

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



CSU

Civilian Support Unit

NEWSLETTER



Volunteers Who Serve Our Community

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Record Year for CSU!



2025 - The Year In Review

It was an exciting year for the Civilian Support Unit! The amazing volunteers continued to show what a caring, dedicated group of individuals can collectively accomplish. CSU members volunteered a record sixty thousand hours (60,629.25), a seventeen percent increase over last year, and surpassed the two-million-dollar mark (\$2,109,621.61) for the first time ever! Additionally, CSU volunteers recorded the first 5,000-hour month since 2019 and the first 6,000-hour month on record! Eighteen CSU volunteers surpassed the 1,000-hour mark and one of them surpassed the 2,000-hour mark. These eighteen dedicated members are highlighted in this newsletter and are set to be honored by the agency.

These incredible efforts highlight the purpose of the Civilian Support Unit, to support the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Lee County. The hour and dollar figures represent a value-added benefit to the Sheriff's Office and citizens. Here are more interesting numbers -- our road patrol volunteers conducted thousands of area checks in parks, houses of worship, schools, residential areas, and businesses. Also, these same volunteers assisted with over 3,000 traffic related incidents in 2025. These are just a few of the awesome examples of the impact that the Civilian Support Unit volunteers make on our Sheriff's Office and community.

Congratulations to the Top CSU Contributors for 2025!



Tom LaPointe - 2,025 Hours
Road Patrol - First Precinct



David Paetz - 1,142 Hours
Road Patrol - Second Precinct



Matt Page - 1,801 Hours
Road Patrol - First Precinct



Ed Caden - 1,118.5 Hours
Road Patrol - First Precinct



Ed Curry - 1,732.5 Hours
Road Patrol - Fifth Precinct



Bob Auriemma - 1,113.75 Hours
Road Patrol - Second Precinct



Bob Guziak - 1,687 Hours
Road Patrol - Sixth Precinct



Paul Byrne - 1,093.75 Hours
Road Patrol - Fourth Precinct



Roger Fitch - 1,636.25 Hours
Road Patrol - Sixth Precinct



Fred Lamphear - 1,064.5 Hours
Road Patrol - Fourth Precinct



Tony Corrao - 1,586.75 Hours
Road Patrol - Third Precinct



Andy Wagner - 1,045 Hours
Road Patrol - Third Precinct



Jim Burdge - 1,541.25 Hours
Road Patrol - Fourth Precinct



Tim Gilligan - 1,022.5 Hours
Marine Patrol - Sixth Precinct



John Saba - 1,428.5 Hours
Road Patrol - Second Precinct



Bill Kaiser - 1011.5 Hours
Road Patrol - Fifth Precinct



Tim Turco - 1,424.25 Hours
Marine/School - Fifth Precinct



Ed Price - 1,009 Hours
Road Patrol - Fifth Precinct

CSU In Action



Member Spotlight

Two values that characterize CSU Road Patrol and Admin Member Shirley Jackson are her work ethic and commitment to public service. Her diminutive 4'10" presence belies this fireball who is as much at ease directing traffic as she is addressing juries in the Lee County Courthouse, where she continues to work full time.

As part of her duties there over the past 19 years, she received training that exposed her to LCSO and encouraged her to enroll in Citizens Academy where she learned about CSU. When she volunteered in 2024, she started road patrol training where she acquired the necessary skills to direct traffic. Not content to limit her involvement there, she shifted gears to an admin role where she enjoys helping to host the Citizens Academy and her favorite CSU activity, fingerprinting children at public events.

"I feel proud to serve families in keeping their children safe. It is heart-warming to see parents and children avail themselves of this free service that helps in the event a child goes missing." Further evidence of her generous service to the community is her volunteer role with Heroes Unmasked, a group where members dress like Super Heroes and visit sick children. It's no wonder the Lee County Visitors and Convention Bureau nominated her to be recognized at their 25th Annual E-Awards.

Shirley is fierce when it comes to family, even roller skating occasionally with her 36-year-old daughter who is a roller derby skater. She lives with her 19-year-old cat Loor, enjoys baking savory sourdough treats, likes assembling Lego creations, and watching the southwest Florida eagle cam. Her next goal is to learn to crochet in her spare time, whenever that may be! Thank you, Shirley Jackson, for your remarkable service!



Did You Know?

As highlighted in this issue in our feature on Shirley Jackson, many members of the CSU choose to serve in more than one role. Shirley's experience reflects a broader strength of the program – an opportunity to contribute in a variety of meaningful ways while supporting both the agency and the community.

One of the most rewarding aspects of volunteering with the CSU is the diversity of work available. Members are encouraged to engage in roles that align with their interests, skills, and availability. They can adjust their level of involvement as life circumstances evolve. Volunteering is not limited to a single lane -- CSU members can do as much as they choose!

Just as important, the CSU is designed to fit into a full and active lifestyle. The minimum commitment of 16 hours per month is very manageable, allowing members to balance family, careers, and other meaningful activities while still making a real impact on CSU. Volunteering with the CSU makes it possible to serve, grow, and stay connected without putting the rest of life on hold.



Seasonal Awareness

As the winter sun warms Southwest Florida, the streets fill with visitors escaping colder weather. High season brings a lively mood — and a rise in people walking, exploring, and moving around Lee County. With the excitement also comes more foot traffic and a greater chance for unexpected situations around our community. This is a time when you will see our team conducting area checks in gated communities, shopping malls, schools and religious facilities. Our presence, in coordination with LCSO, enhances Law Enforcement and crime prevention efforts, keeping the citizens of Lee County Safe thoughtout the high season. Keep an eye out for our vehicles and team, directing traffic, on foot patrol, and helping disabled motorists. Stop and say hello if you see one of our members and thank them for their service!

CSU— On the Record 2025

New Members EOY	58
Training Hours EOY	9,479
Volunteer Hours EOY	60,629
Contribution	\$2,109,261

CSU 'Year End Thoughts'

David Rhoa - "As a new Patrol Candidate with the LCSO Civilian Support Unit, I've been impressed by the depth and professionalism of the training. This program stands apart from any volunteer role I've experienced, and I'm honored to be part of it".

Ed Caden - "Serving our fellow residents of Lee County allows us, as members of CSU, to make a positive impact on quality of life, improved public safety and build a greater sense of community".

Jeff Marnoch - "As part of the marketing team, this year has allowed me to utilize my background in business to give back to the community".

Join Our Team

We need YOU to join our team! It's a rewarding way to give back to your community and learn valuable skills as part of your volunteer training. We are a group of diverse individuals working together for a common cause of keeping our Community safe. Scan the QR code below, or call 239-477-1422.

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