



A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF RIC L. BRADSHAW

Law enforcement foundations are neither new nor unique. They go back at least to the 1960's. They are found in agencies large and small and in every geographic part of this great land of ours. They come out of the reality that good law enforcement is not cheap.

This reality almost universally translates into the fact that law enforcement budgets rarely keep up with the needs of an agency to continue to "serve and protect" at the highest levels possible and with the changes in law enforcement, particularly in costly technology. Within every challenge is an opportunity. Our opportunity can be maximized by people taking a deeper and more active interest in law enforcement, what it does, and what its needs are to do what it does.

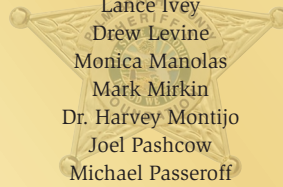
Becoming involved in a law enforcement foundation is fascinating, exciting work and one that pays the dividends of knowing your leadership is both enhancing our ability to protect you and your neighbors better each year and that you are enhancing the protection and well-being of the fine men and women who deliver and support law enforcement services in this the largest county east of the Mississippi. We will provide you with every opportunity to learn about how this department works, be exposed to its many specialty units, see the reality of lab research and compare it to the television version, even ride with an officer if you so desire.

I urge you to read this brochure carefully and then contact Foundation Manager Bill Gralnick at either 561-681-4523 or GralnickW@PBSO.org.

*Thank you!
Ric L. Bradshaw, Sheriff*

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AN OVERVIEW OF POTENTIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



AGRICULTURAL UNIT

Nothing could be more true than the expression “looking for a needle in a hay stack” when the agricultural unit has to look for a perpetrator or stolen property out in the cane and corn fields in either the Glades or “the Rangeline.” Specially notated signs and GPS coordination are

particular needs. Monies to hold Homeland Security training for farmers and agricultural businesses on terrorist uses for agricultural products and appropriate methods of storage are needed.



MARINE UNIT

“Run for the hills—the dam’s busted!” The problem is that there are no hills where we have a dam. It is projected that if we had a “Katrina” experience here and the dam at Lake Okeechobee broke that 40,000 families would be in the way of the wall of water with results impacting all of south

Florida for years to come after the event. The Marine Unit needs a surplus of flat bottom boats for such an emergency as well as for use in patrolling areas a regular hull would be torn apart by. We need more of the very costly drug interdiction “cigarette boats,” money for the enormous amounts of fuel they use, and of course the infrastructure to maintain them.



MOUNTED UNIT

A police horse costs approximately \$40,000, several months to train, and \$5,000 a year to maintain if it remains healthy. Currently the biggest need is a larger barn. In the face of a hurricane about a quarter of the horses need to be taken off site and boarded elsewhere. It is also easier for the trainers and

groomers and healthier for the horses to all be housed in one, weather proof, enclosed barn.



CANINE UNIT

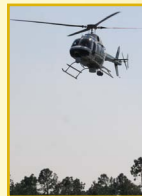
It costs approximately \$10,000 to purchase a speciality dog and approximately the same amount to train dog and handler.



THE COURTHOUSE

The Courthouse is the largest division in PBSO. 190 individuals work to keep judges safe, courtrooms quiet and orderly, a constant flow of prisoners, many of whom are violent offenders, go from the prison bus to the courtroom and back. Then there are the hundreds and hundreds of people and

staff personnel who pass through the front door and metal detectors every day. As one captain said, “At the courthouse everything is a routine. You’re known for the one thing that goes wrong rather than the daily scores of things that go right.”



AVIATION UNIT

That searchlight you see in the sky beaming down is from the bottom of the PBSO helicopters. These critical “birds” in the air are the eyes for mounted, K-9 and foot patrol officers in pursuit of the location of bad guys and light up the terrain to make capture safer for the deputies. Special tools

and specially trained mechanics are required to keep these eyes in the sky safe and certified. Pilots too need special and continuous training. We have fixed wing aircraft requiring all the same attention for planes and pilots. Then there is the aviation fuel costs to keep them airborne.



TRAFFIC DIVISION

Ninety dedicated men and women make up the multiple units of the Traffic Division. These are the officers who go after aggressive, dangerous drivers. This is the division that encompasses the highly trained officers of the DUI unit protecting us from drunks behind the wheel. Traffic

homicides, the stuff of television and print news, are invested by the Traffic Division. The Traffic Division does special enforcement events; it fields out the motorcycle unit out to make the roadways safe even when the heat index is over 100 day after day. Then there are the 400 unsung heroes of the Traffic Division, the 400 school crossing guards. No child has ever been injured at a school crossing where one of our guards was posted.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

This is not your father’s Palm Beach County. The size and complexion of this county has changed dramatically in the past twenty years. It is estimated that the students in the Palm Beach County Schools speak cumulatively over 70 languages representing most of the nations of the

world. We need our officers professionally trained in the cultural norms and values of these new citizens. We need to be able to pay for translation and produce materials in at least the dominant languages of the county. We need to analyze who lives where so rather than receive broad-based training officers first can be schooled in the cultural values and norms of those who live in the districts to which they are assigned.

(A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF GIVING OPPORTUNITIES IS AVAILABLE)

*The sheriff retains the right to place money in areas of critical need if your designated gift to a given unit is not currently needed. Consultation with the donor will occur before final decisions are made.

