

Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs
Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

Constitutional Office of the Sheriff

As Miami-Dade County prepares for the implementation of Amendment 10, the Board of County Commissioners has directed the Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs to study the functions, responsibilities and operations of the County Sheriff for the ten (10) largest counties in Florida.

County: Lee

County Seat: Fort Myers

Office of the Sheriff

Staffing & Personnel

Total Budgeted Full-Time Employees: 1,617

Sworn Full-Time Employees: 1,112

Civilian Full-Time Employees: 505

Total Budgeted Part-Time Employees: 45

Sworn Part-Time Employees: 3

Civilian Part-Time Employees: 42

Are Sheriff's Office Employees Considered County Employees? If not, please explain: LCSO employees are a component of Lee County government but are designated separately along with the county's other constitutional offices.

Do Sheriff employees belong to a bargaining unit(s)? if so, please explain: No

If collective bargaining agreements are in place, by whom are those negotiated, and ultimately signed?: N/A

Funding & Administrative Support

Total Adopted Budget: \$214,997,974

Do funding sources other than county general funds fund the services provided by the Sheriff's Office? If so, please explain: Yes. LCSO receives funds from the Lee County School District and charter/parochial schools for 50% of school resource officer services. It also receives funding from the City of Bonita Springs for enhanced policing in the municipality.

Support Functions Received from the County (IT, Human Resources, Financial Administration, etc.): Lee County provides maintenance for LCSO's facilities.

Are there Sheriff actions that require approval or ratification by the Board of County Commissioners? If so, please explain: LCSO requires BoCC approval to access forfeiture funds and other sources of revenue.

Law Enforcement Functions

Describe the types and level of police services provided to municipalities across your County (routine police patrol, solely Sheriff functions or a combination): LCSO provides secondary law enforcement services to all municipalities in Lee County. LCSO provides routine patrol, community outreach and crime prevention programs throughout the county. Residents can request LCSO service from anywhere in the county. Its Patrol districts incorporate all areas of the county.

Describe the types and level of police services provided to the unincorporated areas, if any, across your County (routine police patrol, solely Sheriff functions or a combination): LCSO provides comprehensive, primary law enforcement service to unincorporated Lee County.

Does the Sheriff's Office contract with municipalities for certain services to be provided on behalf of the Sheriff? If so, please explain: No

Does the Sheriff's Office contract with municipalities for certain services to be provided on behalf of the municipality? If so, please explain: Yes. LCSO has an agreement with the City of Bonita Springs for 12 contract deputy positions for enhanced community policing.

If applicable, does the Sheriff's Office provide law enforcement services for the Airport(s) and/or Seaport(s) in your County?: LCSO is a secondary law enforcement asset for the Port Authority Police. We provide assistance when requested. It also has an agreement to provide law enforcement services for airport-owned property that was developed for commercial use.

If applicable, does the Sheriff's Office provide support to the County (Law Enforcement at Countywide/Regional Buildings, security details for County officials, etc.): Yes. The LCSO Court Operations Division transports inmates and provides security at the courthouse. LCSO also provides security details at BoCC meeting and other governmental functions when contracted.

Is there a process, either by County Code/Charter or Agreement, for the transition of law enforcement services in the event on an incorporation or an annexation? If so, please explain: Unknown. No newly formed municipalities have sought to create their own law enforcement agency. Instead, they chose to rely on existing LCSO law enforcement services.

Operations & Assets

Number of District/Satellite/Regional Stations and/or offices: Six

Explain the ownership of these facilities (owned by the County, owned by the Sheriff, or privately leased) and their uses: County owned

Who is responsible, operationally and financially, for the maintenance of these facilities? Shared responsibility between LCSO and county

Number of Vehicles in Sheriff's Fleet: 1,077

Explain the ownership of these vehicles (owned by the County, owned by the Sheriff, or privately leased): LCSO owned

Who is responsible, operationally and financially, for the maintenance of the fleet?
LCSO

Additional Functions

Does the Sheriff's Office provide bailiff services for County courts? If so, please explain the reporting structure.: Yes.

If any, List Additional Functions Performed Beyond Statutory Duties: Click or tap here to enter text.

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If available, please attach the following documents with your response:

- Table of Organization
- Any Service Agreement(s) with the County
- If applicable, any agreements with other Constitutional Offices
- If applicable, any agreements with other Jurisdictions