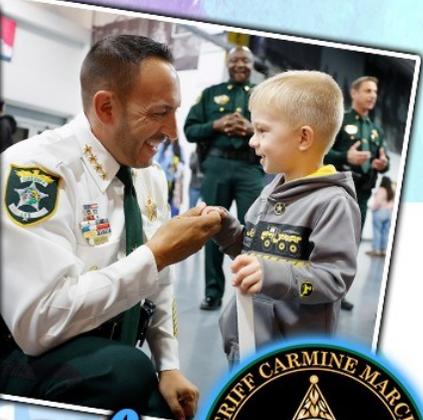
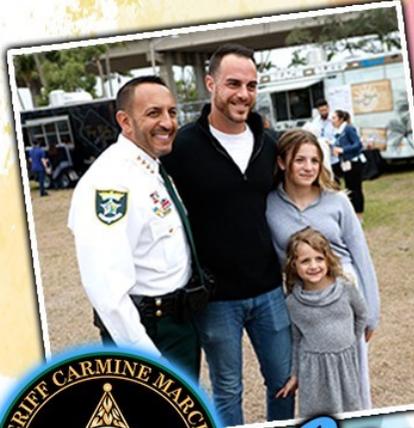


LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Community Outreach Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2026

LCSO, LCDAS AT TEXAS ROADHOUSE

The Lee County Sheriff's Office and Lee County Domestic Animal Services joined forces for a fun evening of canine adoptions.



A number of pups, all available for adoption, were on hand, greeting guests.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Ice

Cream Response Team distributed delicious ice cream to those in attendance.

LCSO's Animal Cruelty Task Force and Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers distributed swag and important literature.

Fort Myers Police were in attendance, as was the Fort Myers Fire Department. Special thanks to Texas



Roadhouse for their kindness and for hosting this enjoyable event.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN™ FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA

CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND BICYCLISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

FEBRUARY 27, 2026

REGISTRATION: 7:30AM

RUN/BIKE BEGINS: 9AM

LOCATION: 14750 SIX MILE CYPRESS PKWY, FORT MYERS, FL 33912
 RUN/BIKE LENGTH: 4 MILES
 COST: \$25 - PURCHASE OF THE 2026 LETR SHIRT IS MANDATORY AND THE SHIRT IS TO BE WORN DURING THE RUN.

TO REGISTER -->

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL STACY BECK @ SBECK@SHERIFFLEEFL.ORG

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

MY AUTISM CONNECTION "LUNCH & LEARN"

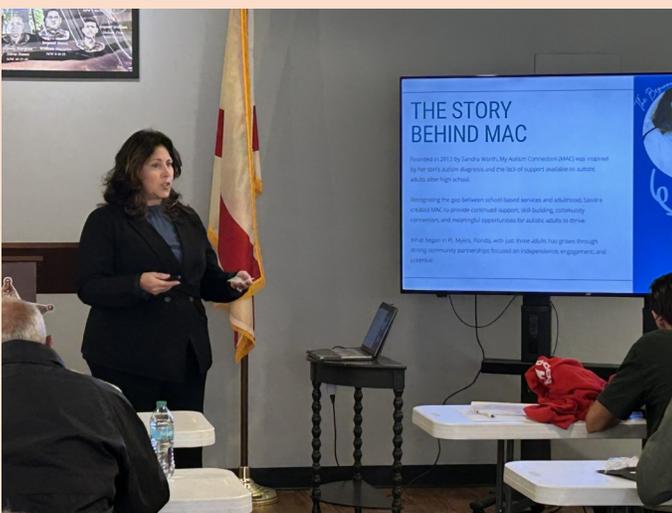
The Lee County Sheriff's Office proudly hosted an informative and entertaining "Lunch & Learn" at our community outreach center at Miromar Outlets.



"My Autism Connection (MAC) is a community of support for autistic adults that provides teachable

opportunities to develop skills towards independence, fosters authentic friendships, and empowers for acceptance."

My Autism Connection Founder and Executive Director, Sandra Worth, shared information regarding the Autism Spectrum and services available to the community.



Special thanks to our friends at Ford's Garage (Miromar Outlets) for providing another incredibly delicious lunch!

Join the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida for a FREE and informative "Lunch & Learn"

What's New for Medicare in 2026? Learn about updates to Medicare, the importance of enrollment periods, and how SHINE can help you throughout the year. AAASWFL is the state's designated Aging and Disability Resource Center for Southwest Florida providing information and resources for seniors and adults with disabilities, their families and caregivers. AAASWFL connects clients with local resources such as elder care, adult day care, housing assistance, home care, meals, housekeeping, legal assistance, personal care, and even volunteer opportunities.



Where: Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Edison Mall
4125 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 1930, Fort Myers

FREE lunch generously provided by Papotas of Edison Mall

When: Thursday, March 12, 2026
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Registration is required!
Email glevine@sheriffleefl.org



Area Agency on Aging
FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

EDISON MALL

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](mailto:glevine@sheriffleefl.org)

ALWAYS

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



EDISON FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Sheriff Carmine Marceno and Lee County Sheriff's Office staff shared the evening with the residents and visitors of Lee County as we celebrated this year's "Edison Festival of Lights Parade."



The parade, Lee County's premiere event since 1938, is an opportunity for the Lee County Sheriff's Office to spend an amazing evening celebrating the life and accomplishments including over



1,000 patents.

"LUNCH & LEARN" WITH THE DUBIN CENTER

The Lee County Sheriff's Office hosted an incredible and important "Lunch & Learn" on behalf of the Dubin Center.



The Dubin Center, an Alzheimer's and dementia resource center serving Southwest Florida since 1995, provides

vital services and guidance to caregivers by providing education.

Chief Executive Officer Christine LoConte spoke on behalf of The Dubin Center, addressed Alzheimer's and Dementia as well as the many services that the agency offers.



A room, filled to capacity, enjoyed free lunch generously donated by our friends at Naples Flat Bread Kitchen.

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

Your call matters!

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

SWFL CRIME STOPPERS

1-800-780-TIPS (8477)

ANONYMOUS · CASH REWARDS



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

TAKE ACTION

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

▶ 1-855-FLA-SAFE



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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

BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT

"LUNCH & LEARN"

Join us as we assist Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers in their effort to recruit new board members. Learn about the history of the Crime Stoppers program and how they share the message throughout the community.

The Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers program encourages citizens of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime. We need community-minded individuals to help us get the word out!



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

WHEN: Thursday, March 26, 2026
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SEATING IS LIMITED.
Please email Gary Levine at glevine@sheriffleefl.org

FREE LUNCH GENEROUSLY DONATED BY
Luigi's Pizza É Pasta



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.sheriffleefl.org



DID YOU KNOW?

The Lee County Sheriff's Office provides over a dozen free crime prevention programs. These sessions cover practical tips to help keep you and your community safe. If you'd like to schedule one for your community, business, church, or organization, just give us a call at (239) 477-1CRU (1278) or send an email to CRU@sheriffleefl.org.



SPEAK UP

FOR THE VOICELESS



◀ 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.

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



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



THE POWER OF US

Empowering youth to unite, uplift, & create change against gun violence!

Join us for a youth-focused event designed to inspire and connect

Drug-Free Event
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, 14 MARCH

FROM 01:00 - 5:00 PM
William "Blif" Austen Youth Center
315 SW 2nd Avenue Cape Coral, FL 33991

Hosted by Kayla's House & CrimeStoppers

ENJOY A DAY OF:

- FREE FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
- FUN GAMES & ENGAGING ACTIVITIES
- A SAFE SPACE TO UPLIFT VOICES & DESIGN A BETTER FUTURE



FOLLOW THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS FOR THE LATEST



JOIN THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES FOR A MOVING AND INTERESTING

"LUNCH & LEARN"



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

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!
EMAIL
GLEVINE@SHERIFFLEEFL.ORG

WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026
11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

FREE LUNCH GENEROUSLY PROVIDED BY

