



# The LCSO Voice

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## Summer program returns

### LCSO offers free services for youth

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the return of its 18th Annual "Sheriff's Summer Youth Program."

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Youth Services Section provides an opportunity for students ages 11 to 13 to participate in a creative and interactive environment while being rewarded for being among the overwhelming majority who don't get into trouble with the law. The theme of the program is about "Empowering Youth for Tomorrow." The goal of the deputy counselors who coordinate the Summer Youth Program is to instill a vision of the future that is bright and hopeful.

#### Student empowerment

Those attending learn about nutrition, physical fitness and making healthy choices. In addition to various athletic activities, they'll enjoy demonstrations and get a behind-the-scenes look at several special operational units of the



Members of the LCSO SWAT Team will be a part of this year's Sheriff's Summer Youth Program.

### Tentative Dates and locations

- Varsity Lakes Middle School: June 2-5;
- Three Oaks Middle School: June 9-12;
- Alva Middle School: June 16-19;
- Lehigh Acres Middle School: June 23-26;
- North Fort Myers Academy: June 30- July 3;
- Dunbar Middle School: July 7-10;
- Oak Hammock Middle School: July 14-17;
- Gulf Middle School: July 21-24;
- Mariner Middle School: July 28-31;
- Challenger Middle School: Aug. 4-7.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



Sheriff Mike Scott

## Remember fallen heroes

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*.

This year, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers and their family members from around the world will travel to Washington, D.C., to pay tribute to the men and women who lost their lives in the line of duty.

As your Sheriff, I invite you to join me for a special ceremony honoring the lives of 14 law enforcement officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting our community.

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# Meet a Crime Prevention Specialist

Trisha Bissler is the Crime Prevention Specialist assigned to the North and Gulf districts for the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Her responsibilities include starting and maintaining Neighborhood Watch groups; educating the public on identity theft, scams, personal safety, residential security and more topics; and, doing both residential and business security surveys.



Trisha Bissler

Trisha obtained her certificates in Crime Prevention and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design in 2006. She also is a certified S.A.F.E. instructor. She has been with the Lee County Sheriff's Office since 2004.

Trisha is originally from Northern Minnesota and graduated from Augsburg College with a degree in Communication and Political Science before moving to Florida and being employed with the Sheriff's Office.

Anyone living in northern Lee County and who is interested in a speaking engagement can contact Trisha at 477-1801 or by email [tbissler@sheriffleefl.org](mailto:tbissler@sheriffleefl.org).

## What is CPTED?

Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) is a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design. CPTED strategies rely upon the ability to influence offender decisions that precede criminal acts. Generally speaking, most implementations of CPTED occur solely within the urbanized, built environment and primarily focus on new construction.

Specifically altering the physical design of the communities in which we reside and congregate in order to deter criminal activity is the main goal of CPTED. It relies on the building and implementation of things such as lighting, landscaping, walkways, traffic calming, etc. CPTED is intended to positively affect human behavior therefore deterring crime.

CPTED principles of design affect elements of the built environment ranging from the small-scale, such as the strategic use of shrubbery and other vegetation, to the overarching, including building form of an entire urban neighborhood.

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Sheriff's Office such as our Aviation, K-9, S.W.A.T. teams, and Bomb Squad.

The Sheriff's Summer Youth Program is free of charge, but seats are limited. The initiative consists of 10, four-day sessions, Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents or their designee are responsible for dropping off and picking up their child on time. Participating youth are required to wear appropriate comfortable clothing and closed-toed athletic shoes each day. Each child will need to bring a lunch/drink Monday through Wednesday. Lunch will be provided on Thursday.

For more information, (239) 258-3200.

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**We will remember their courage, strength and spirit on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy located at 4312 Michigan Ave. in Fort Myers. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m.** These fallen heroes, who as individuals were unique in many ways, shared a common bond as public servants, and a common heritage of bravery and selflessness.

The names of these Lee County's Fallen Officers will never be forgotten:

- Lt. Matthew Hisler, FMPD
- Trooper Joseph P. Bertrand, FHP

- Deputy Richard Eva, LCSO
- Deputy Michael Yahl, LCSO
- Deputy Lynn Hall, LCSO
- Sgt. Logan Scott, FMPD
- Cpl. Ronnie Fewell, LCSO
- Detective Mark Bolhouse, FMPD
- Cpl. Alfredo Banos, LCSO
- Deputy Michael Shostak, LCSO
- Officer Daniel M. Starks, FMPD
- Cpl. Patrick Healey, LCSO
- Deputy Margena Nunez, LCSO
- Officer Andrew Widman, FMPD

# 'Tip A Cop' benefit helps Special Olympics athletes



**"Tip A Cop"** participants include clockwise from left top Deputy Yadi Perez, Capt. Nancy Apperson, Deputy Leslie Newman, McGruff the Crime Dog, Officer Jesus Ramos, Deputy Roberto Fabela, Jill Jones and Lisa Martinez.

## Fund-raiser collects more than \$5,000

Southwest Florida law enforcement turned out in force for the annual "Tip A Cop" benefit at Joe's Crab Shack in Fort Myers. This annual fund-raiser benefits local Special Olympics athletes. Thirty-four deputies, officers, civilians and volunteers served as celebrity greeters and waiters and helped raise \$5,338. Joe's Crab Shack donated \$1,182 in proceeds from the March 23-24 event.



From left, Deputy Leslie Newman, athlete William Saliva and Officer Jesus Ramos.



Deputy Matt Ansell.

# Don't let burglars spoil your holiday

The kids are almost out of school and vacations are being planned. Below are a few quick tips to help protect your home from potential burglars while you are enjoying your family vacation away from home.

● **Consider hiring a house or pet sitter:** The best way to make sure your house is safe while you're gone is to have someone you trust still living in it. If a relative or trusted friend is available that's great; if not, there are local services you can use but we suggest you do your research and choose wisely!

● **Stop delivery of your mail and newspapers:** When you're leaving for more than a couple of days, contact your local post office to halt mail delivery until you get back; if you're still reading newsprint, make sure you place a hold on the delivery service of your paper because uncollected newspapers alert criminals that you are not home. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up the weekly's that are tossed on your driveway so they do not accumulate in your driveway.

● **Make your home look lived in:** To help create the illusion that your home is still occupied, invest in timers that turn on the interior lights for a few hours every evening. You also might consider setting a radio and/or TV on a timer as well to further the illusion that your home is occupied.

● **Check your locks:** All of the entry doors and windows on your first floor should be protected by burglar-resistant deadbolts and other auxiliary locks. Take a walk around your home and make sure all of your locks work



## Lee County Sheriff's Office V.O.I.C.E. volunteers providing an extra set of eyes in our neighborhoods.

properly. If you are going to be away for an extended period of time consider turning off your garage door opener and securing your garage door with a large screw driver placed in the track or even installing your hurricane braces as an added layer of defense. Just remember when you return you will need to enter through the front door.

● **Watch your social updates:** Though Facebook, Twitter and other social networks have made it easy to keep up with each other, it also has opened the door to a new thief ... the "Check-in, Check-out" burglar. They know when you're not home because you just "checked in" elsewhere or

you told everyone you are heading out to your long anticipated vacation.

Even if you only befriend people you trust and keep your account private, it's important to realize you are advertising to the world that you won't be home for a specified amount of time.

It's also important to educate your children about being discreet on their social media accounts as well.

To arrange to have someone come out to your community to talk about this or another safety or security topic please contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Community Relations Section at (239) 258-3280.

# Debit cards carry higher risk of abuse

In light of the recent discovery of skimmers placed in gas pumps at several local gas stations, the Lee County Sheriff's Office reminds consumers that while credit cards and debit cards look almost identical, not all plastic is the same. In fact, we strongly urge you to think twice before using your debit card at any of the following locations or situations:

● **Online:** Hackers and vulnerable websites are two reasons you should never use your debit card online. If your card number is stolen, your bank account could be drained within minutes. It is important to check with your financial institution about its policies and consumer liability should your debit card be compromised.

● **Restaurants:** Restaurants are one of the few places where you give up control of your debit card to a stranger

and trust your personal information will be protected. Although the vast majority of employees at these establishments are trustworthy, you can bet there are unscrupulous servers who secretly bring handheld card skimmers to work.

● **Big Ticket Items:** It is safer to use a credit card when purchasing expensive items such as electronics, vacation rentals, entertainment tickets, etc. as a credit card offers dispute rights if something goes wrong with the merchandise or purchase.

● **Gas Stations:** Fuel pumps are a favorite target for card skimming thieves as the devices used to fraudulently collect credit card numbers are difficult to spot.

● **Recurring Payments:** Because charges are coming directly from your bank account it is never recommended

to pay recurring bills using your debit card. Over-limit fees or a company that won't stop billing are just a few of the problems you may face if you choose to pay bills using this method.

● **Suspicious Looking ATMs or Card Readers:** Take a good look at the machine or card reader the next time you use an ATM or self check lane. Does the machine fit together well or does something look off, different or like it doesn't belong?

While debit card fraud is always a possibility, being careful where you use it can help keep your checking account balance out of the hands of criminals. If you would like more information about this fraud topic or if you would like to report a fraud or scam to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, contact the Fraud Line at (239) 258-3292.

## Get alerts via social network

The Lee County Sheriff's Office would like to let you know about a new secure neighborhood social networking platform that is now available to you by simply signing up at [www.AlertID.com](http://www.AlertID.com).

AlertID provides its members critical public safety information through emergency alerts on their mobile devices, email and online.

You can create the alert to notify you of incidents occurring within your zip code, identifying everything from sex offenders moving into local communities to updates on



missing children. By receiving critical alerts and preventative information, family members can make better, more informed decisions about where they live and what they do.

AlertID has received support from major organizations including the National Crime Prevention Council, the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security. Register today at [www.AlertID.com](http://www.AlertID.com).

## 10 tips to avoid ID theft during summertime travel

Are you traveling this summer? If so, don't forget to unpack these safety tips and carry them with you when you go.

- Carry only necessities in your wallet or purse.
- Set up a travel alert on your credit card accounts.
  - If you travel with your laptop, do not access bank accounts or personal information on an unsecured wireless network.
  - Lock important documents such as your passport in a safe while staying at a hotel.
  - Use only ATMs located in banks.
  - Protect your smart phone.
  - Use only your last name and phone number on luggage tags.
  - Tear up and discard used boarding passes.

# Meeting the Fitness Challenge

## Participants lose combined 1,179 lbs.

Lee County Sheriff's Office employees are taking fitness seriously – and smashing records in the process.

More than 130 participants took part in the 10th-annual "Fitness Challenge" and lost a cumulative 1,179 pounds. That is 31 percent more than last year's combined weight loss total of 899 pounds.

The top male winner lost a whopping 64.4 lbs, or nearly 23 percent of his body weight, in the 12-week challenge, while the top female winner dropped 38.2 lbs, or more than 20 percent of her body weight.

### 'Jello Jigglers'

The team "Jello Jigglers" took top honors in the team category, with a combined loss of 149.4 lbs. and a combined 54.3 percent weight loss reduction for the top three team members. Winners were decided by the highest percentage weight lost for male, female and team categories. Individual winners received a \$500 cash prize, while the top team received \$250. The cash prizes came from a small entry fee.

"I am thrilled there are so many employees who keep coming back year after year to participate," says Sgt. Greg Chiappetta, who coordinated the event. Participants had a greater than 50 percent completion rate. "You have to be ready to lose weight, and I am totally impressed by the numbers."

LCSO Assistant Communications Training Instructor Lisa Martinez



**Sgt. Greg Chiappetta has run the "Fitness Challenge" for the past 10 years. With him is LCSO Assistant Communications Training Instructor Lisa Martinez, who placed third in the individual category after losing 36.2 lbs in the 12-week challenge.**

placed third in the individual category and won \$240 after losing 36.2 lbs. She has since lost 5 additional pounds and is continuing to lose.

### '100 percent mental

She says her motivation is to be healthy not only for herself, but also for her daughters and grandchildren. "I have changed my whole way of thinking. Just like everything else, your fitness is 100 percent mental. Your body won't go where your mind doesn't push it." Her advice: "When

you change your 'thoughts,' change your 'words,' lose ALL your excuses, follow through on your goals and don't give up. You WILL find your results. So...JUST DO IT!"

The challenge concept of this weight loss contest is modeled after the 9-1-1 Fitness Challenge (911fitness.com), spearheaded by Jim Sayih, a retired Miami Police lieutenant and former bodybuilder.

## ***Deputy of the quarter***

**D**eputy James Orlando responded to a reported traffic crash on Nov. 17, 2013, at the entrance to the Church of the Ascension on the south end of Fort Myers Beach. While en route, dispatch advised that the vehicle was on fire and several subjects were trapped inside.

Deputy Orlando was the first emergency responder on scene. As he exited his vehicle he could hear the screams of the subjects trapped inside the burning vehicle. He retrieved his fire extinguisher and quickly approached the driver's side of the vehicle. When he reached the driver's door, the front end of the vehicle was fully engulfed in fire. Deputy Orlando pushed into the extreme heat coming from the fire and began spraying his extinguisher at the dashboard to try and put out the fire. He suppressed the fire coming from the dashboard and extinguished the fire burning on the vehicle's driver. Seconds after his extinguisher was exhausted, the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department was able to use a fire hose to completely put out the fire.

Deputy Orlando demonstrated courage and willingness to place himself directly in harm's way while attempting to rescue the subjects trapped inside the burning vehicle.



**James Orlando**

## ***Civilian of the quarter***

**W**hile at work on Sept. 19, 2013, Clerk Devin Kimberlin received a phone call from his mother stating that someone had been shot in the hallway of the building where she lived. He instructed his mother to leave the area and stay away until after the scene was clear.



**Devin Kimberlin**

He arrived at the building of the incident; he looked down the hallway and could see a male lying on the ground. As per instructed by the 9-1-1 operator, he rolled the victim on his side and started to apply pressure to the wound. Devin proceeded to comfort the victim by assuring him that the ambulance was on its way.

The victim described the shooters to him, and he gave this information to the Fort Myers Police Department when they arrived on the scene.

I would like to commend Devin for taking prompt action in helping this victim, performing well under pressure to assist law enforcement.

## ***Corrections Deputy of the quarter***

**D**eputy Keith Rozanski was driving to work on Oct. 27, 2013, when he saw a vehicle stopped at the intersection of Six Mile Cypress and Metro Parkway. He approached the car and noticed there was a family standing in front of the vehicle. It was at this time he noticed there was a body lying in the middle of the roadway from what appeared to be a motorcycle accident.

Deputy Rozanski positioned his car in a way to protect the victim from traffic on the roadway and exited his vehicle. While on the



**Keith Rozanski**

phone with Lee County Communications he ran through a series of steps to assess the health of the female victim.

He was able to determine that the victim did have a pulse and was in fact breathing despite many facial injuries. As the scene was assessed further, another victim was found lying on the roadway. His injuries were not as extensive as the female victim. Numerous medical personnel arrived on scene and began medical treatment on both victims.

Although Corrections Deputies have a duty to act to this kind of incident, Deputy Rozanski went above and beyond the scope of his duties. He was able to stay calm and remove any further danger to the victims of the accident.

## ***Volunteer of the quarter***

**W**e proudly name John Clement as the Lee County Sheriff's Office volunteer of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. John joined the V.O.I.C.E. program in February 2007 and



**John Clement**

works mainly out of Gulf District. John is a part time resident and has volunteered 5,667 hours since he started. John works three to four days a week and is always available for a last minute detail or call out.

John was doing an area check in the Tropical Point neighborhood on Nov. 18, 2013, and came upon an elderly female alone on the ground. EMS responded and transported her to the hospital with a broken hip while John made sure her dog was taken care. He also notified her daughter. John is a true asset to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, and we are proud to have him serve with us.

## Who to call



## In brief

### Project Lifesaver provides safety net for autism care

In conjunction with autism organizations around our nation, the Lee County Sheriff's Office recognized April as Autism Awareness Month. We honor those caregivers who despite a multitude of challenges caring for a loved one with Autism devote their time, energy and love while striving to provide a safe and secure environment.

In an effort to assist in this endeavor, the Sheriff's Office together with the Pilot Club of Fort Myers is pleased to participate in the Project Lifesaver program.

With the assistance from state of the art radio technology and a personalized wristband worn by those with the disorder, Project Lifesaver allows emergency responders the ability to locate a loved one within minutes of their disappearance. This rapid response has the potential to reduce the potential for serious injury and to save lives.

If you would like more information on Project Lifesaver, or if you would like for a member of our team to speak to your organization, please contact Community Relations at (239) 258-3280.

North District  
121 Pondella Road  
N. Fort Myers (239) 477-1810

East District  
1301 Homestead Road  
Lehigh Acres (239) 477-1820

West District  
15650 Pine Ridge Road  
Fort Myers (239) 477-1830

South District  
8951 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 565  
Bonita Springs (239) 477-1840

Bonita Substations (South)  
10520 Reynolds St.  
Bonita Springs (239) 477-1140

Central District  
14750 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy.  
Fort Myers (239) 477-1850

Gulf District  
13921-4 Waterfront Drive  
Pineland (239) 282-5766

Gulf District (Boca)  
360 E. Railroad Ave.

## Be wary of utility bill scam reported in Lee County

Small business owners in Southwest Florida are once again being targeted in the so called "utility bill" scam. The Sheriff's Office Fraud line has received reports from several business owners who said they received a phone call from a man named "Deon," representing himself as being from Florida Power Light and Lee County Electric Cooperative.

According to our callers, the scammer said their business utility account was past due and their power would be disconnected within 90 minutes unless they sent immediate payment via a Green Dot "money pak" card.

A reminder to all consumers FPL and LCEC will never call customers to request financial payment of any

kind through the use of a Green Dot card, or Western Union/Moneygram wire transfer. Anyone who receives a call demanding money for a past due utility bill should not provide such information and report the call to their local utility company and the Sheriff's Office fraud line. For more information about this scam or to report a fraud or scam, call (239) 258-3292.



# Crime Stoppers looks to public for help

Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers has been a key liaison between the community and law enforcement for more than 30 years, but the goal has always remained the same – to provide the community with an anonymous way to report information on unsolved crimes and wanted fugitives. In addition, Crime Stoppers pays out a cash reward up to \$1,000 if

the caller's tip leads to an arrest.

Crime Stoppers covers five counties: Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades Counties with a staff of three – Trish Route, Laura Connell and Jami McAbee. The hotline (800-780-TIPS) is housed in Canada; therefore, there is no call recording, no call tracing and at no point is the identity of the caller ever known.

Callers are given a code number. If a tip leads to an arrest, the caller picks up the reward using that code number as their only form of identification.

As a side note, Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit program and funded through fines paid by criminals – not tax dollars. So we use criminals' money to put more criminals in jail. Who could ask for anything better!

## Have you seen these people?

(wanted as of 4/28/14)



**Mohamed Aly**

5 ft 7 in, 170 lbs  
D.O.B. 1972-12-09

4 counts solicitation to kidnap commit or facilitate commission of felony



**Troy Bolin**

5 ft 7 in, 120 lbs  
D.O.B. 1960-08-25

Sexual battery on a child less than 12 years of age



**Wesnel Isaac**

5 ft 6 in, 140 lbs  
D.O.B. 1981-04-25

3 counts kidnapping and 3 counts of second degree murder with firearms



**Yosdany Llanera**

5 ft 6 in, 155 lbs  
D.O.B. 1993-10-05

Lewd & lascivious molestation victim less than 12 years of age



**Kernan Louis-Marc**

5 ft 7 in, 180 lbs  
D.O.B. 1970-07-14

Lewd & lascivious behavior victim between 12 to 16 years of age



**Gregory Monnie**

5 ft 11 in, 200 lbs  
D.O.B. 1972-01-26

Cocaine and heroin possession with intent to sell



**Bryan Ross**

6 ft 3 in, 140 lbs  
D.O.B. 1988-10-5

3 counts of cocaine possession with intent to sell



**Dean Trevil**

6 ft 1 in, 220 lbs  
D.O.B. 1985-01-11

Aggravated battery w/ deadly weapon & kidnapping



**Miguel Tum**

5 ft 3 in, 140 lbs  
D.O.B. 1987-05-27

Aggravated battery of a pregnant victim



**James Wasileski**

5 ft 8 in, 200 lbs  
1962-03-13

Homicide - negligent manslaughter vehicle, living off prostitute earnings

# Pets offer companionship, other benefits

Bring new meaning and purpose to your life by adopting a pet or spending time with your neighbors' pets. Studies have reflected that seniors with dogs go to the doctor less with minor health issues and they even have lower levels of blood pressure and cholesterol as compared to non-pet owners.

The companionship that pets provide motivates seniors to get more involved in daily activities and socializing.

Pets benefit, too, particularly when older folks adopt older pets. These lucky pets go from the pound to paradise. Because most of the adopters are retired, they have lots of time to devote to a previously unwanted pet.

Here are some things caregivers should consider when acquiring a pet for their senior mom or dad.

- **Right pet for the right owner?** Because people age differently, the decision must be made carefully.
- **Are you set in your ways?** If you don't like change, you may not be a good candidate.
- **Do you have disabilities?** Dogs can be wonderful companions who encourage a senior with no major physical limitations to walk and interact with others. For those who are physically challenged, cats often need less care



than dogs. A small dog that's paper-trained or an indoor bird also is sometimes preferable.

- **Do you need a therapy pet?** If the person is very infirm or impaired, they may be a candidate for an assistance or therapy dog to help them function or interact.

- **Is the pet the right age?** A puppy or kitten may not be the best choice for elderly owners because of the care they require. A young pet may outlive its owner. Birds especially have long life spans. Yet, it's also important that the pet isn't too old because it may start to have physical limitations and get sick.

- **Are finances an issue?** Pets cost money. A small puppy can run more than \$810 its first year for food, medical care, toys and grooming while a fish is less expensive — about \$235, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. If the pet takes ill, dollars snowball. Groups are available to help allay costs.

— *This Senior Safety Tip was brought to you by Abby Services In-Home Care For Seniors. [www.abby-services.com](http://www.abby-services.com)*

## Summer water safety tips

Southwest Florida is the perfect place for swimming during the hot summer months. Our beautiful beaches, lakes and backyard pools make living here feel like we're living in paradise. Unfortunately, these enticing bodies of water are all potential death traps to toddlers and young children, which is why following these simple tips just might save a life.

- Children should always be supervised by an adult around *any* body of water.
- Swimming lessons for

toddlers and kids can help prevent drowning.

- Learning CPR can help you save a child's life.
- Doors leading to water should have an audible alarm to indicate when they are being opened.
- Children should be taught to use the buddy system while swimming.
- Life jackets are life savers for children who do not know how to swim.

Learn more at [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org).

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