HOW CAN BSO HELP YOU?

The Broward Sheriff's Office offers many FREE services.

- Going on a trip? Take advantage of BSO's Vacation Watch. A deputy, community service aide or COP volunteer will regularly check on your home.
- Have sensitive documents or prescription medications you need to dispose of? Visit our Shred-A-Thon and Operation Medicine Cabinet events.
- Need an easier way to send tips to BSO? Download the SaferWatch app, which provides you real-time two-way communication with BSO during both emergencies and non-emergencies.

To take advantage of these and other BSO services, scan the QR code with your phone's camera.





To view a list of all our exciting employment opportunities, visit jobs.sheriff.org.



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WHEN TO CALL THE NON-

Know when to dial our non-emergency number 954-764-HELP (4357).

- Minor vehicle accident with no injuries 🗸
- Vehicle broken into or abandoned 🗸
- Report stolen possessions 🗸
- Stray dog roaming the street √
- Barking dog ✓
- Neighbor playing music too loud ✓
- Vandalism ✓

IF YOU NEED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, DIAL 911 IMMEDIATELY.



Catch up on past episodes of Sheriff Gregory Tony's podcast, Shop Talk with the Sheriff. Listen as Sheriff Tony talks with community partners and leaders, first responders and more on issues important to you! Listen on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, iHeartRadio

or Google Podcasts, or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. New episodes are coming soon!



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DISTRICT OFFICES	sheriff.org/LE
Central Broward	954-321-4800
Cooper City	954-435-2000
Court Services	954-831-7330
Dania Beach	954-926-2400
Deerfield Beach	954-480-4300
Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport	954-694-905
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	954-640-4240
Lauderdale Lakes	954-497-1646
North Lauderdale	954-722-5800
Oakland Park	954-202-313
Parkland	954-753-5050
Pompano Beach	954-786-420
Port Everglades	954-765-451
Tamarac	954-720-222
West Park	954-985-1950
Weston	954-389-2010

- BSO supports **TEXT to 911** (for emergencies only) i
- Non-emergencies: (954) 764-HELP (4357) ○ To report a crime tip: (954) 493-TIPS (8477)
- To report abuse: (800) 96-ABUSE (22873)
- ⑥ General information: (954) 765-4321
- Recruiting: (954) 321-4400 or jobs.sheriff.org
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"The Broward Sheriff's Office is focused on elevating the expectations of the service we provide to this community. I am excited to share some of the new and innovative ways we are protecting our community and improving the quality of life for residents of Broward County."





Firefighters Can Breathe a Little Easier

Improved Self-contained Breathing Apparatuses Will Help Save Lives

Understanding the unique demands of each job at the Broward Sheriff's Office gives Sheriff Gregory Tony the perspective required to better assess the needs of each department. Recently, Sheriff Tony suited up with our BSO Fire Rescue teams for firsthand training and noticed each firefighter's self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) was becoming outdated.

SCBAs consist of a compressed air tank, harness and face mask. They are one of the



most essential foundational tools of personal protective equipment firefighters and rescue personnel use. SCBAs allow firefighters the most airway protection to enter hazardous environments to perform critical interior operations. Firefighters also use SCBAs in non-fire incidents involving hazardous materials and confined spaces with a threat of toxic fumes, gases, harmful particulates, or an oxygen-deficient atmosphere.

Recognizing an opportunity to protect his team better, Sheriff Tony prioritized the purchase of 290 new SCBAs, replacing them with the most technologically advanced equipment essential for modern firefighting.

"These new SCBAs will provide each firefighter clean air, allowing them to operate safely in the numerous environments they may enter that are imminently dangerous to life and health," Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Dorsette said. "They will allow us to operate more efficiently in our quest to preserve property and save lives."

To learn more about BSO Fire Rescue and the many services they provide, scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



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SAFEGUARDING OUR COMMUNITY

BSO'S THREAT MANAGEMENT UNIT (TMU) AND REAL TIME CRIME CENTER (RTCC) PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SAFETY.

Using cutting-edge technology and proactive policing, we are achieving our number one goal—keeping our kids and community safe. Here are some of the ways we are achieving results:

- INVESTIGATING THREATS: The BSO TMU has investigated more than 1,530 potential violent incidents, resulting in more than 200 arrests.
- PREVENTING VIOLENCE: With access to nearly 18,000 cameras in schools, businesses and public places, the RTCC assists patrol units with live intelligence during active incidents countywide.
- SECURING FIREARMS: BSO has served more than 415 Risk Protection Orders, removing firearms from individuals who are a threat to themselves or others.

ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

The Broward Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the safety of our community. To better identify individuals who pose a risk to public safety, BSO's Threat Management Unit (TMU) created the Behavioral Health Licensed Therapist (BHLT) program. Composed of four veteran therapists, this team works alongside TMU detectives as they investigate threats made by children and adults. The BHLT assesses these individuals for mental illness and substance abuse issues and links them to providers who can offer treatment. Currently, our BHLT program monitors more than 730 individuals and is connecting them with critical mental health services.



Behavioral Health Licensed Therapist Lori Battaglia with Deputy Bennie Langford.

PROTECT YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS WITH BSO



BSO's Public-Private Partnership program gives BSO's Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) detectives access to live video at businesses and private residences to help stop crime and catch criminals. The service is FREE! Connect your existing supported cameras or install a compatible security camera to share live footage directly with the RTCC.

For more information, scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



REAL JUSTICE

Sheriff Gregory Tony established BSO's Social Justice Task Force (SJTF) to further expand our commitment to accountability, transparency and inclusivity.

The SJTF is a collaboration of civilians and law enforcement working together for greater justice and equality in Broward County.

"BSO is interested in the voices we are bringing to the table and our observations and suggestions," said SJTF member Nik Harris. "I have been pleased by how quickly issues are addressed and the willingness to engage throughout BSO."

For more information, scan the QR code with your phone's camera or email SJTF@sheriff.org.

SOLVING THE UNSOLVED

Sheriff Gregory Tony formed the BSO Cold Case Unit in 2019 to bring increased attention to unsolved cases. In just a short time, the unit has made several significant breakthroughs. In one instance, detectives identified and criminally charged a man known as the Pillowcase Rapist, who was responsible for numerous sexual assaults in the 1980s. In another, the unit solved the 1994 rape and murder of an 89-year-old woman. To bring more exposure to the approximately 350 open and unsolved cases, BSO recently launched an exclusive video series to uncover possible new leads. "At the Broward Sheriff's Office, unsolved crimes will never be placed on the shelf or forgotten, and the passage of time will not delay our quest for justice," Sheriff Tony said.

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Anyone with information on unsolved cases is asked to contact Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).



to watch the series.

KEEPING AN EYE ON THE FUTURE

Construction of the BSO Training Center is well underway. Completion of the project is expected in late 2023. The state-of-the-art facility will consolidate all of BSO's training under one roof and enhance BSO's training capabilities to effectively address today's public safety challenges.



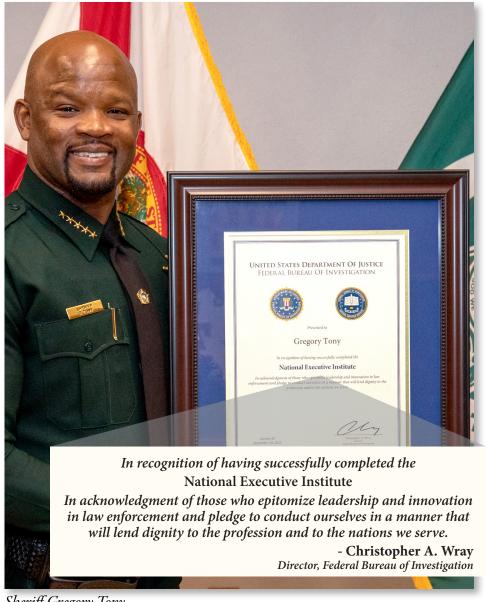
PUSHING FOR EVEN HIGHER STANDARDS

Training and education are paramount for operational preparedness and excellence in service.

BSO has partnered with local universities to expand the availability of higher education opportunities to our employees. Since 2019, more than 200 employees have enrolled in higher education institutions; 53 have graduated with graduate or doctoral degrees.

BSO has also increased participation in executivelevel training courses offered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Since 2019, four BSO commanders have completed the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Committed to leading by example, Sheriff Gregory Tony was selected by the FBI to participate in the prestigious National Executive Institute Leadership Course, which he completed in 2022. He is also pursuing his Ph.D. at Nova Southeastern University.



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