

# LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Community Outreach Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2024 EDITION

### SHERIFF ADDRESSES COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT FIRST ANNUAL HOA EVENT AT BARBARA B. MANN

Sheriff Carmine Marceno hosted the first annual "Homeowners Association Presidents Council" at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

During the event, Sheriff Marceno addressed the crowd of approximately 1,000 community members to



discuss his top initiatives, showcase the Lee County Sheriff's Office's assets and technology, as well as to explain how these assets benefit the community and assist the sheriff's office to solve crime more efficiently.



LCSO assets on display included the agency's robo-dog, Mobile Command Center, Nan's Ranch, an Ice Cream

Response Team truck and an armored SWAT vehicle. That SWAT vehicle was unexpectedly called into

### (HOA COUNCIL...continued)

service as a critical incident occurred at the Bank of America branch located at Bell Tower.

As a result of the incident, Sheriff Marceno and his staff were forced to cut the event short as they rushed to the location to address the matter.



Sheriff Marceno sincerely appreciates the incredible turnout and the support that his efforts continue to receive from the people that we serve.

Please follow the Lee County Sheriff's Office social media pages for any and all information regarding upcoming events.





## SHERIFF'S YOUTH ACTIVITIES LEAGUE ANNUAL 5K RUN

The annual 5K run benefitting the Sheriff's Youth Activities League (SYAL) was held at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers.



SYAL provides safe and enriching activities for our county's children including, but not limited to, "Teen Drivers Challenge" and the "Do the Right Thing" programs.

This year's event...another successful one...included 250 runners from all across Southwest Florida.

The Sheriff's Youth Activities League means a great deal to Sheriff Marceno and to the staff at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The positive outcomes that we see greatly improve the lives of Lee County youth, in many ways, and will clearly pay dividends as these children grow into adults.

For additional information, please visit [leesyal.org](http://leesyal.org).



## THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IS A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY.

**DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY  
AROUND SCHOOL  
ZONES, SCHOOL BUSES  
AND CROSSWALKS!**

**WE'RE WATCHING...**



## LCSO COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT JUST "KITTEN-AROUND"

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Cape Harbour hosted a "Coffee with a Kitten" event in conjunction with Lee County Domestic Animal Services.

Kittens and cats, all available for adoption, enjoyed a day out at the outreach center.

In addition to successfully adopting out two kittens, two prospective adopters indicated a desire to adopt one of the adult cats present at the event.

Please remember that the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets serves as a drop-off location for all donations of animal shelter supplies.

The outreach center is located at 10801 Corkscrew Road, (Suite 190 at Miromar Outlets), Estero.



## THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS SEEKING QUALITY INDIVIDUALS TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR CIVILIAN SUPPORT UNIT



JOIN US FOR A FREE LUNCH & LEARN WITH  
**CAPTAIN WILLIAM MURPHY**



USE YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE IN LEE COUNTY!  
OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE BIKE PATROL, BOAT PATROL, ROAD PATROL,  
SCHOOL SUPPORT AND MUCH MORE!

WHERE: LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER AT MIROMAR OUTLETS,  
10801 CORKSCREW ROAD, SUITE 190, ESTERO

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024,  
FROM 11:30 TO 1:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED: EMAIL [GLEVINE@SHERIFFLEEFL.ORG](mailto:GLEVINE@SHERIFFLEEFL.ORG)

LUNCH GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY FORD'S GARAGE AT MIROMAR OUTLETS

### AT THE FARMERS' MARKET...

On the cooler days of the Southwest Florida winter, many guests, residents and visitors appear to enjoy strolling the aisles of a well-attended Farmers' Market.



Members of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit are always

pleased to share the day and the beautiful weather with passersby...especially the furry ones. Having a community outreach center



at the Coconut Point Mall makes it extremely convenient for our staff to participate in these fun events.



### LOVING HEART ADULT DAY CARE HAS "DAY OUT WITH DEPUTIES."

Buses departed from the "Loving Heart Adult Day Care" with seniors excited to participate in a "Day Out with Deputies" at Gulf Coast Town Center.



In addition to touring the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at the shopping center, participants had an opportunity to shop

and to enjoy a delicious lunch generously donated by "Library Pizza & Pub."

All guests were given a Lee County Sheriff's Office "Swag Bag" filled with gifts, discount cards and much more.

Want to learn more about a "Day Out with Deputies" program? Please call the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit at 239-477-1CRU.

### Just WOW!

The Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District (LA-MSID) hosted its annual "Wings Over Water Festival" (WOW) in Lehigh Acres to help the public discover the beauty of Southwest Florida's water, land and wildlife through fun and engaging activities for the whole family. The festival included presentations from experts, an array of exhibits from local organizations, kids activities, food, guided tours, "Touch a Truck," a rubber duck race, and of course, ice cream from the Lee County Sheriff's Office Ice Cream Response Team.



### "DO THE RIGHT THING" PROGRAM

The "Do the Right Thing" program has been a component of the Lee County Sheriff's Office since 1997 and recognizes students who consistently make positive choices and sound decisions.



Sheriff Carmine Marceno regularly dispatches the Ice Cream Response Team to schools in an effort to show appreciation to deserving children.

Nominations for the award can be submitted by teachers, coaches, law enforcement staff and parents.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Ice Cream truck had to do a whole lot of scooping to ensure that everyone at Lehigh Elementary School had an opportunity to enjoy a cold treat during their school day.



# *Sheriff Carmine Marceno Presents Tour Beyond The Doors*

An in-depth look on how we are  
keeping paradise safe!



- Real Time Intelligence Center
- 911 Call Center
- LCSO Assets Experience
- Open To The Public
- Registration Required
- Limited Availability

March 6, 2024  
9:00am - 11:00am

[www.sheriffleefl.org](http://www.sheriffleefl.org)  
239-477-1CRU

14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway  
Fort Myers, FL 33912





## MOODY RIVER CHILI COOK OFF AND CAR SHOW

With two of our favorites occurring simultaneously... cooking chili and a display of exotic sports cars...the Lee



County Sheriff's Office was certain to accept this invitation from Moody River Estates.

The LCSO Bomb Squad Truck and Bomb Squad Unit were on-hand, along with our 1985 Ford Crown Victoria, the Bomb Squad robot and our Ice Cream Response Team.

The event turnout was far more than anticipated and LCSO staff served well over 300 ice cream cones to guests.

Chili cook-off and car show winners were selected and, in addition to their "Moody River Estates" trophies, they were given Lee County Sheriff's Office "swag bags."

This year's event, the fifth annual, included live music and attracted a large number of children interested in the vintage automobiles.



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## CHATTIN' WITH THE FOLKS FROM HERITAGE POINTE



It's always a pleasure to take time out to meet with members of the community to discuss issues such as personal safety, avoiding fraudulent activities and crime prevention.

Staff Officer Mark Sherman, of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit, chatted with residents and answered all of their questions.

And, as the story goes, Staff Officer Sherman "volunteered" to call out numbers in the subsequent BINGO event.



## HAVEN ON EARTH ANIMAL LEAGUE

The "Haven on Earth Animal League" has been working tirelessly for over 15 years, here in Southwest Florida, to better the lives of homeless animals.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets serves as a collection point for donated animal shelter supplies and happily donated a SUV-full of dry and wet cat food.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of local residents and



retailers, LCSO continues to be able to provide our local shelters and rescues with an ongoing supply of much-needed materials such as cleaning supplies,

pet food, cat and dog toys, cat litter, leashes, etc.

Please continue to drop off supplies at the LCSO Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center located in Suite 190 at the Miromar Outlets.

For additional information regarding "Haven on Earth Animal League," please visit their website at [healrescue.com](http://healrescue.com).



## SPECIAL POPS GAME DAY 2024

Should you ever be in need of a smile, take a moment out of your day and stop in at Special Pops in Cape Coral.



Without question, the Lee County Sheriff's Office made certain to be a part of "Game Day 2024" and served scores of ice cream cones to all who attended.

Located within Lake Kennedy Community Park, the Freida B. Smith Special Populations

Center offers programs for adults and children with intellectual disabilities.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office "Ice Cream Response Team" was on-hand to ensure that party-goers had all the ice cream that they could eat!



## "COME ON BARBIE...LET'S GO PARTY!"

With a community outreach center located in the Gulf Coast Town Center Mall, the Lee County Sheriff's Office



Community Response Unit is afforded opportunities to participate in the many fun and amusing events held on the grounds.

The Barbie Truck, selling a wide variety of Barbie merchandise, made an appearance and children participated in face-painting and

balloon twisting.

And, of course, Barbie arrived and took photos with the children with her Barbie Doll box serving as a backdrop.



## A DAY OUT AT JETBLUE PARK...

Members of the Lee County Sheriff's Office, and their families, were invited out to JetBlue Park for batting



practice and to help commence the start of another Boston Red Sox Spring Training here in Southwest Florida.

As evidenced by the number of baseballs **BEHIND** Commander Michael Tamulionis, none of the Red Sox appeared very concerned about losing their jobs to any of the Lee County Sheriff's Office deputies.



## "MITZVAH DAY" AT TEMPLE BETH EL

Members of the congregation of Temple Beth El of Fort Myers gathered for "Mitzvah Day" in an effort to perform services to benefit the community.



Members packed hygiene products for the Lee County Homeless Coalition, made cookies to be delivered to fire stations and law enforcement precincts, packed baby products for the Children's Network of Southwest Florida, made beaded bracelets to be delivered to local senior

citizens centers along with numerous other kind gestures. The Lee County Sheriff's Office was pleased to be part of this amazing event! Thanks for the invite!

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