



**SARASOTA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



Year in Review
2021





Our Vision

Our vision is a professional agency guided by our values and united with the community to make Sarasota County a safe place to live, work and visit.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide effective and efficient service in partnership with our community.

Our Values

Integrity
Respect
Service
Fairness



Dear citizen –

I am proud to present you with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office 2021 Annual Report. This year, we took a different approach by substantially shortening and simplifying this document, highlighting a few interesting facts and plenty of statistics that showcase the incredible work of our sworn and civilian members. The last year was challenging for many as we continued to navigate the pandemic and pivot in response to changing times. Fortunately, despite global events, we feel more connected than ever to the community we serve.

In 2021, we launched two additional campaigns within our popular *How We Serve* series, hosted our first virtual career fair, earned re-accreditation and a new accreditation for our Drug Lab. We created a campaign focused solely on honoring our 911 calltakers, partnered with Sarasota County to halt the release of more than \$4 million in fraudulent CARES Act monies, and completed our 2021-2025 strategic plan. We partnered with the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation to support re-entry programming in our correctional facility, launched a brand new social media video series, hosted two unforgettable community events, and so much more. I had the privilege of promoting several members to new ranks, congratulating personnel who earned their college degrees, attended advanced training, and were recognized by local congressmen. Members of my command staff earned board of director appointments with several local non-profit organizations, and we collected more toys than ever before for the children of Guardian Ad Litem during our 5th annual holiday toy drive.

While the impact of local law enforcement was tremendous, the profession itself saw a significant change with the transition from Uniformed Crime Reporting to National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). In its simplest form, on January 1, 2021, NIBRS completely changed how law enforcement organizations began reporting crime data to the FBI. The new formula is robust and details more specific details of crimes, which is helpful to policymakers and analysts. What this meant for SCSO is we had to essentially start from scratch with a brand new approach to data collection. It has been a learning curve for all of us, but we look forward to sharing new, more in-depth statistics with you in next year's annual report.

As I look ahead to 2022, I feel confident in our workforce and community. Sarasota County is unlike most communities around the state and country. The men and women of SCSO feel grateful to live and work among this great and growing community. Thank you for what you do every day to support the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheriff Hoffman".

**A
MESSAGE
FROM
SHERIFF
KURT A.
HOFFMAN**

BY THE NUMBERS

Our greatest asset is our people. Written into our *How We Serve* campaign and strategic plan are commitments to employing a diverse workforce that represents the community we serve. We believe in higher education, employee wellness, and equipping our personnel with personal and professional tools for success.

1,017
Authorized
Positions

353 *Civilian Members*

454 *Sworn Law Enforcement*
Deputies

210 *Sworn Corrections*
Deputies

Our Diversity

63% Male + 37% Female

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Demographics

85% White
8% Hispanic
5.4% Black
1.3% Asian
0.7% Other

Sarasota County 2020 Census Bureau Demographics

82.8% White
9.6% Hispanic
4.7% Black
1.8% Asian
0.4% Other

Operating Expenses

\$20,913,537

Capital Expenses

\$3,469,954

Personnel Services

\$97,873,211

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Budget

\$122,256,702





ON THE ROAD

According to the results of Sarasota County's 2021 Citizen Opinion Survey, traffic/transportation is the fifth most significant concern for citizens, behind population growth and new development, quality of our waterways, and taxes. We are taxpayers ourselves and agree that traffic is a concern, so we make it a priority. SCSO has four full-time traffic squads who provide coverage throughout unincorporated Sarasota County 24/7/365.

23,353 Traffic Citations Issued

6,109 Traffic Crashes Worked

6,266,226 Miles Driven

460,615 Gallons of Fuel Used

575 Agency Vehicles

+120 Pieces of Specialty Equipment



Homeless Outreach

Comprised of two deputies and three civilian case managers, the Homeless Outreach Team provides resources, contact, and housing through individualized case management, ultimately providing long-term solutions to both individuals and the community.

549

Contacts & Deputy Referrals

+944

Case Management Follow-ups



K-9 Unit

Six K-9 teams help keep the focus on crime prevention and public education throughout Sarasota County. K-9s and their handlers initiate missing person searches, apprehend fleeing criminals, conduct high-risk vehicle stops and article searches, perform drug odor and explosive detection, and more.

1,716

Training Hours

896

K-9 Deployments



Mounted Patrol

Members of the Mounted Patrol Unit are often the most visible part of law enforcement operations. Comprised of five horses, two full-time and five part-time riders, as well as a barn technician, the unit participates in community events and parades, conducts traffic enforcement, and more.

2,085

Training Hours

2,950

Hours Worked on Horseback

CORRECTIONS

Our approach is anything but traditional. We believe through community partnerships and innovative programming, we can reduce recidivism and impact the cycles of addiction, incarceration, and homelessness. The best part is that our people believe we can too. Staffed by more than 400 sworn and civilian members, the Sarasota County Correctional Facility is a 24/7/365 operation making huge strides to improve the quality of life in Sarasota County.

7,743
Total Arrests
Processed

14,761 Offender Work Program Hours Performed

237 Contacts Made by Re-entry Navigators

49 Inmate Programs Offered Within the Facility

943
Average Daily
Population





\$31,000+

Donated to Non-Profit Organizations

3,835

Toys Donated to 12th Judicial Circuit's Guardian ad Litem Program

233

Children Engaged through Sheriff's Activities League, Explorer Program & Camp X-RAYD

77

Community Meetings and Programs

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

When we talk about our culture, the first two words that come to mind are “community” and “service.” Whether we are handing out turkeys on Thanksgiving, helping businesses build safety plans, supporting incarcerated men and women with job placement, talking to youth about decision making, or serving on boards of directors for local non-profits, everything we do is grounded in community. Fortunately for us, our community is pretty awesome.

Our Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC) is on the second floor of the Sarasota County's Emergency Operations Center on Porter Way in Sarasota. The PSCC is an intergovernmental partnership between SCSO, Sarasota County Government, and the 10 other law/fire/rescue agencies served. The county provides the equipment while the sheriff's office provides the manpower of 118 full-time positions. The men and women who make up the PSCC are truly Sarasota County's "first" first responders.

679,635

Total Call Volume



Agency Accreditations

- Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFLA)
- Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC)
- Public Safety Communications Accreditation (CALEA)
- International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED)
- National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC)
- International Association for Property and Evidence (IAPE)
- American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)





56,165

Total training hours completed by all sworn and civilian members



1,057

Economic crimes reported & investigated



1,619

Controlled substances processed by SCSO Drug Lab

27,541

Public records requests
(not including those requested by media)



2,567

Aviation Unit calls for service



8,793

Information Technology support requests fulfilled



715

Aviation Unit flight hours



941

Pounds of discarded prescriptions turned over to the DEA

17,942



Items of property and evidence received or processed



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