the large number of children in attendance had an opportunity to show off their creepy and spine-chilling costumes!

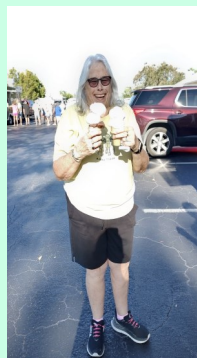
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## FUN AT TARA WOODS



Staff Officer Samuel Flores spent time at the Tara Woods Community in North Fort Myers. Following a "Question and Answer" session, residents were treated to all the ice cream they could eat!



## COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT AT LAGUNA LAKES CLUB HOUSE

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit is always appreciative of invitations to participate in social gatherings across our county.

A recent invitation to such a get-together at Laguna Lakes afforded us the opportunity to speak with residents in regard to topics including, but not limited to, crime prevention, personal safety, avoiding frauds and scams and to answer questions presented by residents.



These presentations are an excellent opportunity for residents to share thoughts, concerns and ideas with the Lee County Sheriff's Office!

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT RUMRUNNERS

The view from Rumrunners is spectacular, however, the children attending this year's "trunk-or-treat" event on Cape Harbour Drive were more interested in the ghoulish views inside of vehicle trunks than of the sparkling water.

Over 250 children and adults attended this year's festivities and were treated to quite the variety of treats.

Trunks were decorated in quite interesting themes...Addams Family, Barbie, Cookie Monster and many other ghastly motifs.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office was on-hand and

encouraged children to check out a marked LCSO patrol vehicle.

Special thanks to Rumrunners of Cape Coral for hosting this spooky event.





## FALL FESTIVAL AT NORTH FORT MYERS RECREATION CENTER

While Southwest Florida lacks the falling leaves and the magnificent colors of a northern autumn, there is no



reason, whatsoever, to miss out on celebrating this enchanting time of year!

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit and Ice Cream Response Team

joined in on the festivities at the "North Fort Myers Fall Festival."

Live music, a costume contest, games and candy made for an incredible evening!



Vendor booths offering sample products and treats for the kids, in addition to loads of free ice cream, made for an incredible evening in North Fort Myers!

## DO THE RIGHT THING...

Sadly, all too many youngsters receive publicity and attention for acts of aggression and for inappropriate behaviors.

Recognizing students for their positive behaviors since 1997, the "Do the Right Thing" program reviews the many nominations submitted and selects recipients for their acts of good citizenship.

Two students from Harns Marsh Elementary School, Skarlett Arhar and Preston Porter, received the prestigious award.

Preston and Skarlett, along with their classmates, were treated to some yummy ice cream courtesy of Sheriff Carmine Marceno.



## MALL-O-WEEN AT MIROMAR



The ghouls, goblins and Golden Retrievers were out on Halloween Eve for "Mall-O-Ween" at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center.

Children and adults adorned in frightening costumes, along with

adoptable pooches from the Animal Refuge Center, roamed the outlets in search of candy, LCSO swag and prizes.



The children's and the

canine's costume contests brought out dachshunds and demons alike...all vying for Miromar Outlet prizes!



Deputy Sheriff First Class, Chase Bublely, displayed some of the SWAT Unit's equipment for interested children and adults... and there were many!

The children's costume contest was a blast! The creativity, this year, was absolutely incredible!

Candy was plentiful and children filled trick-or-treat bags (and their mouths) with an enormous amount of sugared goodies. Special thanks to Miromar Outlets for hosting this event!



## WHEN YOU LEAVE THE FRONT DOOR OPEN...

Sometimes, unexpected creatures wander into our LCSO community outreach centers.



Either a werewolf or Chewbacca stopped by the Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center. We welcomed him, nonetheless.