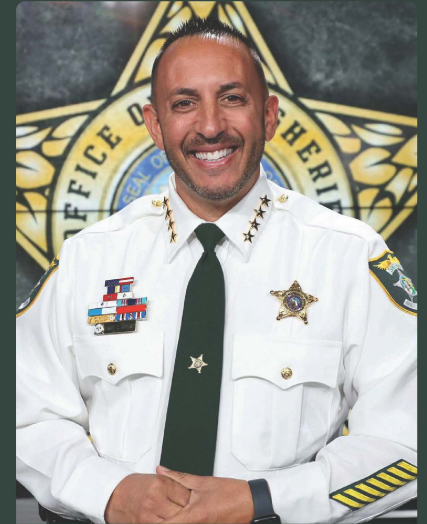


# CSU NEWSLETTER

Civilian Support Unit  
Lee County Sheriff's Office



SHERIFF MARCENO



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## 2024 SUMMARY

Captain William Murphy

This year was a banner year for the CSU team as our members contributed 51,874 hours for the year and participated in 20,236 calls for service in 2024. We continue to be a force multiplier for LCSO as we expand our department and the roles and responsibilities of our team members. We began supporting department-wide Well-being checks (17W) and nine of our volunteers are now actively engaged in the STEP program, which allows them to support deputies more effectively at the scene of non-injury traffic crashes. Our Marine team grew to 20 members utilizing our four boats to provide more time on the water in support of safety in the boating community of Lee County. We've formed our own Administrative/Marketing team to help support the rapid growth and evolving needs of our members and we are increasing our School Support and Chaplain presences as well. As our team expands to over 200 members, so does our need for training. In 2025, we'll go through a complete revision and enhancement of our training methods, documentation, and processes. We're also looking to enhance the support we provide to LCSO. We're asking Captains, bureau, and department heads to evaluate their daily and long-term needs and reach out to us. Chances are we will have members with skill sets that meet those general or specialized needs. If you have questions about CSU or are interested in joining or would like a presentation for your community about CSU, you can contact us at 239-477-1422.

# 2024 THE YEAR IN REVIEW!

51,874

HOURS WORKED BY OUR CSU  
VOLUNTEERS!

REPRESENTS

\$1,737,268

IN AGENCY VALUE

## NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

Two CSU Volunteers worked over 2,000 hours  
A full-time employee averages 2,080 a year

12 CSU Volunteers worked over 1,000 hours

CSU surpassed its 2023 record  
volunteer hours by 6,478 hours

20,236 - CFS

207 Volunteers

# 2024

## WHAT A GREAT YEAR

### PATROL



Eugene Smyth and Joaquin Diaz take a break for lunch after traffic duty at the LCSO Christmas picnic.

### MARINE



The Marine team has grown rapidly and now has four boats to patrol the Lee County area, keeping our boaters safe.

### BIKE



Our bike patrol continues to expand with coverage of parks, HOAs and shopping malls such as Coconut Point.

### SCHOOL SUPPORT



Fred Lamphear reading to students at Bonita Springs Elementary School. School Support is a major focus for 2025.

### CHAPLAIN



Chaplain Colin Nanton of the CSU team opens our annual meeting with a prayer. The CSU continues to add Chaplains to our team to assist LEOs and Volunteers.

### COMMUNITY



Jeff Marnoch, Judy Freni and Ken Uhlmann, members of the CSU Marketing Team, attend a volunteer recruiting expo at The Tidewater Community.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



## 1st QTR - **Tim Gilligan**

CSU Member Tim Gilligan joined the Civilian Support Unit on July 20, 2022. During that time he trained to work in the Patrol and Marine units. Later he was certified as a CSU Field Trainer. Prior to coming to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Tim served in the USMC for eight years, achieving the rank of sergeant. He also served in presidential security at Camp David for President Ronald Reagan. His leadership skills during his time in the Marines have been a benefit to CSU. In his first year, Tim volunteered 1,368.25 hours earning him a Grand Cordon award.

## 2nd QTR - **Tony Corrao**

Tony Corrao embodies the true spirit of volunteerism, consistently going above and beyond. Whether it's assisting deputies with road patrol, participating in community outreach programs, or lending a helping hand during critical incidents, Tony has demonstrated an unwavering passion for making a positive difference in the lives of others. Tony is also an FTO and does both new recruit and refresher training.



## 3rd QTR - **Herb Sweet**

CSU Member Herb Sweet joined the Lee County Sheriff's Office in 2014 as a patrol volunteer and was assigned to the Third Precinct. Since then, Herb has added Marine Patrol, Marine FTO and resident towing expert to his resume. Herb goes above and beyond everyday whether it is in road patrol, marine patrol or towing our large agency assets, such as the LCSO Parade float, the 'One Pill Can Kill' tractor trailer, and 40' virtual trailer. He is an exceptional and dedicated volunteer. The logistical challenge involved in transporting such large equipment requires not only skill, but a commitment to precision, safety, and on-time delivery.



***"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."***

***~ Helen Keller***



# Villas Elementary Bike to School



**CSU and LCSO Traffic Control safely escort students to school!**



## Now Hear This! From the Desk of Sgt. Richard

2024 has been a great year for our team as we continue to enhance and expand our training to improve our ability to support other LCSO departments. We are actively training and executing Wellness Checks and have developed improved training for towing boats and vehicles to give us more flexibility for public events and parades. We are revising our Marine training to allow our recruits to train more effectively and navigate the class in short order. This gives us more members on the water during peak hours. We are developing new training for School Support Teams to increase the effectiveness in our mission to assist SROs and be a presence to keep our students safe. As we move forward, we'll continue to seek out requirements of the LCSO community so we can expand our support to LCSO Deputies and the great citizens of Lee County.

## CSU Core Values

Service – Professionalism – Teamwork – Respect – Safety  
Community Engagement – Adaptability – Accountability – Transparency  
Continuous Improvement