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# SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1) What is the Social Justice Task Force (SJTF)?

The **Social Justice Task Force (SJTF)** is comprised of a diverse group of individuals from within Broward County communities, members of the Broward Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Support Team and employees of BSO representing different departments. The task force was formed in 2020 to establish a real and meaningful dialogue and collaboration between law enforcement and the community. BSO recognized this as an opportunity to educate the community about our many roles as a public safety agency. The SJTF works to address community concerns while building better relationships between law enforcement and stakeholders.

### 2) What is the mission statement of the SJTF?

The SJTF engages the community by collaborating with community activists and stakeholders in the critical areas of education, dialogue and advocacy. These efforts allow us to serve our communities better and ensure justice, transparency and equity for all.

### 3) Who will participate in the SJTF?

The SJTF members consist of a diverse group of individuals from throughout Broward County with ties to the community, whether through their non-profit organizations, religious institutions or as civically-engaged stakeholders within the community.

### 4) How are individuals selected to participate in the SJTF?

Individuals are selected based on their established community service and willingness to participate and collaborate with BSO to improve community relations while resolving community concerns. SJTF members must complete an agency Non-Employee Background Check, Hold-Harmless Agreement, and commit to a four-hour ride along. An internal committee of BSO employees has been established to review individuals interested in participating in the SJTF. When considering participants for the SJTF, we are seeking to reflect the diversity of Broward County. There will be an expectation for

members of the task force to communicate and work with members of BSO during times of calm and during times of unrest.

### **5) Will there be representation from the agency participating in the SJTF?**

Yes, BSO employees from different departments, who have expressed an interest in participating in the task force, may do so. However, space is limited.

### **6) When will the SJTF meet?**

The SJTF will meet bi-monthly on the third Tuesday. The meetings will be held at the Ron Cochran Public Safety Building, [2601 West Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312](#). Meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

### **7) Are there term limits for the SJTF?**

Currently, there are two-year term limits for SJTF members. This term allows members of the SJTF to meet a total of 12 times over 24 months. If someone should need to discontinue participation in the SJTF, individuals on the waiting list will be reviewed to fill the vacancy(s). Before completing the 24-month term, a new group of individuals will be reviewed by the agency's SJTF committee to select and fill the upcoming vacancies.

### **8) Who will oversee the SJTF?**

The responsibility for the SJTF falls under the Youth and Neighborhood Services and is monitored by the Neighborhood Support Team Captain. Community concerns that need to be relayed to various districts or jurisdictions are addressed by the Neighborhood Support Team Regional Specialist with oversight from the Neighborhood Support Team Captain or Sergeant.

### **9) What is the overall goal of the SJTF?**

Our overall goal is to conclude each term of the SJTF with measurable successes that benefit our community while creating goodwill ambassadors for BSO and Broward County residents through education and listening to create mutual understanding.

### **10) How can I get on the waiting list for the SJTF?**

Anyone interested in serving on the SJTF should call (954) 321-4410 for additional information or visit us online at [www.sheriff.org/TaskForce](http://www.sheriff.org/TaskForce). We will maintain a waiting list of individuals to be considered for future SJTF vacancies.