September 2016, the Wellness Committee made the decision to participate in the 2017 Relay for Life to be held the following April. The committee felt it was especially important to participate in this fundraising event as cancer has touched so many lives within the CCSO, but also our family, friends, and loved ones. After the first team captain left the agency, Megan Zawacki willingly took on the role of Team Captain. Megan looked for others who could assist her in making this a successful event. She soon found a person not far from her office door that was very passionate about the cause... June Parks. In August of 2015, June openly shared her diagnosis of breast cancer with the agency for the unselfish reason of educating others about early detection. We are blessed to say that June continues to follow-up with her doctors and is currently cancer free! Fellow Wellness Committee member, Captain Turney, Corrections Bureau stepped up as well. By working as a team, they raised over $3,100.00 and garnered the Bronze place award. Not only was the team successful in exceeding the financial goals, but they were successful in getting enough members present to walk throughout the 12-hour event. Through each of these ladies’ hard work, dedication, and perseverance, they gained financial and physical support that made the CCSO 2017 Relay for Life Team successful. These three women epitomize real teamwork and have an understanding that by working together, everyone achieves more.

Jeremy started work as an MIS contractor in 2009 and began his full-time career with the Sheriff’s Office in 2011 as an IT Specialist 4. He has continued in that position, which is now known as IT Support Applications Development Engineer. His responsibilities range from the design of the CCSO public website to development of applications that integrate data between critical Agency software such as CAD, ACISS and Zuercher. Jeremy is a team player and always willing to contribute. Recently, HR Director, Kevin Ostrowsky indicated that “He has been of great assistance to Human Resources in our print media needs. Months ago, staff began developing a recruitment campaign. He could take our rough draft and offer a professional final product. During this process, he was flexible during conceptual changes. He was also able to bridge the gap between our staff and our vendor in getting the product to print.” Born in Missouri, Jeremy has lived in New Jersey, Germany, and Michigan. Jeremy holds two Associates Degrees in Digital Design and Computer Animation. Jeremy’s remarkable variety of skills and continuous support for Agency initiatives are to be commended. Thank you, Jeremy, for your hard work and commitment, and congratulations on being selected the Civilian Member of the 2nd Quarter for 2017. The rest of the story is that Jeremy will be moving on to new adventures in Jacksonville. We will miss you, but wish you well.
When examining an unsolved homicide, cold case investigators typically contact detectives that were involved in the original investigation. The Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office Cold Case members did this in the case of homicide victim, Tara Sidarovich. We contacted all the original investigators that were available including Paul Tierney. Paul, now retired, was a member of the Major Crimes Unit in 2001 when Tara was murdered. Paul agreed to come in for an interview with the Detectives and the Assistant State Attorney. Paul showed a great interest in the case and volunteered to assist in the trial preparation. When Paul indicated that he wanted to help, we had no idea how much that would mean to the team. Paul spent hundreds of hours, which included many long nights and weekends, working with our team. This case was massive, with many snags and roadblocks, and it required an unbelievable amount of time and team effort. Even through the difficulties and frustrations, Paul stayed the course when he could have walked out at any time. Paul’s knowledge of this particular case and major case investigation in general, proved to be a great asset to the team. The two defendants, Phillip Barr and David McMannis were convicted of first-degree murder and are serving life without parole. We thank Paul for his unselfish personal sacrifice and congratulate him for a job very well done.

March 23, 2017, Detective Billy Tuck heard an inmate indicate he was going to kill himself. Upon hearing this, Detective Tuck contacted the appropriate Jail personnel and the inmate was placed on direct observation. While gathering the inmate’s property to be stored, a makeshift noose made from a torn bedsheet was found in the pillow-case of the inmate’s property. If Detective Tuck had not taken swift and direct action, the inmate may have been able to carry out a suicide attempt. Detective Tuck should be commended for his dedication to duty and quick actions.
On April 16th, Sgt. Pressley responded to a male subject cutting his wrists and throat with a knife. The subject was sitting in his car in the carport. He had lacerations on his arms and there was a large amount of blood. While waiting for back-up, Sgt. Pressley applied pressure. DFC Geyer arrived on scene to assist and he found a 12” serrated kitchen knife. EMS arrived to provide medical help. The subject stated he was determined to die. Because of the quick actions of these deputies the subject was able to receive medical treatment for his injuries and mental health assistance.

On April 29, DFC Nicholas Reid responded to an agency assist call. The caller advised her son was highly intoxicated and passed out on the driveway. She believed her son wasn’t breathing and was giving him CPR when DFC Reid arrived on scene. DFC Reid continued lifesaving measures until EMS arrived and transported the subject to the hospital. He is expected to make a full recovery. The male subject contacted the Sheriff’s office to thank DFC Reid for saving his life.

CCSO 911 received a call on June 8th regarding a male subject choking at Long Horn Steakhouse. Sgt. Griffin was close by and arrived in less than one minute. Sgt. Griffin began CPR and the subject began breathing on his own. EMS transported the man to the hospital. He was celebrating his 94th birthday when he choked on a piece of steak. We were advised he was going to make a full recovery.

On April 14, CDFC Bobby Beverly was assigned and performing recreation and showers within H pod. An Inmate, Who was a Protective Custody inmate, had just returned from their 1st appearance court hearing. When the inmate returned from court, CDFC Beverly asked if the inmate if wanted to take a shower, to which he replied “yes”. The inmate then proceeded to walk up the stairway and down the catwalk to the showers with CDFC Beverly in tow. The inmate then began to climb over the top railing to jump off the top tier. CDFC Beverly yelled for them to “get down” and ran to the inmate. CDFC Beverly grabbed the inmate and pulled them back over the rail before he could jump. Due to his quick response, CDFC Beverly potentially saved this inmate’s life.

This past May while off-duty Deputy Joshua Muse and his wife were driving home in his personal vehicle when he noticed numerous cars going around a vehicle stopped at a four way stop. Upon approached Deputy Muse noticed the driver was unconscious. Deputy Muse broke the front passenger window, unlocked the car, and put the vehicle in park. Deputy Muse and his wife took turns giving breaths and compressions. When North Port EMS took over and then took the driver to the Hospital. Deputy Muse followed up and learned that the man was still alive. Deputy Muse showed true professionalism and dedication to the citizens he serves by stopping off-duty to aid the driver of the vehicle.

Fun Facts
Symbols of September
Birthstone: Blue Sapphire
Flower: Aster
Zodiac signs: Virgo
Monday, September 4th
Labor Day (day off)
LE Member of the Month, Sgt. Christopher Maler

Sergeant Christopher Maler grew up in Long Island, New York and moved to Florida in 1999. The Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office hired Sgt. Maler on November 16, 2001. In February of 2009, he was promoted to Sergeant, and is currently the District 2, Squad B Sergeant. On Saturday July 22, 2017, at approximately 1327 hours, Sgt. Christopher Maler was travelling east on Olean Blvd. when he observed a car stopped on the roadway in the eastbound lane. He approached the elderly driver, Conrad Rioux, and observed that he was unresponsive and had no pulse. Sgt. Maler and a passerby, Nathan Shipley, removed the driver from the car to begin CPR. Sgt. Maler ran to his car to retrieve his AED, returning to Mr. Rioux, and attached the AED pads. A shock was delivered and CPR initiated. DFC Nicholas Reid arrived and maintained traffic safety so Sgt. Maler and Mr. Shipley could remain focused on conducting CPR. EMS arrived and continued lifesaving efforts. They were able to get a pulse and transported Mr. Rioux to Fawcett Memorial Hospital where he began breathing on his own. Paramedics advised that without the quick actions of the AED and CPR, Mr. Rioux would not have survived. Fawcett Hospital nurse Vickie called to recognize Sergeant Maler for his efforts. She advised that due to his quick activation of the AED (less than six minutes), Sergeant Maler not only saved Mr. Rioux’s life, but prevented him from suffering traumatic brain damage. Because of his actions, he saved the life of a citizen of Charlotte County.

Detention Member of the Month, Benson Prosper

On 6/27/2017, CD Prosper was on I-75 North heading to work. He observed that two lanes were blocked and traffic had come to a complete stop. This due to a recent accident. CD Prosper assessed the scene and concluded no medical attention was need. He began directing traffic. He then observed a small white car coming toward the accident scene, not slowing down. He observed the white car not able to stop and hit the SUV in the rear. Prosper now directed his attention to the second accident. He saw that the white car began to smoke from the engine area. He then went over to the white car, pried open the top portion of the driver’s side door. Upon initial observation of the female, he saw that she was injured and she had blood all over her. Due to his concern with the vehicle smoking, he lifted the driver’s side female out of the car, and moved her away. Due to CD Prosper’s quick thinking, training, and dedication to the community, the victim was safely removed from the vehicle and provided aid by responding EMS. CD Prosper is commended for his actions in this event. He is a positive reflection of the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office.

Support Services Member of the Month, DFC Michael Talbot

In the two months DFC Michael Talbot has been K-9 certified and working on patrol, his self -initiated activity has been outstanding. DFC Talbot has far exceeded any expectations set for him by the unit. From June 1st to July 31st DFC Talbot has handled 185 calls for service which were both self-generated and taken to assist road patrol units. Of those calls, DFC Talbot conducted 120 traffic stops with 107 warnings, 10 citations, and five field interviews. DFC Talbot has made 26 arrests consisting of 19 narcotics arrests, five criminal citations, and two other miscellaneous arrests. What does not show up statistically are the numerous backups for patrol units, K-9 specific calls for service, and the quality contacts made assisting CID and Intel units with our prolific offenders. Since the submission of the original commendation request on 07/31/2017, DFC Talbot has conducted an additional 31 traffic stops resulting in seven arrests, five of which were for narcotics. One of these arrests was for trafficking in narcotics (Oxycodeone) and another for possession of 222.1 grams of marijuana. DFC Talbot has given several more arrests to road patrol units so he could remain in service for his K-9 duties. His outstanding work ethic and performance make him an excellent candidate for recognition as member of the month. See page 5 for Deputy Talbot’s K-9 partner, Odin.
25 years of service

Lt. Jeffrey Sisk received his 25 years of service from Sheriff Prummell. Thank you LT. Here’s to many more.

Retirements

Today is my last day with all you before I start a new chapter in my life. I want you to know that each of you have left a small handprint in my life in some way shape or form. I will always remember and be grateful for this but most of all I will cherish the memories forever. It is with mixed feelings that I’m leave CCSO and the wonderful colleagues I’ve had the pleasure of working with. During my time with all of you, I have learned a great deal over the years. Thank you so much for making my time here so enjoyable and for all the support you have given me, not to mention, guidance, encouragement and (treats) of course. I will miss everyone but I am looking forward to this new chapter in my life. I wish all of you the best. Stay safe and know I will always watch your back when I’m around.

Love Always, Annie

Project Lifesaver

We have started a new page on Facebook. Project lifesaver news and updates will be seen on this page. You will hear all about how we are able to bring our loved ones home via Project Lifesaver equipment. Coordinator Tammy Wilke will be attending the convention in Orlando and update us all. If you know of anyone in need of this service have them Contact Tammy at 833-1824 / tammy.wilkie@ccso.org. The TAKE ME HOME program is now loaded onto our CCSO website. Take me home was started to help those who don’t qualify for Project Lifesaver. Tammy will be glad to fill you in.

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Did you know that Thursday, September 28th is Ask a Stupid Question Day? It’s your opportunity to speak up, and to ask all those questions you were afraid to ask. All those questions that you thought were too stupid or dumb to ask, have been piling up all year long. Today is the day to unload them. C’mon give it a try. Nobody will laugh…..we hope.

TAKING ME HOME
A NEW AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAM TO AID IN SAFE-GUARDING LOST INDIVIDUALS.

https://www.ccsö.org/PublicInterest/takemehome.cfm

Odin

Odin is the other half of the Support Services Member of the month as DFC Talbot’s partner. Some might even say the better half….. Sorry Mike I couldn’t resist.
Corporal Jack Collins, Narcotics Unit, has actively engaged in Intelligence Led Policing applying its tenants within narcotics enforcement functions. Corporal Collins has fully integrated the prolific offenders, citizen tip information, and intelligence community into daily squad activity. This activity has already proved successful resulting in probable cause for the arrest of multiple prolific offenders. By utilizing Intelligence-Led Policing, Corporal Collins, along with narcotics members, continues to build cases for successful prosecution, taking dangerous narcotics out of the hands of our community. Corporal Collins was recently appointed to the MAGTF (Multi-Agency Gang Task Force) covering all of Southwest Florida. Corporal Collins will be working with these agencies to identify and suppress gang activity as well as providing intelligence information both locally, and throughout our region. This month Corporal Collins created a presentation for our new and returning School Resource Officers to update them on current narcotic trends seen within our region. Additionally, Corporal Collins has also created a presentation for our upcoming block training to share intelligence on current trends in gang activity throughout the state and region. Corporal Collins is passionate about information-sharing and education. Corporal Collins’ uncanny recall for recognizing offenders, along with his years of experience, provide him with the opportunity to mentor new members while building Intelligence Led Policing within the unit. Thank you Corporal Collins for engaging Intelligence-Led Policing and ensuring our members understand its application within the Narcotics Unit.

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On June 10th CDFC Mark Witt was assigned to H-Pod. He was completing a routine security check, he approached a protective custody inmate who was housed alone. He notice the inmate sitting on the floor with a laundry bag cord tied around his neck. A suicide note was attached to the collar of the sweatshirt. CDFC Witt entered the cell and removed the cord and then called out for assistance in the emergency. The inmate was responsive and was evaluated, moved to the Medical Housing and placed on direct observation for their own safety. Because of CDFC Witt’s observations the inmate’s suicide attempt was unsuccessful and they were provided the appropriate medical attention to address their immediate need.

“I try to educate the public on where they can and cannot park. With handicap placards, I’ll try to see them. I want to give the driver the benefit of the doubt, and for this reason I’ll talk to him or her whenever possible.” Barry started volunteering about two years ago, when he drove C.O.P. for a year before training for P.E. “Both are police presence, but with Parking you are looking for specific violations, such as missing or expired handicap placards,” he explains. Something else that concerns Barry is drivers waiting in the fire lane in front of mall stores. He moves them on, feeling that they create a dangerous situation, not only blocking emergency vehicles, but obstructing the view of shoppers walking out to the parking lot. Barry says that on occasion some drivers will be mildly upset over getting a ticket. “But they’d be a lot more upset if I wasn’t around. They see an unauthorized vehicle blocking handicapped parking and wonder where Parking Enforcement is. Nearly always, they’re glad to see me.”

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David Trautman, volunteer
CCSO EAF 4th Annual
Golf Outing (Night/Glow Ball)
Saturday, November 4, 2017
Four Person Scramble

Time: 6:00PM Registration
7:30PM Shotgun Start

Where: The Cove (formerly Duffy’s)
12455 S Access Rd. Port Charlotte FL

Cost: $30.00 per person/$120.00 per team
Entry fee includes green fees, cart, range balls and dinner

Closest to the pin • 50/50 Raffle

Makes checks payable to: Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office Employee Assistance Fund, Inc.

Mail completed forms and payment to: CCSO EAF Attn: Jessica Glazier
7474 Utilities Rd. Punta Gorda, FL 33982

For additional information please contact:
Kevin Connolly or Diane Young @ 575-5361
Deadline for entry: October 30th, 2017

Player 1
Player 2
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Want to be a Sponsor??

Green Hole Sponsor 1 sign $50.00 per sign
Blue Tee/Hole Sponsor 2 signs $75.00
Gold Large 4’ x 4’ sign at registration table $200.00
Major Donna Roguska retired from CCSO in August 2012 after serving almost 27 years. For several years she had taught at Southern Technical College and started substitute teaching at Charlotte County Public Schools in 2013. In April of this year, Donna and her husband Tim, left Charlotte County for the hills of Tennessee. They bought a new home with a little over 5.5 acres and have been busy renovating and making it our own. Tim has a huge garage where he spends a lot of time with his cars, etc.... They have had lots of company and always welcome visitors from all parts of the country. They do travel a bit and have been on several cruises. Donna says the best part of Tennessee is that you can get a lifetime permit to carry concealed and if you decide to carry open in your county, nobody says a word... Crime is low. Next year she will have a full garden and her thornless blackberry plants should be plentiful. She is looking forward to canning all that produce!!! Donna says If you’re up her way, feel free to stop in and say hi, or stay for a few days. Donna’s "words of wisdom" to pass along: “Save for retirement and get out asap. It is the best of times and gives you a chance to do things you didn’t have time for before. Stay safe and race to the goal line.”

Until next time,
Sherman Robinson,
Major, CCSO Retired.

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