

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Community Outreach Newsletter

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MACABRE MIROMAR...

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary, many children, dressed in ghoulish attire,



entered the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets.

Demons, witches, superheroes,

princesses, butterflies were given Tasmanian Devil stuffed dolls, candy, junior deputy badges and assorted swag.

Hundreds of children, along with their parents and guardians, arrived in an effort to frighten the LCSO outreach center staff...and some certainly succeeded!



Costume contests for children and canines followed yielding prizes for the finest and most creative.

Special thanks to Miromar Outlets for hosting this event!

WHAT A TEAM!

The Lee County Sheriff's Office knows a thing or two about great teamwork and our Crisis Care Unit is a radiant example!

Our Crisis Care Canine Unit works alongside the Center of



Progress and Excellence (CPE) to help those in crisis in Lee County.

CPE's amazing clinicians and LCSO's Crisis Care Canines make the paw-fect team...especially "Rollie" and "Lawrence," our beautiful Crisis Care Golden Retrievers!

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

SWFL CRIME STOPPERS

1-800-780-TIPS (8477)

ANONYMOUS · CASH REWARDS



“NOT-SO-SCARY” HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE LEE HEALTH SPORTS COMPLEX

Sheriff Carmine Marceno had no intention of allowing Hurricane Milton to ruin Halloween for the children in Lee County...no, sir!

All six patrol precincts came together, along with numerous agency units, to throw the party of the year...the “Not-So-Scary Halloween Party.”



It was a dentist’s dream as children had full buckets of chocolate, sweets and assorted candies. The Ice Cream Response Team was on hand...with two trucks...serving ice cream to all of the guests.



LCSO assets including Nan’s Ranch, Crisis Care K9s, the SWAT Bearcat, Robbie the robo-dog and much more were in attendance at the massive event.



Between two and three thousand residents, guests and visitors roamed the grounds at the Lee

Health Sports Complex gathering candy and swag.

Sheriff Marceno, recognizing the damage done by the Hurricane and that the community had struggled through consecutive storms, so wanted a fun and festive distraction for a tired and weary community.



The “Not-So-Scary” Halloween event accomplished just that. Costumed guests surrounded the many decorated Lee County Sheriff’s Office tables and vehicles, all of which offered some form of treats or prizes.



Kids loved Nan’s Ranch...allowing them to interact with a variety of animals.



Sheriff Marceno tossed candy from one of the agency’s Marine Unit vessels while other surrounded Robbie the robot dog as he showed off his dancing skills.



Special thanks to all who attended and participated in this wonderful family event!

“COOL CRUISERS” CAR SHOW

Sleek...fast...luxurious...you name it. Vehicles from the early 20th Century...up to cars and trucks of the current day were on display at Miromar Outlets.



The “Cool Cruisers” invited the Lee County Sheriff’s Office to attend their monthly event and we arrived bearing our LCSO Dodge Charger Hellcat, Robbie the robo-dog and a table full of cool swag for their guests.

Hundreds of residents and guests, including tourists from around the world, milled around while admiring the incredible vehicles.

Car owners answered questions regarding their vehicle specs, let guests listen to the purr of their engines and shared stories of yesteryear.



Vehicles on-site included a 1932 Ford 5-Window-Coupe, a 1937 Ford Sedan Delivery, a 1940 Chevrolet Special Deluxe and a 1955 Chevrolet Convertible...just to name a



few of the outstanding displays.

Robbie, LCSO’s robo-dog, showed off, a bit, demonstrating his remarkable dexterity and fine skills.

BROWNIES AT MIROMAR...

Always full of energy, Brownie Troop 108 meets at the Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center for their monthly meeting. Girls participate in fun activities and learn new skills each month.



ABUSE COUNSELING & TREATMENT

“LUNCH & LEARN”

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office hosted an incredible “Lunch & Learn” on behalf of “Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT)” at the LCSO Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets.



Faith Birkelbach presented critical information regarding human trafficking, domestic

violence and other forms of abuse. Additionally, Faith discussed all of the free services offered by ACT.

Special thanks to Ford’s Garage at Miromar Outlets for donating a wonderful lunch!

ROTARY CLUB 5K

The Rotary Club of Estero organized a fun and enjoyable run held at Estero Community Park.



The Lee County Sheriff’s Office was on-hand, as was the LCSO Ice Cream Response Team.

A total of 171 participants assisted the Rotary Club of Estero to raise approximately \$6,000.

The funds raised will be donated to “Kids’ Minds Matter,” advocates for children in need of mental health services.



CRISIS CARE K9 AT THE MALL...

As first responders, the Lee County Sheriff's Office encounters individuals in crisis as well as those struggling with mental health issues.

The S.T.A.R. (Specialized Treatment and Response) program is a cooperative arrangement that incorporates clinicians from the Center for Progress and Excellence (CPE) working alongside the Lee County Sheriff's Office Communications Unit, Crisis Care canines and certified deputies.

And those canines...oh, my.

It takes a very well-trained, placid dog to participate in such a program.

Sometimes, while taking a lunch break at the mall... "kids happen."



BARK @ ARC

The Animal Refuge Center (ARC) is the largest "no-kill" shelter in Lee County and home to some of the kindest staff members and volunteers.



The Lee County Sheriff's Office gladly participated in their first "Bark @ ARC" event, held on the shelter's grounds.

The sheriff's office Bomb Squad vehicle and robot were on hand for the event, as were numerous vendors.

However, the parade of costumed ARC residents made the day extra special.

Looking for a new furry family member? Stop by the Animal Refuge Center located at 18011 Old Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers.



SEE IT...

SAY IT...

MAKE THE CALL!

Your call makes a difference!

Report all concerns to the Lee County Sheriff's Office at 239-477-1000 (non-emergency)

9-1-1 (emergency only)

or call SWFL Crime Stoppers 800-780-TIPS (report anonymously)



FREE GIFT WRAPPING

GENEROUSLY DONE BY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
CRIME STOPPERS

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

WHEN:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024
12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM



SHERIFF CARMINE MARCENO REMINDS YOU...

Abuse an Animal?

You Will Go to Jail!



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



CHILDREN'S FINGERPRINTING

There is considerable value to having your child's fingerprints and photo available, to assist law



enforcement, should a child go missing.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Civilian Support Unit assists law enforcement by creating Child Identification Records that parents/guardians take home and retain in the event of an emergency.

Recently, the Lee County Sheriff's Office conducted a Child Fingerprinting event at the North Fort Myers Church of God Festival.

SANTA SPOTTED AT BASS PRO SHOP

We suppose that Santa, like many of us, likes to get an early start on his Christmas shopping list and, much to our surprise, we spotted him at the Bass Pro Shop located in the Gulf Coast Town Center.



The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit was on-hand, as was "Lawrence," one of our Crisis Care K9s, to meet shoppers and staff.

"Isabella," who just celebrated her 6th birthday by hosting a police-themed party (she aspires to be a law enforcement officer), made it a point to join us at the

event at Bass Pro Shops.

We can all use a bit of Christmas and suppose that it is never too early to begin the wonderful holiday season.



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CAPE CORAL ANIMAL SHELTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit attended the Cape Coral Animal Shelter Capital Campaign Kickoff.

The shelter, which already does so much for homeless animals and animals in need of medical treatment, is planning to expand and in need of funding.



Those interested in assisting should visit capecoralanimalshelter.com.