As the summer ends, it seems as though Charlotte County is busier than ever. Children are back in school, construction is booming, and seasonal residents will be returning to our community. At the Sheriff’s Office, it is our vision that this active community remains one of the safest and most enjoyable places to live and visit in the State of Florida.

Communication between residents and deputies is crucial to developing crime prevention programs and strategies. We continue to seek out best practices to delivering safety education, legal updates, community resource information, and crime trend alerts to residents to help prevent falling victim to a crime. Residents and visitors can access this information by following the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office on social media and by downloading our free mobile app. The mobile app provides a wealth of information related to our programs, trending news topics, and safety alerts.

Last year I also launched our CCSO Speaker Series, providing residents the opportunity to meet their Sheriff’s Office personnel, learn about what is happening in their community, and ask questions. The Speaker Series presentations were very successful and we look forward to beginning them again this fall. If you have an idea for a Speaker Series topic, please email communityaffairs@ccsofl.net.

Looking ahead to the holidays, agency members are preparing for our annual Cops n Goblins Halloween Celebration and our Shop with a Cop Events. Additional information on how you can become involved and support in these events is included in this newsletter. Community support is very important to the success of these programs.

Lastly, I would like to remind you to take time to slow down and be courteous to one another. Our Traffic Unit and other deputies are monitoring school zones to ensure that students make it safely to and from school each day. Nothing you are rushing to will be worth putting a child’s safety at risk. If you are aware of an unsafe area related to traffic, please bring it to our attention.

As with all of our crime prevention strategies, we strive to partner with our community through collaborative problem solving. Your Sheriff’s Office will continue to meet the challenges of the future and pursue excellence in the service and protection of Charlotte County.

Be safe.

Sheriff Prummell
Detention Member of the Quarter
Corporal Paul Dempster

Corporal Paul Dempster began his career in 1999. During his tenure, he has served in various roles in the Detention Bureau to include; Housing Deputy, Intake Deputy, Transportation Deputy, Field Training Officer as well as our Programs Deputy. Paul has also been awarded several member-of-the-month awards as well as member-of-the-quarter awards over the years for all of his hard work and dedication to the office. Paul is married to his lovely wife Trish. They both enjoy traveling the world, hiking, as well as jumping out of perfectly good airplanes for fun. Recently, Paul noticed a truck parked in front of our main lobby. Upon further inspection he could see the windows were down and nobody was around the vehicle. When he walked up to the vehicle and looked inside, he could see in plain sight a handgun laying on the front seat along with what appeared to be the keys to the vehicle. Paul called both the Assistant Watch Commander and the Watch Commander outside. Road patrol was notified and responded within minutes. The handgun was loaded and upon search of the vehicle another handgun was located as well as some marijuana. Both occupants of the vehicle were picking up a release from the facility and were subsequently booked in themselves. Paul promoted to the rank of Corporal in 2015, serves as the Housing Corporal for Delta Squad as well as serves as one of our Agency Inspectors for our Intoxilyzer devices. He routinely demonstrates the core values of the agency, working to meet all agency and community-oriented goals and objective. It is for all of these reasons; Cpl. Dempster has been selected as the Detention Bureau Member of the Quarter.
On May 9, a call was dispatched to a Punta Gorda address in reference to a subject not breathing. Upon arrival, units found a 39-year-old male lying unconscious in the driveway with two females attempting CPR. The male subject did not respond to verbal questions, but had a pulse, shallow breathing, and sporadic eye movement. DFC Lindsay and Corporal Schaible took over CPR, and while speaking with the two females it was learned that the subject possibly overdosed on heroin. Corporal Schaible immediately administered one dose of NARCAN, after which the subject's breathing pattern became more regular and his body started to relax. Schaible continued to calmly talk to him as he continued to recover. EMS arrived on scene as the subject started to relapse into a comatose state. EMS administered a second dose of NARCAN, was able to get him stable, and transport him to Bayfront Punta Gorda for additional medical attention.

Corporal Schaible and DFC Lindsey consistently show professionalism and compassion in their work. They were able to quickly identify the male subject's rapidly deteriorating medical condition then administer NARCAN. Because of this and continuing to calmly speak to the subject that he was able to survive this incident. We present Cpl. Schaible and DFC Lindsey with lifesaving awards to honor their efforts in saving this man's life.

A call was received through CCSO dispatch on May 18, of an overdose in Port Charlotte. It was relayed by the caller that the 22-year-old subject had overdosed on heroin and was unresponsive. DFC Vincent Ursitti and his trainee, Deputy Christina Craft were first on scene. DFC Ursitti located the subject lying unresponsive in the bathroom and dragged the subject out into the living room where there was more space to begin life saving measures. DFC Ursitti shook the subject with no response - he was not breathing, had no pulse, and was turning blue from a lack of oxygen. DFC Ursitti began chest compressions and Deputy Craft began giving rescue breaths. Sgt. Mann arrived on scene shortly after CPR had begun. Narcan was given to DFC Ursitti who administered it to the subject. After Narcan was administered, a slow pulse was obtained. EMS arrived on scene moments later and took over medical care.

DFC Ursitti and Deputy Craft's quick actions to begin CPR likely saved this man's life. This is a fine example of their commitment to the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and to the citizens of Charlotte County. DFC Ursitti was unable to attend today. We will be recognizing him at a future date.
On May 14, Deputy Ryan LaRosa was dispatched to a residential fire in Port Charlotte. LaRosa arrived on scene to a home which was fully engulfed in smoke and flames. He received information from CCSO Dispatch along with several neighbors that the homeowner was possibly still inside. Deputy LaRosa immediately ran to the back of the home, yelling out to see if anyone could hear him. After hearing a voice call back for help and knowing the fire department was still several minutes away, LaRosa took immediate and heroic action by entering the rear patio of the home which was already full of smoke. Deputy LaRosa had no protective gear, such as what is worn by the fire department, but knew there was a human life at stake. The homeowner was found slumped over almost unconscious. Deputy LaRosa took ahold of the homeowner, picking him up over his shoulders to carry him in a fashion which is often referred to as the fireman carry. He exited the patio and then, unbeknownst to him, a power line connecting to the home from a power pole had fallen and lay in the way of his safe escape from the home. LaRosa, who remains physically fit for the purpose of being able to respond to emergency situations such as this, leaped over the downed power line while still carrying the homeowner. Deputy LaRosa then brought the homeowner to the street where he became more alert. The homeowner suffered several burns to his arms and legs and was provided medical attention by EMS. Deputy LaRosa’s quick actions without a doubt saved a man’s life. LaRosa is a role model to those in all of emergency services. This is a fine example of his commitment to the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office and to the citizens of Charlotte County. We honor you today, Ryan, with a Life Saver Award and thank you for your service to the CCSO.
DFC Joe Newton & DFC April Rondinone

On June 29, DFC Joseph Newton and DFC April Rondinone responded to a location in Port Charlotte to conclude a Writ of Possession for Eviction. After knocking on the door, the tenant opened the door and was covered in blood. The tenant stated to the officers that he wanted to kill himself because he didn’t want to be homeless, and he sat down at the table. At that moment, DFC Newton noticed a rifle leaned against the door. After immediately securing the weapon and checking the area, it was determined that the subject had stabbed himself in the neck multiple times in an effort to locate the carotid artery and also had cut and stabbed himself in the stomach and arms several times. It was his intention to use the rifle, but he stated he was too scared to use it. DFC Newton and DFC Rondinone were able to safely secure the weapon and provide medical assistance to the subject. A road deputy responded to assist with the scene and handling the investigation with the individual. We commend both DFC Newton and DFC Rondinone for their life-saving efforts to this man.

Charlotte Sun Newspaper

Letter to the Editor

August 17, 2019

Editor:

My wife and I just completed the Citizens Police Academy program that is hosted by the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Department. We would like to commend Sheriff Prummell and his entire staff for offering this amazing program. When we signed up to take this class, we had no idea of the impact it would have on us. The class was an all-inclusive view of the Sheriff’s department from the inside and lasted for 8-weeks. The class gave us a comprehensive view of law enforcement in Charlotte County. We were educated, just to mention a few, on narcotics, S.W.A.T., traffic enforcement, domestic violence, and received a tour of the jail. Many other areas were covered but are too numerous to list. We even got to ride along with an officer for four hours and got to see firsthand that they do much more than just traffic enforcement. Their efforts (Mostly unappreciated) are a major factor in keeping us all safe.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Department employees, officers, and volunteers that donated their time to present this educational and informative program at no charge to the citizens of Charlotte County. After seeing for ourselves the what’s, how’s and whys of law enforcement it is obvious that the negative publicity that they usually receive from the news media is unwarranted. I urge anyone and everyone to take the time to sign up for the next class (especially someone from the news media) and see for yourself that our Sheriff and his employees are the greatest asset we have. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their service to the community and their loyalty to a job that is so underappreciated.

Micky Muzevich
Diana Benson

Now taking applications for the next two classes

Citizens’ Police Academy Class # 66
Based in Englewood/Rotonda Area
6 weeks (one day per week) Daytime hours
Mid-January to Mid–February

Citizens’ Police Academy Class # 67
Based in Punta Gorda Area
6 weeks (one day per week) Daytime hours
Mid-March to Mid-April
Register on the APP or online
https://www.ccso.org/News/cpaApplication.cfm
Interrupted by Brittany Henshaw

Working 911 can range from calm to chaos
But my fears subside because I know that it is Us

“Central, copy traffic stop”, is said in my ear
I record your location and see who is near

We are here to guide, to comfort, to send aid
We’re not just in it to get paid

“My house is on fire!”
Stay on the phone and get out of the house,
I’m paging the Fire Department with my mouse

The sobs of anguish, the cries of despair
I am so sorry I cannot physically be there

“My child isn’t breathing!” is wailed through the phone,
I am giving CPR instructions because you are not alone

Although not physically present, I am here to get you through
These sounds and stories stay on my mind; I wish peace for you

“I’ve got one subject running!” he shouts to my heart
As my adrenaline races, I know exactly where to start

As units arrive on scene, I prepare myself for more
Sitting on the edge of my seat and my feet planted on the floor

“Central, I have one in custody” is said with haste,
Finally, my heartbeat can slow in pace

Although I am only a voice, I also have a heart
I have cared for each and every one of you from the start

“Central, I need a tow truck” is soon stated on the air,
I give a quick “10-4” and make the tow truck driver aware.

Sometimes overwhelmed with tasks, I get it done
Not always by myself, but together, ’cause we are one

“Central, clear my call status 2”
Happy to help, because I am here for you.
some calls can be too much to handle,

But I’ve got to

I am human , just like you
Sometimes I have a bad day and I get scorned by my peers,
How can I make these sad things leave my mind and ears?
It’s time for a status check and there’s no voice to be heard
Happy to help.
CONTINUED....

“Central, copy a name” is soon requested of me
“Central, close my call status 2 and I’ll be clear”

Are the words of my Deputy cleaning up

By Brittany Henshaw

The future looks bright!  Recent graduates of the CCSO Communications training are entering a new and exciting vocation. Best of luck!

Centennial Yearbook

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! All of you who remember back in the day, we need your help. Give us your input for the Centennial History Book. We are looking for old photos, and stories. Please contact Jennifer Wireman jwireman@ccsofl.net or CentennialPlanning@ccsofl.onmicrosoft.com

Shout Out to the Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch
Check out their website
www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com

CCSO event photos can now be found on SHAREPOINT. CHECK IT OUT!
Public Safety Appreciation Night

Celebrating the hard work and dedication of all who serve.
On August 3, 2019 Sheriff Bill Prummell honored our employees of 2018. Deputy First Class Adam Herrey (left) Law Enforcement Member of the Year, and Beth Mitchell, Civilian Member of the Year received their awards from Sheriff Bill Prummell and were honored for their exceptional work at the Sheriff’s office. Not in attendance Lt. Jeffrey Sisk, Detention Bureau Member of the Year (see below). While the event is to honor First Responders, it also raises awareness and funds for the CCSO Explorer Scouts and the Do the Right thing program.

EAF Fundraiser. Come Join in the fun.
The CCSO Employees Assistance Fund is having its 6th Annual Night / Glow Ball, Golf Outing.

Saturday November 9th at The Cove Golf Course, 12455 S. Access Road, Port Charlotte, Fl. Registration will be at 6pm and a shotgun start at 7:00pm.

The Cost is $30 per person/ $120 per team – each entry fee covers green fees, cart rental, range balls and light dinner.

Any questions regarding the Golf Outing please contact Nikki Auger at 941-833-6309 or Nikki.Auger@ccso.org.

Welcome New Hires, August 19, 2019
Hi. My name is Minnie. I’m a simple girl looking for love. I enjoy the outdoors, but only to bask in the sun. I’m not much for exercise being almost 8. I would rather lay on the couch and have you tell me I’m pretty. I’m laid back and enjoy belly rubs and ear scratches. Sometimes I don’t like other fur friends, especially cats, so I would prefer to be your only love. So if you are looking for someone to Netflix and Chill, I’m your girl. Come meet me today and see if we are a match made in heaven. I know it will be love at first sight.

Can you tell by her picture that Canela is a confident, social, playful cat? She is just past her kitten hood so she still has some spunkiness. When you come to see her she will let you know where she is...flanking her condo door as if to say “Pick me!” oh, and she loves to be with other cats!

Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County
3519 Drance Street, Port Charlotte
(941) 625-6720
Www.awlshelter.org

UPDATE TO CLEAR THE SHELTER
79 PETS WENT HOME ON August 17th
#CleartheShelters #NBC2Cares

Shop with A Cop
Every year school children throughout Charlotte County are selected by their schools to participate in a pre-Christmas shopping spree hosted by Wal-Mart. Community support from local businesses, churches, and clubs have donated to help make this happen. Will you step up and help make a child’s Christmas Merry and Bright? Reach out to Claudette Bennett at cbennett@ccso.org.
The Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office, Charlotte County Community Services and Shuman’s ATA Black Belt Academy Present

SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Location: Tringali Community Center, 3460 N. Access Road Englewood, FL 34224
Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Fee: FREE

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 REGISTRATIONS

General Information

This program is being offered to women ages 16 and older who are Charlotte County residents. The method of stun and run will be taught with an emphasis on locating different pressure points that can help a woman get away from an attacker including easy practical defense. Dress in comfortable work-out type clothing. Wear soft-soled, closed toe shoes and remove all jewelry. Bring a picture ID. A water fountain is available or you may bring your own covered beverage.

If you have questions regarding the program please e-mail: cbennett@ccso.org

Name: _______________________________ DOB ________ Age _______ (minimum 16)

Address: ____________________________ City __________________ Zip ________

Telephone (H) ___________________ (W) __________________ Email____________________

You Must Read and Sign the Release Waiver on the Back of this Registration Form to Participate in the Self-Defense for Women Class.

Register in Person at These Locations:
District I Office – 11051 Wilmington Blvd. Englewood
District II Office – 992 N. Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
District III Office – 3280 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte (Promenades Mall)
District IV Office – 7474 Utilities Road, Punta Gorda
Port Charlotte Town Center- Crime Prevention Office (Between JcPenny and Dillard's)
The Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office  
Charlotte County Community Services  
And Shuman’s ATA Black Belt Academy  

Present  
SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN  

RELEASE WAIVER (Please Read Carefully)  

I have applied to participate in the Self Defense for Women Program offered by the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Department, Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and instructed by Shuman’s ATA Black Belt Academy.  

I personally give the Instructors from Shuman’s ATA Black Belt Academy permission to instruct me in these techniques and do not hold the Instructors, Shuman’s Taekwondo, the American Taekwondo Association, personnel of the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office, the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office, the Charlotte County BCC, and Charlotte County Community Services Department liable for anything that might happen to me as a result of these classes.  

I understand that by registering in this program I am subjecting myself to possible injury as I am voluntarily engaging in an active physical class. Before signing the application to register, I was given the opportunity to ask any questions. I have chosen not to ask questions or have had all of my questions answered to my satisfaction. By enrolling, I understand it is my responsibility to learn and understand all safety procedures and rules related to involvement in self defense seminars provided by Shuman’s ATA Black Belt Academy.  

As part of the agreement, in allowing me to participate in this program, I agree that the American Taekwondo Association (including its officers, employees, agents, tournament organizers, and any other students); the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office (including its deputies, employees, agents, and organizers); and Charlotte County BCC Community Services Department (including its elected officials, employees, agents, and organizers) will not be responsible for my safety nor do any of the parties assume any responsibility as a guardian or fiduciary.  

This specifically means that no one listed in this document or associated with the American Taekwondo Association, the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office, or the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners and their appointees will be held liable for any injury, death or any other damages caused to me or my family, descendents, heirs, or anyone assuming any rights on my behalf, and specifically waive any claim I may have against such persons or individuals.  

This program is not all inclusive of self defense techniques and applications. The Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office and Charlotte County BCC Community Services Department does not guarantee the effectiveness of learned techniques due to uncontrollable variables. The Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office and Charlotte County BCC Community Services Department and their personnel assume no liability for the use by the student of these techniques.  

Minimum Age is 16 on day of class.  

Printed Name ___________________________  Date ____________  

Signature ____________________________  

Name of Emergency Contact Person (Print) ___________________________  Phone Number ___________________________  

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM.
# Office Locations

## Main Numbers

### Emergencies

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### William H. Reilly Administration Building

- **Address**: 7474 Utilities Road, Punta Gorda, Florida 33982
- **Phone**: (941) 639-2101 (business)
- **Hours**: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00PM

### Englewood District 1 Office

- **Address**: 11051 Willmington Boulevard, Englewood, Florida 34224
- **Phone**: (941) 475-9005 (Business)
- **Hours**: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00PM

### District 2 Office

- **Address**: 992 Tamiami Trail Suite A, Port Charlotte, Florida 33948
- **Phone**: (941) 613-3245, (941) 613-3246 (fax)
- **Hours**: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00PM

### Promenades Mall District 3 Office

- **Address**: 3280 Tamiami Trail Suite 505, Port Charlotte, Florida 33952
- **Phone**: (941) 258-3900, (941) 258-3901 (fax)
- **Hours**: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00PM

### District 4 Office

- **Address**: 7474 Utilities Road, Punta Gorda, Florida 33982
- **Phone**: (941) 575-5370 (business)
- **Hours**: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00PM

### Charlotte County Jail

- **Address**: 26601 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, Florida 33982
- **Phone**: (941) 833-6300