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From the Sheriff's desk

PSO facility changes, inmate programs expand

This summer we are scheduled to make a number of important facility changes here at the Pasco Sheriff's Office. This began with the opening of the Trinity substation, located at 11530 Trinity Boulevard, about a half-mile east of Duck Slough on State Road 54. This substation is co-located with Pasco Fire Station #15. A recent reorganization of our Road Patrol Unit added an additional district to west Pasco, and this substation is the headquarters of our new District III. Citizens in southwest Pasco are urged to use this substation for any law enforcement questions or concerns they may have. The phone number for District III headquarters is 727-372-5920.

The next important facility news is the opening of the new Land O' Lakes Detention Center addition scheduled for August. This state-of-the-art building will considerably improve the county's inmate housing capacity. The average inmate population in our county has increased every year and it does not appear to be slowing. This is due, in part, to Pasco's ever-increasing population.

Due to current budget restraints, I have ordered the closing of the West Pasco jail in New Port Richey. This will save taxpayers more than \$3.5 million because we won't need to hire 34 new detention deputies to man the new expansion wing of the Land O' Lakes Detention Center. We will move the deputies currently working at the West Pasco jail to Land O' Lakes and will only need to hire an additional 8 deputies and two nurses for the new wing. The Land O' Lakes jail will also receive the inmates currently housed in New Port Richey.

We are always searching for ways to save

taxpayer's dollars. An example of this is the expansion of programs in our Inmate Labor Section. These programs are also designed to raise the work ethic of selected inmates and give them a productive way to spend their court-ordered sentences. All supplies, including the start-up costs of the programs, are obtained from federal grant funds and sustained through inmate welfare funds. No Pasco taxes are used. Inmates construct the buildings and provide the labor for the programs.

These programs include the newly reconstructed hydroponics garden that was de-



stroyed in the tornado that struck the detention center on December 16, 2007. This program grows thousands of vegetables that are used to feed inmates. We grow lettuce, tomatoes, bell peppers, squash, cucumbers, collards, eggplant, thyme, basil, parsley, garlic, and sage. Annually, savings to taxpayers in this program alone totals more than \$120,000.

Other new programs include:

- The Swine Program, which currently has 120 pigs. In 2008, 10,244 pounds of pork were processed for a savings of \$13,113. For 2009, the swine program has produced 6,325

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Sheriff's fees increase for service of process

Beginning July 1, in accordance with Florida Statute 30.231, the fees charged for the service of non-enforceable writs will be charges as listed below.

The fees are **non-refundable** once service has been requested and the fee has been receipted. **All papers received with an incorrect fee will be returned unserved.**

NOTE: Fees chargeable to state agencies shall be those fees that were effective under this section on June 30, 2009.

TYPE OF SERVICE	COST
Summons and Complaint	\$40
Notice	\$40
Order to Show Cause	\$40
Motion	\$40
Injunction	\$40
Garnishment	\$40
Subpoena	\$40
Alias and Pluries	\$40
Out -of-state papers	\$43
Enforceable writs:	
Writ of Assistance	\$90
Writ of Attachment	\$90
Writ of Attachment & Summons	\$90
Writ of Replevin	\$90
Writ of Replevin & Notice of Hearing	\$90
Writ of Possession	\$90
Distress Writ (Service Only)	\$40
Distress Writ (Levy on property may require a levy deposit)	\$90
Execution Fee for Levy:	\$50
Advertising the sale	\$40
Conducting the sale	\$40
Sheriff's deed or bill of sale	\$40
Satisfaction	\$40
Certified mail	Current postal rates

COST DEPOSITS

A cost deposit is required prior to the levy or seizure of any property. The following amounts are minimum deposit requirements and additional monies may be required during the life of the case. Cost deposit checks are to be made out independent of all other fees.

Single craft up to 20 feet	\$1,500
Each additional craft	\$1,500
Any craft exceeding 20 feet	\$2,500
Double-wide mobile home (LEFT IN PLACE)	\$1,500
Travel trailer or single-wide mobile home (LEFT IN PLACE)	\$1,500
Single vehicle 2 tons or less	\$1,500
Single vehicle exceeding 2 tons	\$2,500
Office or home furnishings (LEVY & LEAVE)	\$1,000
Real estate	\$500
Stocks, bonds, jewelry	\$500
Tractor, trailer or combination thereof	\$2,500

Other fees include:

- A \$250 minimum cost deposit, when required, for Writs of Assistance or Writs of Possession (labor for removing personal property, furniture, etc.).
- A \$100 minimum cost deposit for locksmith services.
- The Sheriff shall be allowed actual expenses for levying, safekeeping, and sale of property under levy. Levy deposits are refundable before a levy is made or after a levy is completed and all outstanding costs and fees are paid.

Agency begins public notifications using Twitter

The Pasco Sheriff's Public Information Office has began making safety notifications via the social networking site Twitter.

Twitter is a means to quickly inform citizens about emergencies or public safety issues, such as school lockdowns, missing children and elderly people, escaped prisoners, closed roads, chemical spills and wanted fugitives.

"We've never had a way to quickly notify the public about such incidents," said PSO Public Information Director Kevin Doll.

In order to receive Twitter updates, citizens must register online at Twitter.com. Then they have to choose to "follow" the updates, or "tweets," of the Pasco Sheriff's Office.

These tweets can be sent to your cell phone or e-mail instantly, and you can see them on your Twitter home page, or the Pasco Sheriff's Offices homepage at PascoSheriff.com.

The updates are limited to 140 characters, and recent tweets include:

- Heavy flooding in Port Richey
- Suspect wanted for shooting at a Pasco deputy
- Missing 60-year-old man
- Natural gas line break closes U.S. 41

Help needed for most vulnerable citizens

There are many children in our community that you can help when you share your home by becoming a licensed foster parent. By providing a safe and happy home can make a big difference in a child's life. You can also help by organizing a clothing drive or collecting

items that our children may need. This can include back packs, school supplies, personal hygiene items, and toys. You can also become a holiday sponsor for an individual child. For more information, contact Eckerd Community Alternatives at 1-

866-233-0790, or the Pasco Sheriff's Child Protective Investigation Office at 727-836-8400, extension 8454.



Pasco Explorers excel again in state competition

Pasco Sheriff's Office Explorer Unit Post 916 excelled again in the state competition conducted in Coral Springs recently, garnering a fourth place spot out of 21 teams competing. The Pasco post also placed third overall in the last two state competitions and was selected as the best unit in the state in 2001 and runner-up 2003.

This year's team had only one returning member from last year, Explorer Major Josh Short. The Explorers brought home the following trophies:

- 3rd Place - In Progress
- 3rd Place - Active Shooter
- 4th Place - Search and Arrest
- 5th Place - Traffic Stop

The Pasco Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 916 is chartered by the Boy Scouts of America and is designed to allow young people from 14 to 21 years old to explore the career of law enforcement. Explorers receive training in all aspects of law enforcement and Sheriff's Office operations. They also provide volunteer service to various components of the agency, and assist with numerous community events such as fairs, parades and rodeos. Highlights of the Explorer Program include the privilege of riding on patrol with deputies. Explorers are issued a uniform and equipment and attend weekly meetings. For more information on the Explorer Post, contact your school resource officer, or call 813-929-1380.

To join the Pasco Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 916, the applicant must meet the following requirements:



- Must be 14-21 years old
- Must be enrolled in high school or possess a high school diploma or GED
- Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in school
- Must not have a criminal record
- Must be mentally, morally, and physically fit
- Must attend three consecutive meetings as a visitor prior to becoming a member
- Must complete a formal membership application
- Must pass an oral board examination and a complete background investigation

Explorers pictured above include, left to right: Explorer Lt. Alex Acevedo, Explorer Lt. Conor Ryan (team captain), Explorer Major Josh Short and Explorer Sgt. John Jaufmann.



PSO boating safety course a success

The Pasco Sheriff's Office Marine Unit recently completed a boating safety course at the Gulf Harbors Civic Association.

Corporal Mike LaRoche taught 37 students over the two night course. Although the course was geared for young teen boaters, several parents attended too. The course allows the boaters to qualify for the required state boating safety education ID.

If you would like to schedule a boating safety class for your group, please contact the PSO Marine Unit at 1-800-854-2862, extension 7142.

Detention deputy uses biometrics to ferret out inmate's identity

Often when people are arrested, they refuse to tell law enforcement of-



ficers their real names. This was the case recently when the Zephyrhills Police Department arrested a man for one count of uttering a forged instrument, eight counts of possession of counterfeit payment instrument, three counts of possession of a fictitious drivers license and one count of obstruction by disguised person.

The suspect was not cooperative

with Pasco Sheriff's Office detention deputies who were booking him into the Land O' Lakes Detention Center. He refused to provide his correct name, date of birth or social security number. Deputy Keith Adams took the inmate's photograph and then downloaded his image into a new software program that was designed for such situations.

Using the science of biometrics, Dep. Adams was able to identify the inmate in less than five minutes. Using a facial recognition software program, he compared the characteristics of the unknown man's face to other photos in a multi-agency database. Five positive photograph matches to the suspect were developed and Dep. Adams was able to use side-by-side comparisons to positively identify the 43-year-old man. It was determined that he had three additional warrants out of Brevard County, including two violations of probation for grand theft, and fraudulent use of a credit card.

"(Arrested individuals) are not the most cooperative when they

come into booking," said Intake Supervisor Lt. Barbara Taylor. "We do get about four or five 'John or Jane Does' a month, and this new program can help us determine their identity." Taylor explained that individuals must have been arrested before and have a mugshot in the database in order to have a comparison. But it has also been used to determine that an unknown illegal alien had not been arrested before.

The new program is a cooperative effort with the Pinellas Sheriff's Office, which received a \$3.5 million grant from the U.S. Dept. of Defense as part of an anti-terrorism initiative. This is the first "hit," or identification, by the Pasco Sheriff's Office since installing the system in their jail booking section. Facial recognition software uses mathematical algorithms to match characteristics such as distance between facial features to determine possible hits. Pasco Sheriff's Office detectives also have training and access to the program to assist them in their law enforcement duties.

Programs, from front page

lbs of meat for a savings of \$15,812.

- The Cattle Program started this year with 27 cows. There is approximately 45 acres of grazing land used for the program. This program has been augmented with donations from local farmers who have donated hay, cows, and expertise. Future plans include incorporating beef from this program into the inmate food system.

- The Ornamental Plant Program was also started this year. The plants are grown within a grow house. The program will be used to augment Pasco government property landscaping and conduct horticulture training for inmates. The future plans for the program may include sales to the pub-

lic to generate funds for inmate labor programs. The Agriculture Program (outdoor soil garden) was the first inmate program to be created and has been in existence for nearly eight years. In the last 18 months, this three-acre track has produced more than 114,000 pounds of produce that has saved nearly \$62,000 in food costs.

If you or

your group would like a tour of these interesting and innovative programs, contact Detention Bureau Lt. Ray Revell at 1-800-854-2862, extension 6147.

