

BRADFORD COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2024
AT A GLANCE



GORDON SMITH
SHERIFF

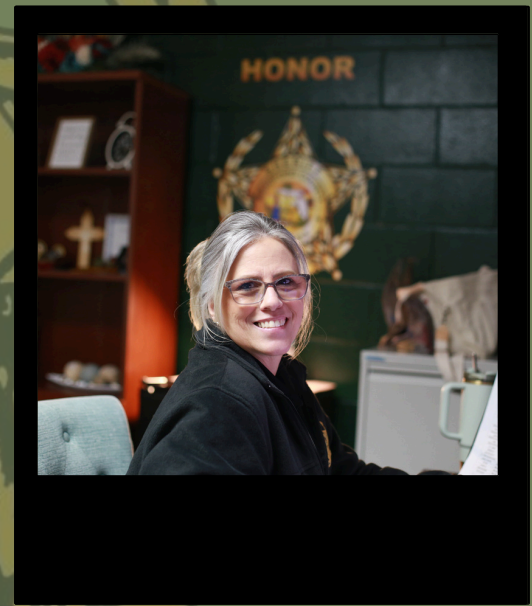
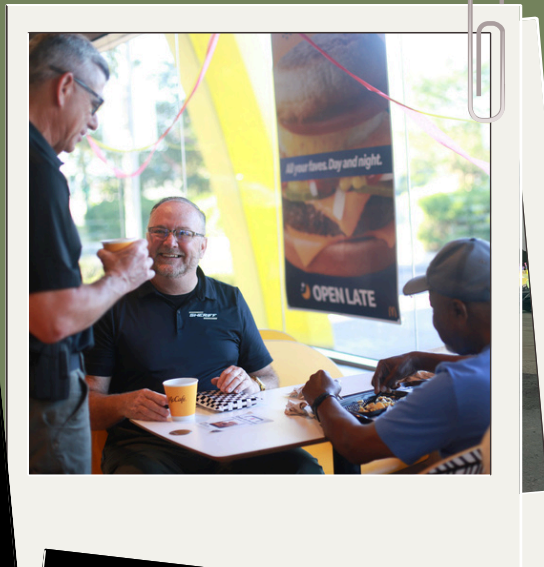


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Mission: It is our mission that the Bradford County Sheriff's Office to serve the citizens and visitors of Bradford County by providing professional law enforcement, detention, and court security that protects and preserves the constitutional rights of the people and to enhance the quality of life by reducing crime and the fear of crime throughout our community by mandating the fair and impartial enforcement of the law.

Vision: To keep and Maintain Bradford County as one of the Safest Communities in Florida.

A MESSAGE FROM THE



SHERIFF

Citizens of Bradford County,

I am grateful for the trust of the Citizens of Bradford County. I have served the community I love for more than 35 years. I am currently serving in my fourth term as your Sheriff. As Sheriff, I am entrusted with the responsibility of providing for the peace and safety of all citizens. I recognize the Badge of my Office as a symbol of public faith... faith that I will uphold my oath of office and maintain a strong

understanding of my fundamental duty to serve mankind; safeguard lives and property; and to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the rights of the people I serve in this county. These are the duties that I and the women and men of my Office take great pride and honor in being responsible.

I have the privilege of leading one of the premier law enforcement agencies in Florida. Over the years, many men and women have worked hard to develop the Bradford County Sheriff's Office into the professional, modern, and effective full-service law enforcement organization that it is today. We pledge to serve our community by protecting, educating, and communicating and will continue to meet the challenges the future brings with training and enhancement of our skill set. Our goal continues to be the pursuit of excellence to better serve and protect our citizens.

Each year, we compile the prior years' service statistics to include crime stats, calls received and type, the number and type of crimes and showcase the different departments within the Sheriff's Office, as those we serve deserve to know how their tax dollars are being spent. The Sheriff's Office Budget for 2023/2024 was approximately \$8.1 million dollars. The Sheriff's Office consists of Law Enforcement, Corrections, Court Security, Emergency Management, School Protection, County Wide Communications, Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Mapping/911 and Inmate work squads.

Proud to serve,

Sheriff Gordon Smith

YOUR Sheriff

MEET THE



CHIEF DEPUTY

Colonel Brad Smith is the Chief Deputy for the Bradford County Sheriff's Office and oversees law enforcement operations, Corrections and Media Relations. Colonel Smith attended high school in Miami, graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from Florida State University and received his Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida. In 2001 during his master's studies, Colonel Smith was selected to participate in a criminal justice study abroad program in Russia. Additional

Brad Smith, Colonel

studies sent him to the FBI National Academy session 251 and Southern Police Institute. His law enforcement career started in 1990 at the Marion County Sheriff's Office where he served for over 16 years. While there he experienced a variety of assignments such as; Patrol, Bicycle Patrol, Canine, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, District Commander, Warrants Unit Commander, and Public Information Officer. He moved to the Starke Police Department in 2007 where he was assigned as the Public Relations Officer prior to joining the Bradford County Sheriff's Office in January 2009. In December of 2020 he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and assigned the title of Chief Deputy.

Colonel Smith is a dynamic and proven leader with over 30 years of public service. He is a change agent with a strong record of community collaboration, consensus building and creating organizational success.



CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

Major George L. Konkel, Jr.

Major George L. Konkel Jr. is the Chief of Operations. He graduated from Bradford High School in 1989 and obtained an Associate Degree from Vincennes University. Before becoming a Deputy with Bradford County Sheriff's Office, he was a member of the first Law Enforcement Explorer Post in Bradford County.

Major Konkel has been employed with the Sheriff's Office since 1994, he is dual certified in Corrections and Law Enforcement. He began his career as a Reserve Deputy and advanced through the ranks to his current position. He has received numerous certifications, commendations, and advanced training courses to include: Line Supervision; Field Training Officer; Injury and Death Investigations; Narcotics Investigations; Community Relations; Sex Crimes Investigations; Criminal Interview/Interrogations; and Advanced DUI related courses, to name a few. Major Konkel is also a General Instructor, Firearms Instructor and Driving Instructor. He is a graduate of the Rural Executive Management Institute (R.E.M.I.) and was a recipient of the American Police Hall of Fame's "Life Saving Award". He has also successfully completed the FBI National Academy's "F.E.D.S." Program and the Florida Sheriff's Association's Commanders Academy (Class V).

BUREAU COMMAND STAFF



Capt. Josh Luke
Special Operations
Division



Capt. Kevin Mueller
Patrol Division



Capt. Brad Witt
Emergency
Management Division



Lt. Andrew Johnson
Investigations & SWAT



Nicole Dowell
Communications Manager
Combined Dispatch Center



Lt. Shaun Burgin
School Safety



Lt. Robert Mosley
Patrol



PATROL DIVISION

The Uniformed Patrol Division provides a 24-hour response to requests for law enforcement services for Bradford County. The safety of our citizens is our number one priority. Our objective is to deter crime, keep the peace, investigate crimes and incidents; ensure traffic safety, assist citizens in need, and apprehend law violators. Our total calls for service for the year 2024 was **53,687**. This was an increase of **11,000** compared to the previous year of 2023. Calls for service have increased for our office by **19,000** annually in the past three years.



Criminal Law Enforcement & Apprehension

763 Probable Cause Arrests

276 Warrants Served

Law Enforcement Consolidation

The Starke Police Department was merged in April of 2024. At that time the Bradford County Sheriff's Office assumed all law enforcement responsibilities within the City of Starke. This created a significant increase of business and population. The men and woman of the Sheriff's Office took on this challenge with pride and determination. We have always been and continue to be honored to serve all our citizens in Bradford County. Below are some traffic safety efforts and several calls for service categories provided to the City of Starke from April through December.

Statistics in law enforcement represent much more than just numbers; they represent a person helped, a situation made better in someone's life, perhaps a life saved.

Total Calls for Service - **26,724**

Property Checks - **11,108**

Vehicle Unlocks - **382**

Traffic Crashes - **245**

Funeral Escorts - **48**

Traffic Stops Performed - **4,438**

Property Crimes - **321**

Persons Crimes - **136**

Disturbances - **345**

Death Investigations - **4**



PATROL DIVISION -CONTINUED-

Traffic Safety

Traffic safety is a high priority for our Office. The goal of our traffic safety efforts is to prevent injury and death to our citizens that result from traffic crashes. As part of this initiative, we applied for and received two State of Florida grants to increase our ability to perform traffic education and enforcement. The grants included a “**Driving While Under the Influence Enforcement Grant**” and an “**Occupant Safety Grant**.” The total monies awarded was **\$107,000.00**. This grant allowed our Office to place additional uniformed deputies patrolling the county focused on the safety of our motorists. There were 726 vehicle crashes reported within Bradford County during the year of 2024.



9,498 Traffic Stops
7,964 Written Warnings
930 Traffic Citations
76 DUI Arrests



Keeping true with our motto “We Care” our deputies assist the community by providing a variety of other services. A total of **640** vehicles were unlocked saving our citizens time and money. Honoring the grieving families who lost a loved one, our deputies provided **89** funeral escorts during the year.

Calls by the Number

2,557 Offense/Incident Reports
128 Burglary Reports
200 Theft Reports
113 Fraud Reports
236 Assault/Domestic Battery Reports
56 Missing Person Reports
67 Death Investigations



PATROL DIVISION -CONTINUED-

Profession Development Training

Sheriff Smith ensures that all his deputies receive ongoing training to provide professional and effective service to our citizens. BCSO public safety initiatives cannot be met without acquiring and maintaining certain knowledge and skill sets. A BCSO Patrol Deputy must first successfully attend a State accredited law enforcement academy and receive certification. That deputy then receives 9 weeks of training from our Field Training Program before being assigned to his/her duties. Continuing bi-monthly in-service training is performed on a variety of topics throughout the year. Additionally, our deputies are encouraged to receive additional accredited training. During the year of 2024 our deputies received the following training thru our in-service program: First aid, Safe and Efficient Firearm Handling; including patrol Rifle, handgun and less lethal shotgun, Scenario based training in Response to Critical Incidents, Conducting Investigations of Sexual based Offenses, Civil Law, Code Enforcement, D.U.I. Investigation, and Florida's Concealed Weapon Carry Law. Our special team members performed additional training throughout the year. These teams include the Marine Team, SWAT, Honor Guard Team, and Aerial Drone Team.





PATROL DIVISION -CONTINUED-

School Safety- Guardian Program

A Sheriff's Deputy is assigned to every public school within Bradford County. In addition to these School Protection Deputies, Sheriff Smith has instituted the **Guardian Program**. School Guardians are school personnel trained by the Sheriff's Office to respond and stop any active assailant. The School Protection Deputies and Guardians train together to ensure the safety of children while attending school. The Guardians attend a **144-hour** initial training academy. In addition, the School Protection Deputies and the School Guardians complete eight hours of training every three months. In 2024 our Office was awarded a State of Florida Grant to continue facilitating this Guardian Program. The monies awarded allow for the training and equipment needed to maintain the program without affecting the County budget. The Guardians are strategically placed throughout our schools within our County. There are currently **20 BCSO School Guardians**.

NFTC Criminal Justice Program

Deputy David Bukowski is the Criminal Justice Instructor at the North Florida Technical College located in Starke FL. A variety of topics involving Criminal Justice Operations are taught to Bradford School District students via this program. This is another way our deputies provide mentorship to our youth. Both Middle School and High School students attend. There are a total of 147 students currently enrolled in the program.





BCSO Explorer Program

Sheriff's Explorers conduct a variety of programs and projects that include safety, training, and service. Programs are hands-on activities. Explorers have opportunities to learn about the requirements of law enforcement careers and gain firsthand work experiences. They participate in worthwhile, challenging, and exciting projects and programs essential to the learning of law enforcement activities.

An Explorer Post is a co-ed youth group that recruits members, elects officers, and help plan their annual calendar. The adult Advisors provide training, guidance, and supervision for the post's elected officers.

The goal of the Explorer's program is to educate and involve the community's youth in law enforcement operations and to educate them in law enforcement functions.

Parents, teachers, and law enforcement professionals are constantly seeking ways to expose teenagers to positive values and role models.

The Law Enforcement Explorers Program at the Bradford County Sheriff's Office is a successful example of how adult intervention can instill responsibility, leadership, teamwork and self-reliance.

There are currently 15 members of the Explorer Program being mentored by our BCSO staff.



BCSO SHERIFF'S POSSE

The BCSO Volunteer Posse is comprised of Bradford County citizens who want to give back to their community. Posse volunteers work with deputies and civilian staff to help improve law enforcement and enhance public safety. While not compensated, the volunteers perform an invaluable service to the community. Posse volunteer personnel are trained in a variety of essential support functions, such as: Search and Rescue, Security Patrol, Community Event Parking, Support Civic Functions, Disaster Relief, Emergency Response. There are currently 21 BCSO Volunteer Posse Members.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Criminal Investigations & Drug Task Force

156 Drug/Narcotic Investigations
33 Financial/Fraud Investigations
93 Special Victims/Persons Investigations
55 Property Crimes
158 Others

The **Criminal Investigations Unit** and **Drug Task Force** is comprised of a total of 6 Detectives who are equipped and trained to investigate all manner of crimes and illegal activity from narcotic investigations to property crimes. Detectives worked a total of **495** cases resulting in **304** arrests with a Clearance Rate of **61.4%**.

The **BCSO S.W.A.T. Team** is composed of highly trained operators and medics, dedicated to ensuring the safety of the community and responding to high-risk situations. The team completed **240** hours of rigorous training throughout the year in addition to serving multiple high risk search warrants and mobilizing and responding to apprehend dangerous felons.

“ Nothing matters but the facts. Without them, the science of criminal investigation is nothing more than a guessing game. ”

-Blake Edwards



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Communications Center created **68,179** calls for service during the whole year. The highlighted case types are as follows:

50,435 Telephone Calls Answered

14,625 911 Calls

31,261 CAD Calls Created

13,280 Traffic Stops Entered

23,638 Property Checks Entered





EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The Emergency Management Division had another eventful year in 2024, marked by proactive planning, training, and response. This year, our team faced significant challenges due to three hurricane activations: Hurricane Debby, Hurricane Helene, and Hurricane Milton. These events tested our response capabilities and highlighted the importance of continuous improvement in disaster preparedness and management.

The Division's progress in Emergency Operations Center activations was once again marked by an increase in technology with expansions to our WebEOC, CrisisTrack, and Alert Bradford systems.

One of the most significant milestones for the Division in 2024 came with the came in the form of professional development. Prior to this year, a goal was set to have all members of the Division earned certifications through the **Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA)**.

This certification process requires demonstrated disaster experience, time in service, and verifiable contributions to the profession. FEPA's certification process has reinforced our operational excellence and prepared us to meet future challenges. Effective this year, Emergency Management Division staff now hold the following certifications:





CHIEF OF CORRECTIONS

Major Dawn McKinley

Major Dawn McKinley began her career with the Bradford County Sheriff's Office in 1988 and now oversees the Corrections Division. In her current position she is responsible for several areas of operation to include Animal Services, Court Services, Jail, Sex Offender/Predator Unit and Work Crews. Major McKinley is also a current Florida Model Jail Standards auditor, a Board Member for Communities in Schools, and a Child Abduction Response Team member. During her career, Major McKinley has held many positions as she has progressed through the ranks as Shift Supervisor, Administrative Lieutenant and Captain. She is also a former member of the BCSO SWAT team as their intel support staff. Major McKinley has completed an extensive list of advanced training courses resulting in various certifications. Most recently, she was selected to attend the Florida Sheriff's Association's Commander Academy and graduated the academy with class IX. Major McKinley also maintains her certification through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in both corrections and law enforcement which greatly expands her ability to serve Bradford County where she has resided with her family for more than 30 years.

BUREAU COMMAND STAFF



Capt. Beth Griffin
Jail Division



Capt. Dalton Diggs
Judicial Division



Lt. Amanda Hinds
Operations & Animal Services



Lt. Jason Smith
Court Services



NEW STRUCTURE IN 2024

Our Corrections Bureau has undergone some restructuring to best serve our office and our community. It is made up of two divisions: the Jail Division and the Judicial Division.

JAIL DIVISION

JAIL OPERATIONS

- DAILY OPERATIONS
- AUDITS
- CLASSIFICATION & BOOKING
- MEDICAL SERVICES
- FOOD SERVICE

ANIMAL SERVICES

JUDICIAL DIVISION

JUDICIAL SERVICES

- TRANSPORTATION UNIT
- COURT SECURITY

MAINTENANCE

- INMATE WORK CREWS

SEX OFFENDER UNIT

U.S. MARSHALS

Est. 2024 JAIL PROGRAMS

In addition, we have a new Programs Section that is fully funded from the Inmate Welfare Funds. These funds are generated from inmate commissary, phone calls and video visitation. Putting these funds to good use is a priority to Sheriff Smith. With the help of a Programs Coordinator, many volunteers, community partners and our jail tablets, we are able to offer a full list of educational, reentry, behavioral, spiritual, mental health, substance abuse and group programs.



2,215

2ND OPP REENTRY CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN 2024



JAIL DIVISION

JAIL OPERATIONS

Our jail underwent its required Annual Florida Model Jail Standards Jail & Medical Inspections (one announced and one unannounced). We also undergo many other inspections and audits each year to ensure we are in compliance with Fire Safety Standards, Juvenile Detention Standards, PREA Standards, U.S. Marshal Standards, and Pharmacy inspection standards. All of this is to hold us accountable for our facility and its occupants.

2024 **136**



AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION [ADP]
FOR BRADFORD COUNTY JAIL

OPERATIONS BY THE NUMBER

Inmate Gains	1,183	Incident Reports	184
Inmate Losses	1,207	Disciplinary Reports	209
U.S. Marshal Gains	114	Use of Force Reports	20
U.S. Marshal Losses	88	Baker Acts	7
Felony Registrations	184		



JAIL DIVISION -CONTINUED-

MEDICAL

2,065



INMATE SICK CALLS

1,712



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

61



MEDICAL TRANSPORTS

184



EMPLOYEE DRUG SCREENS

40



VISITS TO DOCTOR'S CLINIC

18



INMATES ON SUICIDE WATCH

7



HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

8



SUICIDE ATTEMPTS *
*NONE SUCCESSFUL



In July of 2024, your Bradford County Jail partnered with HealthCred Care to provide incarcerated individuals with health insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

This program has already saved Bradford County taxpayers thousands of dollars by providing unsentenced inmates health care coverage when released from incarceration.



JAIL DIVISION -CONTINUED-

ANIMAL SERVICES



With the hard work of our Animal Services staff and our partnership with Jacksonville Humane Society and Best Friends Network, **OUR SHELTER HAS AN OUTSTANDING LIVE OUTCOME RATE OF 94%.**

Because of this we have earned national recognition and were chosen as the sole facility in the State of Florida to be fully sponsored to attend the upcoming Best Friends National Conference in California. This opportunity will provide training to our staff and tools to enhance our already successful mission.

Intakes	1,241
Outgoing	1,106
Bite Cases	34
Calls for Service	2,009
Call Outs	50



BRADFORD COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES



JUDICIAL DIVISION

COURT SERVICES

28,889

ENTRY SCREENINGS CONDUCTED
AT THE BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Misdemeanor Court Hearings	1,495
Felony Court Hearings	1,495
Juvenile Court Hearings	279
Dependency Hearings	175
Pro Se Hearings	160
Trials	33
Arrests	198

TRANSPORTATION



482 COUNTY TRANSPORTS



430 FEDERAL TRANSPORTS



JUDICIAL DIVISION -CONTINUED-

SEX OFFENDER UNIT

256 Registered Sex Offenders

79 Registered Sex Predators

1,581 Registrations Completed



DUE TO OUR TEAM'S PROACTIVE APPROACH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT

0 ARRESTS

FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.



INMATE WORK CREWS

Our inmate work crews maintain all county owned properties as well as many in the City of Starke. They stay busy with miscellaneous projects throughout the year. This includes building, moving, landscaping, and much more. Their work saves Bradford County thousands of dollars, as well as keeps our county beautiful.

14,314



INMATE LABOR HOURS

Code Enforcement & Civil Process

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for serving all Court Civil Process within Bradford County. Our Civil/Code Enforcement Unit manages this process along with other services that is provided to the community.

Public Record Requests - **2,218**

Employment Fingerprinting - **180**

Background Checks - **1,123**

Code Enforcement Investigations - **513**

Property Lien Queries - **120**

Court Civil Papers Served - 2,565

Fiscal Overview

EXPENSES

PERSONNEL SERVICES

\$6,923,956

OPERATING EXPENSES

\$1,389,985

CAPITAL OUTLAY

\$200,000

FUNDS COLLECTED

INMATE HOUSING REVENUE

\$592,562

GRANTS

\$1,225,715

TOTAL BUDGET

8,108,101

VICTIM ADVOCACY

Bradford County Sheriff's Office has full-time Victim Advocates to provide assistance to crime victims. The Advocates works closely with Investigations and the Patrol Divisions on crimes that involve Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, Assault, Elder Abuse, Violations of Injunctions and death cases.



Victim Advocates: Elizabeth Nazworth and Jazz Panther



Altrusa of Starke donated over 100 comfort bags to the Bradford County Sheriff's Office for children in need of Victim Advocacy!

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Deputy of the Year
D/S Hiram Gonzalez



Detective of the Year
Det. Hunter Redding



Corrections Deputy of the Year
Sgt. Jana Bennett



Civilian of the Year
Christy Milligan



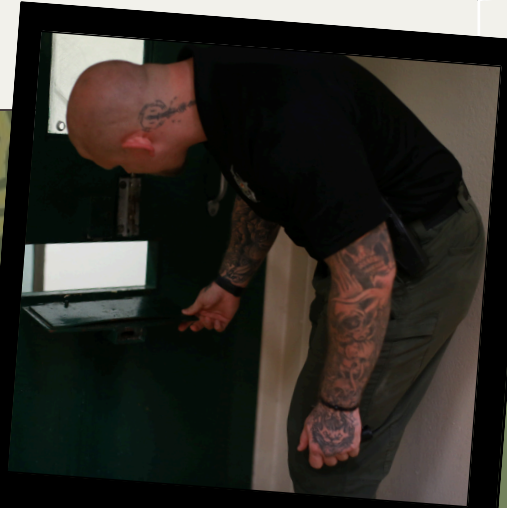
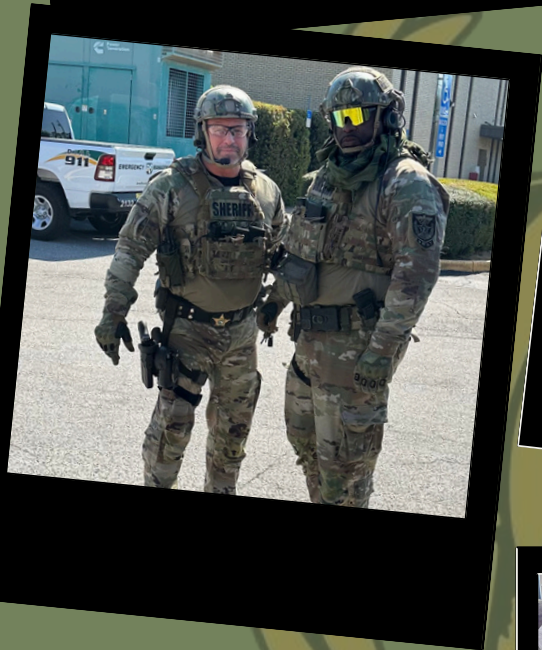
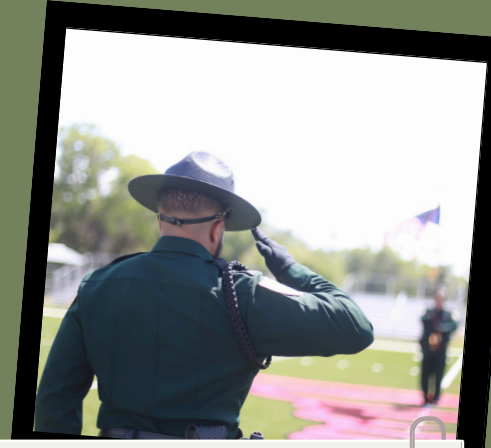
Communications Officer of the Year
Kaitlynn Lovell

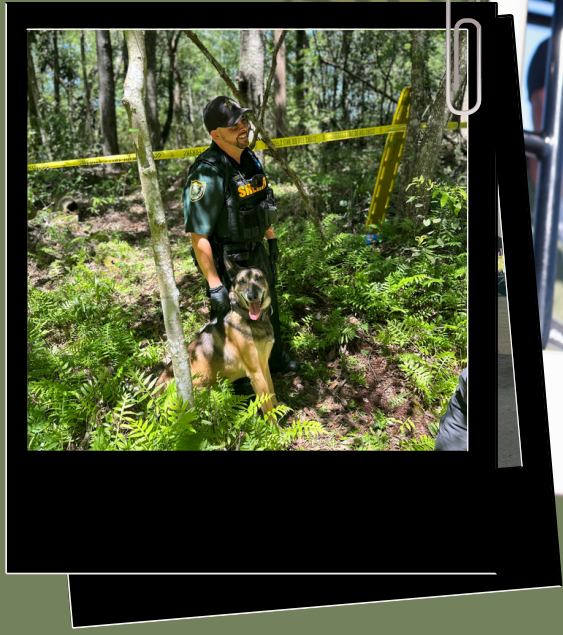
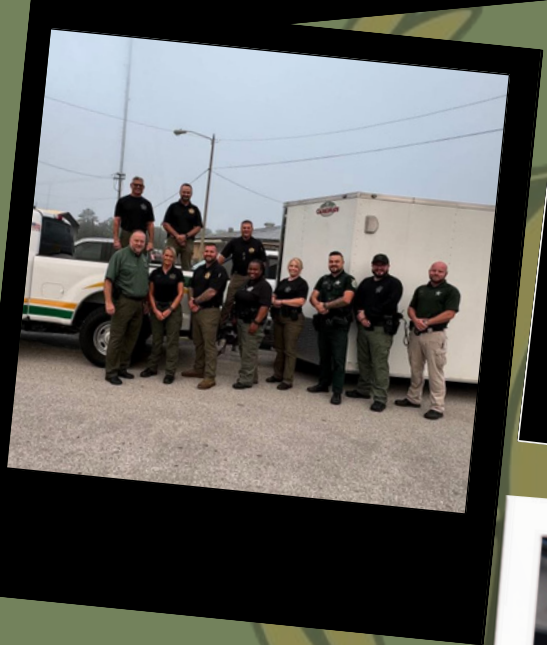
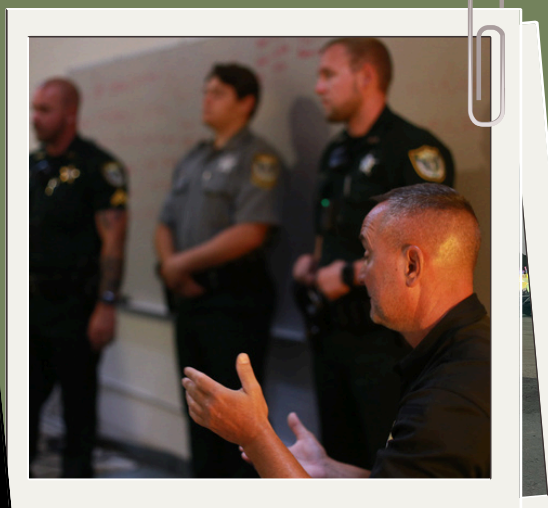


Sheriff's Choice Award
Lt. Amanda Hinds



The following awards from the National Police Hall of Fame Committee were presented. Left to Right: Detective James Hall, Deputy Wyatt Konkel, and Detective Trinton Lovell received a Life Saving Award for their actions in performing CPR on an unresponsive patient with no pulse. Their prompt actions helped to obtain a pulse on the patient.







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