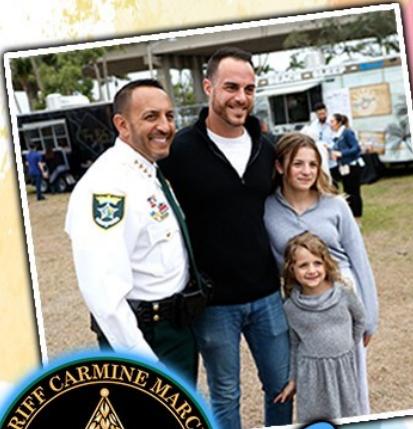


LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Community Outreach Newsletter

LCSO JOINS THE GOLDENFEST CELEBRATION

The Lee County Sheriff's Office and LCSO Animal Cruelty Task Force were on hand at Goldenfest at Lee Health Sports Complex.

Hundreds of dog lovers, pet owners, Golden Retrievers and others furry friends roamed the grounds outside of Hammond Stadium.

"Robbie," our LCSO robot dog, was a major attraction, as he always is.



The Lee County Sheriff's Office Ice Cream Response Team was on hand along with numerous other assets.



As we participate in "Goldenfest" annually, we are already looking forward to next year's event!

JANUARY 2026

SHOP WITH A COP

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit teamed up with the Boys & Girls Club of Lee County for "Shop with a Cop" at Walmart located at Six Mile Cypress Parkway and US 41.



It was an honor to help these amazing kids select holiday gifts. We are so grateful to Walmart and their amazing staff for making this day special for so many deserving kids!

176 arrests, 297 cases cleared, \$65,025 in rewards distributed LAST YEAR ALONE!

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

SWFL CRIME STOPPERS
1-800-780-TIPS (8477)
ANONYMOUS · CASH REWARDS



Your call matters!

ALWAYS CHECK THE LEE COUNTY ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY BEFORE REHOMING A PET!



HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING WITH SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS

The Lee County Sheriff's Office and Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers teamed up to offer free holiday gift wrapping to shoppers at Miromar Outlets.

Events, such as this one, provide an opportunity to chat with our county's residents about nearly anything they deem to be important.



Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers provided all wrapping necessities and, they too, shared information regarding the ability to provide anonymous crime information to local law enforcement...and how to receive awards for their tips. Last year, Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers rewarded tipsters with \$65,025 in rewards!

"CHECK THE CHIP"

It's important to emphasize the value of microchipping your pet and Sheriff Carmine Marceno is a huge advocate for microchipping events.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force hosted yet another "Check the Chip" microchipping event at our Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets.



Pet owners brought cats and dogs to be checked for microchips and those unchipped pets received free microchips!

Special thanks to Lee County

Domestic Animal Services for providing these no-cost microchipping services in our community!



FOSTERING SHELTER ANIMALS SAVES LIVES

- FOOD PROVIDED
- VETERINARY CARE PROVIDED
- TOYS/SUPPLIES PROVIDED

YOU PROVIDE
THE LOVE!



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
PLEASE EMAIL GARY LEVINE AT
GLEVINE@SHERIFFLEEFL.ORG

VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEED YOUR HELP

Lives are at risk and we are counting on educated businesses and employees to become aware, know the signs, and take action in cases of suspicious activity.



BE AWARE

Human trafficking is prevalent in the United States, and it often occurs in affluent neighborhoods and legitimate business settings.

Florida ranks 3rd in the nation for number of calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

More than 50% of the criminal human trafficking cases in the U.S. involved children.

The average age of a child when forced into human trafficking is between 12 and 14.

KNOW THE SIGNS

As a community, we can help save lives by knowing and recognizing the signs of human trafficking.

PHYSICAL

- Branding, Scars, Burns, or Tattoos
- Malnourished
- Serious Dental Issues
- Disoriented or Confused
- Infections
- Drug Addiction
- Sleep Deprivation

VERBAL

- Responds as if coached
- Allows someone else to speak for them
- Fearful, Anxious, or Paranoid
- Reluctant to discuss their injuries

3 TAKE ACTION

If you see suspicious activity, report it immediately to law enforcement.

In Florida, call

► 1-855-FLA-SAFE



Paid by OSSTF



Enroll today for peace of mind while you're away

Vacation House Checks

Lee County Sheriff's Office

Take peace of mind on your vacation! Request this public service provided by Lee County Sheriff's Office Civilian Support Unit (CSU). CSU has trained volunteers who share their time and talents to keep Lee County safe.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Ensure perimeter doors, windows, and gates are secured and undamaged
- Report uncollected mail and packages
- Monitor for unusual activity
- Identify any unaccompanied vehicles
- You will be notified if CSU discovers any of the aforementioned items

SCAN HERE



Sign-up Today!

www.sherifflefl.org



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

When overhead lights are flashing yellow:



Prepare to Stop

When overhead lights are flashing red:



Stop!

When hazard warning lights are flashing:



Proceed with Caution

Join the
Lee County Sheriff's Office
and the

American Heart Association Southwest Florida
for a FREE, informative and enriching

LUNCH & LEARN

The discussion is focused on nutrition, healthy living, and overall well-being. Led by Jessaca Rodriguez, Executive Director for the American Heart Association in Southwest Florida, this session will highlight the latest and greatest evidence-based guidance designed to support heart health and everyday wellness.

The discussion will cover:

- Core principles of heart-healthy nutrition
- The American Heart Association's Diet and Lifestyle Recommendations
- An overview of Life's Essential 8™, the key health behaviors and factors that support long-term well-being
- Simple, realistic ways to improve daily habits related to food, movement, sleep, and overall health

Where: Lee County Sheriff's Office
Community Outreach Center at Miromar
Outlets
10801 Corkscrew Road, Suite 190, Estero

When: Thursday,
February 26, 2026
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

★ Registration is required. Please email
Gary Levine at glevine@sherifflefl.org

Lunch generously provided by
Naples Flatbread Kitchen



TIP-A-COP

The Lee County Sheriff's Office partners regularly with Special Olympics Florida helping people with disabilities to thrive.

By conducting a "Tip-a-Cop" event at Ford's Garage in Cape Coral...partnering with other local law enforcement agencies...a total of \$1,600 was raised. This brings our annual fundraising total to \$37,000 for the 2025 calendar year!



SPEAK UP FOR THE VOICE-LESS



Khaleesi was rescued in Cape Coral after suffering horrific neglect at her former owners hands. She was severely malnourished and couldn't even stand. Today, she is healed and in a loving home. Her former owners were jailed on felony charges. One call made all the difference.

SWFL CRIME STOPPERS



STOP DOG FIGHTING AND ANIMAL CRUELTY NOW!

**CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT
1-800-780-TIPS
(8477)**

**TO PROTECT ANIMALS WHO
CANNOT PROTECT THEMSELVES.**

Paid by **CSTF**

THE LEE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND
SHERIFF CARMINE
MARCENO REMIND
YOU TO REMOVE
VALUABLES AND TO
LOCK YOUR VEHICLE'S
DOORS EVERY
EVENING.

IF YOU VALUE IT...



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!



"MEOWY CHRISTMAS"

Assisting local shelters and rescues in their efforts to find safe and loving homes for dogs and cats, the Lee County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Task Force hosted "Meowy Christmas;" a cat and kitten adoption event at our LCSO Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets.

Shoppers, mall staff, children and tourists stopped in to say hello to the kitties.

Thank you to the Animal Refuge Center for providing the felines and special thanks to 7-Eleven and Coca Cola for generously donating refreshments.



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



Join Our Volunteer Unit

Make a Real Difference in Our Community

WHY VOLUNTEER WITH US?

Support deputies in real-world situations. Be part of special events and community programs. Gain valuable skills and law enforcement insights. Build friendships while serving your community.



WHAT WE DO

School Support
Administration
Communications
Event Coordinator
HR
Marketing
Onboarding
Training
Patrol
Bicycles
Marine
Road



READY TO SERVE?
Scan the QR Code to start your application, or Call our office Today! 239.477.1452

Lee County Sheriff's Office - Civilian Support Unit

ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit, along with 4th Precinct Bonita Deputies and Search & Rescue K-9 Bloodhound "Mercy," joined in on the festivities as the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs held their annual "Christmas Community Celebration" Tree, Tent and Toy Drive.



The event was an effort to benefit needy elementary school students in the area.

Over 500 students and

families attended the event to watch Santa's arrival by Bonita Springs Fire Truck escorted by LCSO deputies.

The LCSO team enjoyed engaging with the residents, while K-9 Bloodhound "Mercy" loved the belly rubs, hugs, and kisses!