

**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:** [Palm Beach County](#)

**County Seat:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Office of the Sheriff**

**Staffing & Personnel**

**Total Budgeted Full-Time Employees:** [3801](#)

**Sworn Full-Time Employees:** [2369](#)

**Civilian Full-Time Employees:** [1432](#)

**Total Budgeted Part-Time Employees:** [613](#)

**Sworn Part-Time Employees:** [6](#)

**Civilian Part-Time Employees:** [607](#)

**Are Sheriff's Office Employees Considered County Employees? If not, please explain:** [Yes](#)

**Do Sheriff employees belong to a bargaining unit(s)? if so, please explain:** [Yes – All full-time employees, with the exception of confidential employees. CBA between PBSO and PBA negotiated every 3 years.](#)

**If collective bargaining agreements are in place, by whom are those negotiated, and ultimately signed?:** [Negotiated with the Sheriff and signed by the Sheriff, Agency Attorney and PBA President, Executive Director, and PBA Legal Counsel.](#)

**Funding & Administrative Support**

**Total Adopted Budget:** [773,410,772](#) adopted, net of carryforward.

**Do funding sources other than county general funds fund the services provided by the Sheriff's Office? If so, please explain:** [PBSO also maintains the following funds: Law Enforcement Trust Fund \(LETF\) – State, LETF – Federal Justice, LETF – Federal Treasury, 911 Call-Taker, Grants, Inmate Welfare, and Capital Projects.](#)

**Support Functions Received from the County (IT, Human Resources, Financial Administration, etc.):** [Nothing is outsourced to the County.](#)

**Are there Sheriff actions that require approval or ratification by the Board of County Commissioners? If so, please explain:** Adoption and amendment in the General, Grants, and LETF funds require Board approval. Use of State and Federal LETF funds require board approval.

### **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):** Municipalities generally are responsible for patrol operations in their jurisdictions. The Sheriff provides patrol to the unincorporated areas and 13 municipalities we currently contract with. The below listed services provided by the Sheriff benefit all residents of the county, including those in municipalities:

1. Corrections for over 2 thousand inmates a day in two jail facilities-medical, supervision etc.
2. Court Security for 5 courthouses and transport of inmates.
3. Judges bailiff's (Courtroom Security)
4. Civil Process
5. Warrants-Processing and execution of arrest warrants etc.
6. Crime Lab-DNA, Firearms, Latents
7. Aviation/Drone Unit
8. Marine Unit
9. Regional Fusion Center
10. Strategic Intelligence Unit
11. K-9 units when requested (Drug, Apprehension, SAR, Bomb, Therapy)
12. Mutual Aid when requested
13. Vehicle Homicide when requested
14. Homicide Division for smaller municipalities when requested
15. Behavioral Services Division when requested
16. Patrol services in municipalities when they need coverage i.e. officer funeral

**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):** PBSO provides response to all calls for service countywide when requested, and essential services to the unincorporated area of the county to include road patrol, crime prevention and investigations, as well as courtroom security and service of process. The Sheriff's Office also administers county responsible services such as: the corrections function including the two detention facilities, crime lab, court security, and school crossing guards.

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

**Does the Sheriff's Office contract with municipalities for certain services to be provided on behalf of the municipality? If so, please explain:** Yes, we have 13 contracts for law enforcement services provided to the cities, towns and villages.

**If applicable, does the Sheriff's Office provide law enforcement services for the Airport(s) and/or Seaport(s) in your County?:** Yes, Airport/ No, Port of Palm Beach (Riviera Beach PD)

**If applicable, does the Sheriff's Office provide support to the County (Law Enforcement at Countywide/Regional Buildings, security details for County officials, etc.):** Palm Beach Sheriff's Office does provide supplemental law enforcement support to the county at county owned properties/buildings on an "as needed" basis and in support of the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction at the location. In addition, PBSO provides security details to county officials on an "as needed" basis when an elevated threat is present. The Sheriff provides security at all 5 county courthouses and the Airport (contract).

**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:** No, this would normally be addressed in the municipal code of ordinances or municipal charter regarding what happens if they annex unincorporated areas or decide to become unincorporated.

### **Operations & Assets**

**Number of District/Satellite/Regional Stations and/or offices:** 65

**Explain the ownership of these facilities (owned by the County, owned by the Sheriff, or privately leased) and their uses:** 37 county owned, 13 municipal leases and 15 private leases.

**Who is responsible, operationally and financially, for the maintenance of these facilities?** Responsibility for maintenance is shared among Palm Beach County personnel as well as representatives from the Sheriff's Office.

**Number of Vehicles in Sheriff's Fleet:** 2,939 - includes Armored vehicles, buses, motorcycles, SUVs, vans, sedans, specialty vehicles and trucks.

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

**Who is responsible, operationally and financially, for the maintenance of the fleet?** The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the fleet.

### **Additional Functions**

**Does the Sheriff's Office provide bailiff services for County courts? If so, please explain the reporting structure.:** Yes, we are required by FSS 30.15 to provide security for trial court facilities. Each judge and magistrate is assigned a deputy sheriff for protection. Additionally, deputies provide exterior building security at all five court locations. The exterior deputies also transport remands (arrestees) to County Jail.

**If any, List Additional Functions Performed Beyond Statutory Duties:** The Sheriff's Office also provides exterior protection for the Government Center (Clerk, County Commission, etc.), State Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office. We also have one sergeant contracted by the county, that deals specifically with county building security issues, including the outside contracted security firm that runs the magnetometer machines at each entrance.

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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