

# LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Community Outreach Newsletter



JUNE 2024 EDITION

### HOMETOWN HEROES FUNDRAISER

Once again, COMA (Community Owners, Managers, and Associates) held their annual fundraising golf

outing at the beautiful Plantation Country Club.

Annually, COMA donates the proceeds from this event to the not-for-profit organization, Home Front Heroes. The Home Front



### (Hometown Heroes...continued)

Heroes organization supports many children's programs to include the very popular, "Shop With A Deputy" holiday event.

Sheriff Carmine Marceno's Community Response Unit (CRU) was on scene to ensure the event was a huge success!



Crime doesn't pay, but we do! Call with your tips.

# SWFL CRIME STOPPERS

1-800-780-TIPS (8477)

ANONYMOUS · CASH REWARDS





### HONORING THE VETERANS...

Former Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, once remarked, "All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope."

On Memorial Day, nearly all members of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit participate in the many tributes to those veterans who sacrificed all to ensure freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy and hope.



The Coral Ridge Funeral Home in Cape Coral, in unison with the Lee County Sheriff's office, proudly honored these fallen heroes.

### WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Ice Cream Response Team made an appearance at the Riverside Church, just west of the interstate, on Daniels Parkway.

Over 170 ice cream cones were scooped and provided to both the Women's Ministry and the Student Ministry participating in the "Women's Night Out" event.



### CAFÉ AT TARGET

Target, located south of the Bell Tower Shops on South Tamiami Trail, invited the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit to their "Coffee with a Cop" event during "National Police Week."



LCSO staff, along with Target management greeted customers as they entered the store, offering them free coffee, donuts and assorted baked goods.

### MEMORIAL DAY AT GULF COAST TOWN CENTER

Amidst the heat and bright sunshine, members of the LCSO Honor Guard opened the Memorial Day festivities at the Gulf Coast Town Center.

The "Big Cypress Band," "Hot Flashz Ladies" and the Southwest Florida Military Museum were on hand to show gratitude for those who gave their lives for our nation.



# **JOIN THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND LIGHTHOUSE OF SWFL**

**LUNCH & LEARN:  
"ENABLING THOSE LIVING WITH LOW VISION  
OR BLINDNESS TO REMAIN ACTIVE AND  
INDEPENDENT"**



**WHERE: LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH CENTER AT MIROMAR OUTLETS**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024 FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM**

**LUNCH GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY  
CAFFE' DA MICHELE OSTERIA ITALIANA**



Est. *Caffe' da Michele* 2022  
Osteria Italiana

**LEARN ABOUT  
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY  
VISION REHABILITATION  
INDEPENDENT LIVING  
SELF-ADVOCACY  
MUCH MORE!**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! SEATING IS LIMITED!  
EMAIL [GLEVINE@SHERIFFLEEFL.ORG](mailto:GLEVINE@SHERIFFLEEFL.ORG)**



### A TASTE OF UNIVERSITY VILLAGE...

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit, inclusive of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force, held an event to benefit Lee County Domestic Animal Services.

The event was held at the University Village Shops on Ben Hill Griffin Parkway just south of the FGCU campus.

Guests were asked to donate much-needed animal shelter supplies...and, they impressed us with their incredible generosity! Three trucks were filled with a variety of supplies!



Special thanks to the San Carlos Fire Department, Lee County Domestic Animal Services, Lee County Mosquito Control and Hyacinth Control, members of the Miromar Outlets Management team, the LCSO Bomb Squad Unit, SWAT Unit and Civilian Support Unit, as well as a large number of community agencies who withstood the heat on a rather difficult day to be outdoors!



### MORNING JOE...

Ahhh, that first sip of morning coffee. Combine that java with the rising sun, a gulf breeze and the scent of salt water and one is officially in paradise.



Special thanks to MoJoe's Coffee Café, on Fort Myers Beach, for hosting this coffee get-together with the locals!

### OPEN HOUSE AT THE U.S. COAST GUARD STATION

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit was invited to tour the brand new United States Coast Guard facility on Fort Myers Beach.

The new three-story building is a "multi-mission" station capable of addressing the many maritime, immigration, environmental protection and law enforcement needs here in the waters off Lee County's shores.

An off-shore emergency occurred during the Open House event requiring Coast Guard intervention.



A boater was in need of rescue, was transported to the Coast Guard station and subsequently to a local hospital.

### SCOOPING FOR THE SENIORS

In celebration of "Nursing Home Week," the Lee County Sheriff's Office was graciously invited to "chill" with the staff and residents of The Preserve...a senior living center located on Hope Loop Road in Fort Myers.



The LCSO Ice Cream Response Team rolled up their sleeves and started scooping for the

residents and staff.

Nothing brings a smile to one's face more than a frozen treat on a hot, Southwest Florida day!



JOIN THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
AND  
LEE COUNTY DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES FOR  
**"CAT-A-PAWLOOZA!"**  
A CAT AND KITTEN ADOPTION EVENT



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

**WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024 FROM 2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

**ADOPTABLE CATS & KITTENS ON SITE!**





## FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTIAN MEDICAL MINISTRIES CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit attended the First Annual Christian Medical Ministries Charity Golf Tournament held at the Plantation Golf and Country Club.



The Christian Medical Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing free, holistic healthcare to the underinsured and low-income

individuals in Southwest Florida. Additionally, they partner with numerous community organizations including United Way, Lee Health and Lee County Human and Veteran Services.

We're looking forward to next year's event!



**FOLLOW THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA  
PLATFORMS FOR THE LATEST SECURITY,  
TRAFFIC AND NEWS ADVISORIES.**



## "KIDS' SAFETY DAY" AT OLD NAVY

On a busy shopping day at Miromar Outlets, shoppers had an opportunity to stop by Old Navy and to participate in "Kids' Safety Day."

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit was joined by both the LCSO Civilian Support Unit and the United Way "ReUnite" Program as they



offered children's fingerprinting and registered children for the free ReUnite program, a community-based collaborative between United Way and law enforcement agencies in Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties. It is offered to children and vulnerable adults

who may be prone to wandering or becoming lost and utilizes helicopters, drones and specially-trained Bloodhounds when a person goes missing.



## WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

As a component of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit, LCSO Crime Prevention Practitioners visit local businesses and organizations to discuss a variety of crime prevention practices and tactics designed to protect their staff.



Crime Prevention Practitioner Victoria Staryk recently provided training for the team at Sanibel Captiva Bank in Fort Myers.

To schedule a program, contact your Crime Prevention Specialist at [CRU@sheriffleeefl.org](mailto:CRU@sheriffleeefl.org) or 239-477-1CRU (1278). Please allow two weeks notice in order to acquire a speaker or arrange for a security assessment.