



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



# MISSION

Our mission is to provide effective and efficient service in partnership with our community.

# VISION

Our vision is a professional agency guided by our values and united with the community to make Sarasota County a safe place to live, work and visit.

# VALUES

Integrity  
Respect  
Service  
Fairness



*A Message from*

# SHERIFF KURT A. HOFFMAN

Dear citizen,

With great pride in the accomplishments and hard work of last year, I am pleased to present to you the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office 2024 Annual Report.

Sarasota County came together and grew stronger throughout the many trials of 2024. This agency showed resilience and a willingness to go above and beyond by meeting the challenges brought by three hurricanes that affected our area in a very short time span. Additionally, we did our best to adjust to the growing pains in this community which continues to experience rapid expansion. The purchase of new equipment prepared our agency to meet the issues to come and allowed us to focus on our goal of making the county safer than ever. We aim to serve the residents of this county with the very best we have to offer - effectively trained members and the equipment necessary to safeguard our citizens in the unexpected circumstances that the future may hold.

It is my honor to serve as your sheriff, and I promise to continue my commitment to excellence in every aspect of this agency.



*Kurt A. Hoffman*





# AGENCY PERSONNEL



We are proud of our workforce and commitment to the safety and security of the communities we serve.

Our agency's framework values employee education, wellness, integrity, and respect.

221

sworn corrections  
deputies

375

civilian  
members

508

sworn law  
enforcement deputies

Agency Demographics

35% female

65% male

County Demographics

52% female

48% male

# BUDGET

Fiscal year 2023-2024 adopted budget

**\$182,115,658**

personnel services

**\$143,485,629**

operating expenses

**\$30,787,350**

capital expenses

**\$7,777,679**

grants

**\$65,000**



# SCSO AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

# HURRICANE RESPONSE 2024



The 2024 hurricane season brought three substantial hurricanes to our area. Hurricane Debby brought the flooding, Hurricane Helene brought the wind, and Hurricane Milton brought a direct landfall to Sarasota County. The entire agency stepped up to get our county, our citizens, and our personnel through these events and their aftermath as safely as possible.

**The Administrative Division:** The Emergency Operations Bureau received 35,721 calls during the three hurricanes, almost doubling its regular call volume. The Fleet Services Bureau ensured all fuel tanks and trucks were full and ready to go. As well as providing a staging and sleeping area for responders.

**The Law Enforcement Division:** All units, sections and bureaus provided aid during the hurricane season. Assisting with evacuating citizens prior to landfall, and then coordinating rescue efforts after. SCSO partnered with the Sarasota County Fire Department and the National Guard to conduct welfare checks along Siesta and Casey Keys. Over 500 people were evacuated.

**Courts and Corrections Division:** The Corrections Bureaus ensured there was plenty of food, water, and medication in the facility for each hurricane. The Offender Work Program assisted with sandbag distribution prior to the hurricanes and responded to assist with the clean up of debris county wide after the storms had passed. The Court Services Bureau assisted in staffing shelters during each hurricane.

All SCSO employees showed dedication and professionalism during this historic season.



# GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE



Forfeitures received

**\$53,134 + 1 MOTORCYCLE**

Litigation cases closed

**13 CASES CLOSED**

Quotes, contracts, & agreements reviewed

**706**

In-house training classes taught

**30**

Risk Protection Orders reviewed

**23**

Legal questions researched

**1974**

U Visas reviewed

**11**



# TRAINING SERVICES SECTION

SHERIFF  
TRAINING STAFF



**24,919** hours of in-service training to personnel



**60** hours of firearms requalification for guardians



**109** firearms qualifications granted (for HR218)



**63,000+** hours of computer based training provided to the agency



**2** active assailant trainings conducted and **5** agencies trained

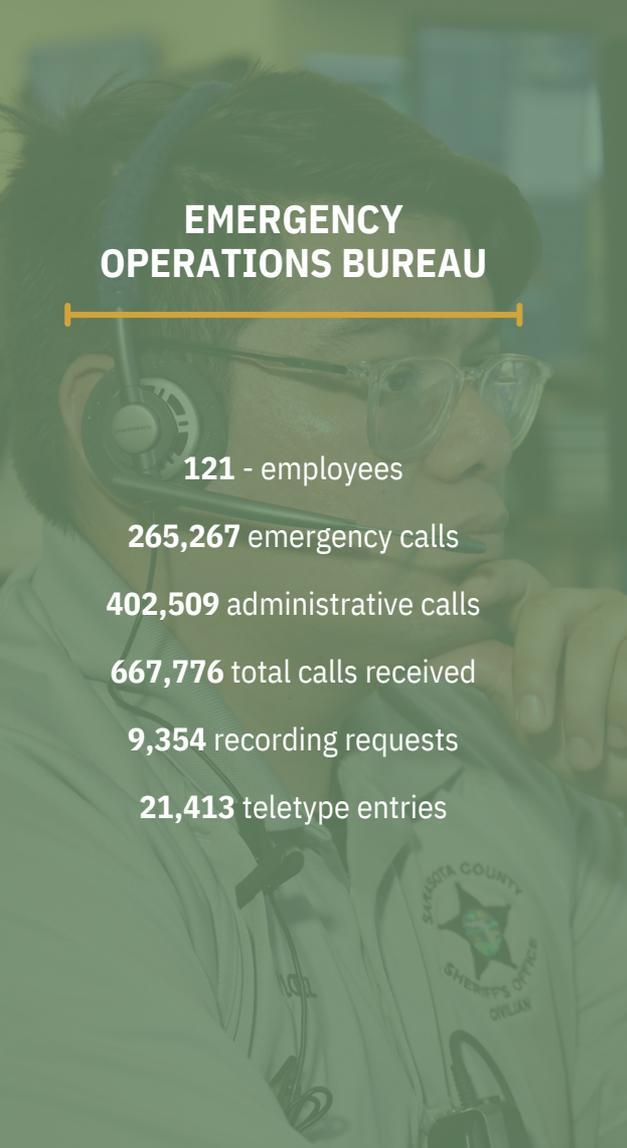
A patch on a uniform sleeve for the Sarasota Sheriff's Office. The patch is shield-shaped with a dark border. At the top, it says "SARASOTA SHERIFF" in a banner. Below that is a central emblem featuring a globe with a cross and a scale. At the bottom, it says "CIVILIAN" in a banner.

*Inside Look:*

# ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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- Emergency Operations Bureau
- Finance Bureau
- Fleet Services Bureau
- Information Technology Bureau
- Human Resources Bureau
- Support Services Bureau



## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU

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**121** - employees

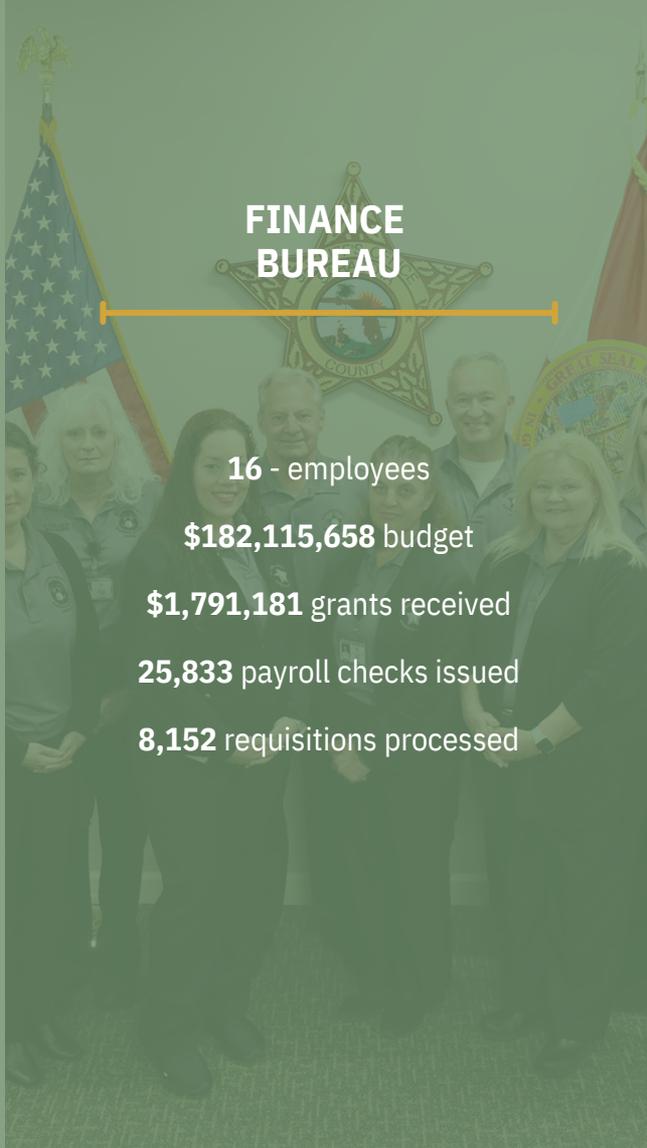
**265,267** emergency calls

**402,509** administrative calls

**667,776** total calls received

**9,354** recording requests

**21,413** teletype entries



## FINANCE BUREAU

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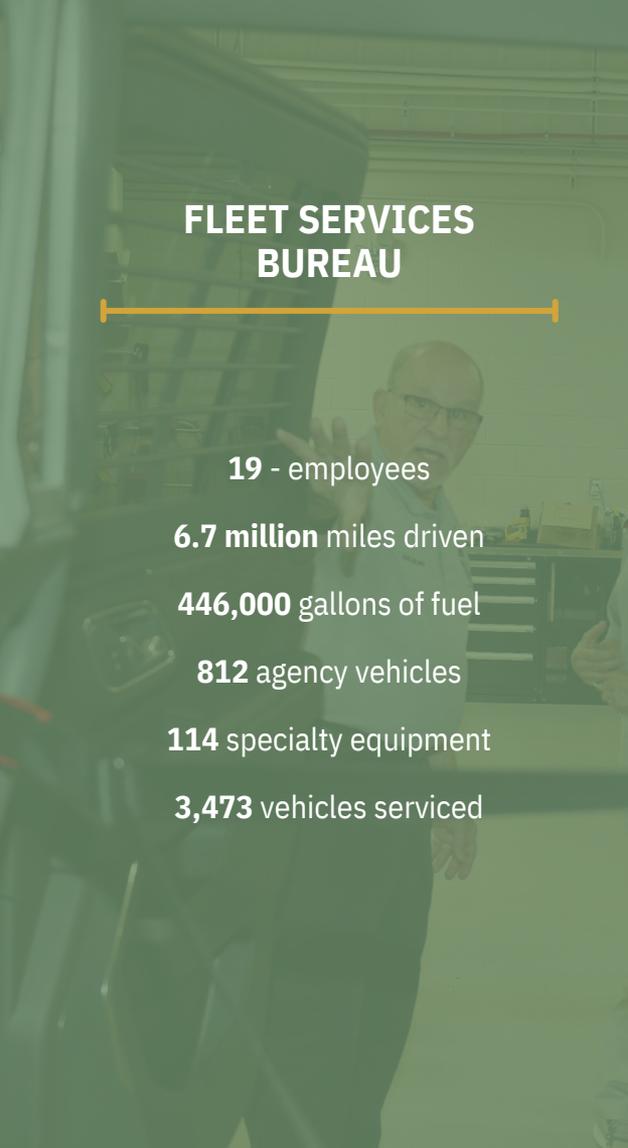
**16** - employees

**\$182,115,658** budget

**\$1,791,181** grants received

**25,833** payroll checks issued

**8,152** requisitions processed



## FLEET SERVICES BUREAU

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**19** - employees

**6.7 million** miles driven

**446,000** gallons of fuel

**812** agency vehicles

**114** specialty equipment

**3,473** vehicles serviced

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUREAU

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**16** - employees

**11,446** help desk calls

**19,440** quarantined emails

**1,025** desktops/laptops

**698** cellular devices

## HUMAN RESOURCES BUREAU

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**15** - employees

**2,053** applicants processed

**127** new hires

**418** FMLA applications

**53** recruiting events

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

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**42** - employees

**29,505** public records requests received

**120** general orders maintained - totaling  
**859** pages

**4** state and international accreditations

**15,231** items received into property

**331** firearms destroyed

**478.4** lbs of RX drugs destroyed

**87,263** items stored (evidence &  
property)

*Inside Look:*

# LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



- Special Operations Bureau
- Investigations Bureau
- Patrol Bureau

**27,695** traffic citations issued by SCSO  
**7,143** vehicle crashes worked by SCSO



### Animal Services

**226** animals adopted  
**764** animals returned to owner  
**2,477** citations issued



### Mounted Patrol

**831** calls for service  
**11** arrests  
**161** special assignments



### Crime Prevention

**1,507** new alarm registrations  
**45** community meetings  
**10,258** attendees



### Homeless Outreach Team

**382** new HOT contacts  
**912** case follow-ups  
**232** bed placements



### Traffic Unit

**17,960** citations issued  
**3,431** crash investigations



### K9 Unit

**990** K9 sniffs  
**468** K9 Back-ups  
**72** individuals located



### Fugitive Apprehension Unit

**78** extraditions  
**276** arrests



### Emergency Response Team

**3** hurricane responses  
**26** team members  
**5** callouts



### Honor Guard

**23** deployments  
**19** team members



### SURF Unit

**18** deployments  
**10** team members  
**130** hours of training



### SWAT Team

**31** deployments  
**28** team members  
**12** search warrants



### Hazardous Device Unit

**90** deployments  
**6** team members  
**716** hours of training



### Hostage Negotiation Team

**8** team members  
**122** hours of training  
**5** call outs



### Siesta Key Unit

**12,229** citizen assists  
**954** warnings issued  
**41** arrests



### Unmanned Aircraft System

**94** hours of training  
**6** team members  
**2** callouts

# MARINE

The marine unit operates six vessels:

- 34' Yellowfin
- 32' Yellowfin
- 24' Yellowfin
- 18' Ranger
- 16' Diamondback airboat
- 16' GatorTrax



**414** warnings issued



**121** calls for service



**123** assists provided to other agencies



**329** safety checks performed



# AVIATION

The aviation unit operates a 2005 Bell 407 helicopter and a 2012 Bell 407 GX helicopter. Both are equipped with a wide variety of enhancements including Forward-Looking Infrared [FLIR] and a 'bambi bucket' used for fire suppression operations.



**1,560** calls for service



**6,600** gallons of water used during fire suppression



**250** assists provided to other agencies



**531** flight hours  
**284.9** nighttime  
**246.1** daytime



# INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Investigations Bureau is comprised of many specialized sections and units that cover the wide-ranging spectrum of criminal investigations. Many of these units assist other law enforcement agencies within and around Sarasota County by providing their specialized services.

## Forensic Identification Unit

- **332** AFIS hits
- **681** total prints identified
- **685** warrants confirmed via prints
- **10,765** ten print cases/arrests processed
- **2,104** public fingerprints taken

## Investigations

- **3,358** cases assigned
- **2,439** cases cleared
- **1,372** fraud related reports
- **255** call outs
- **\$14,921,665.98** reported in fraud loss
- **≈ \$974,135.51** cryptocurrency seizures

## Drug Lab

- **3334** submissions
  - **25** different types of drugs identified
  - **955** cases for Sarasota Police Department
  - **483** cases for North Port Police Department
  - **66** cases for Venice Police Department
  - **31** cases for USF/New College
  - **15** cases for MSO/CCSO/Homeland Security

## Crime Scene

- **272** call outs
- **590** reports generated
- **1,068** hours of training
- **80** hours of FARO training provided to Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and Sarasota Police Department
- **273** in house cases processed

## Intelligence

- **5** call outs
- **84** search warrants
- **331** arrests
- **65,064** gigabytes examined
- **500** ICAC cases investigated

## Victim Assistance Unit

- **43** call outs
- **1,058** victims helped
  - 843** - SCSO
  - 215** - other LE agencies
- **10,175** services offered/provided

## Special Investigations

- **6** call outs
- **19** search warrants
- **47** arrests
- **142** overdoses

# PATROL BUREAU

118,789 calls for service

1.3% increase from last year

## NIBRS CRIME REPORT

Persons Crimes		Property Crimes	
Assault Offenses	1,507	Arson	5
Homicide Offenses	6	Burglary	419
Human Trafficking	0	Forgery/Counterfeiting	129
Sex Offenses - Forcible	54	Vandalism	196
Sex Offenses - Consensual	2	Embezzlement	55
Kidnapping/Abduction/ False Imprisonment	12	Extortion/Blackmail	37
		Fraud	1,412
		Theft/Larceny	2,398
		Motor Vehicle Theft	262
		Robbery	35
		Stolen Property	23
Total Person Crimes	1,581	Total Property Crimes	4,971



*Inside Look:*

# COURTS & CORRECTIONS DIVISION

- Corrections Services Bureau
- Corrections Operations Bureau
- Court Services Bureau

# CORRECTIONS SERVICES BUREAU



**142**  
contacts made by  
re-entry  
navigators



**1,096**  
average daily  
population



**9,596**  
arrests  
processed



**626**  
work offender  
program  
participants



**6**  
GEDs  
earned



**62**  
inmate programs  
offered



**335**  
volunteers



**6,842**  
volunteer hours  
worked



**83**  
vocational  
programs  
completed



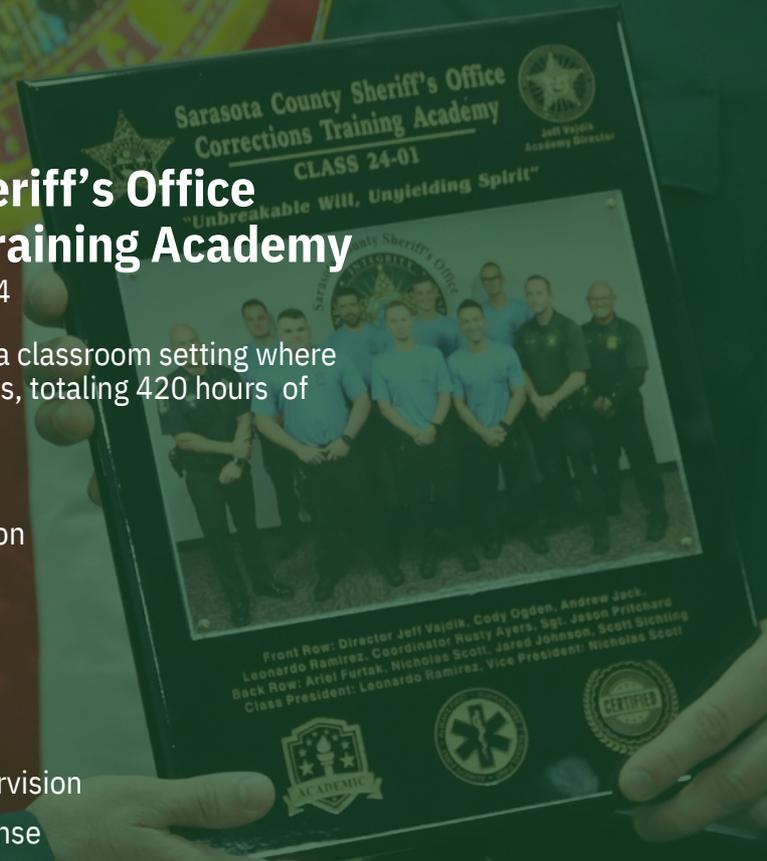
# CORRECTIONS OPERATIONS BUREAU

## Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Inaugural Corrections Training Academy

November 14th 2024

The corrections academy takes place in a classroom setting where the corrections deputies spend 13-weeks, totaling 420 hours of instruction on the following topics:

- physical fitness
- firearms instruction
- defensive tactics
- first aid
- legal overview
- officer safety
- correctional supervision
- emergency response
- communications



# COURT SERVICES BUREAU



**4,285**  
weapons  
recovered from  
court security  
points



**18,920**  
civil paperwork  
served



**5,789**  
inmates  
transported  
to/from court



**6,144**  
first appearances



**411**  
courthouse  
arrests made



**23,667**  
civil paperwork  
processed



**4,012**  
virtual court  
hearings



**329,590**  
visitors to  
courthouses



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



285

children engaged through community and agency-sponsored programs



1,750+

toys donated to the 12th Judicial Circuit's Guardian ad Litem Program, Teen Court of Sarasota, Inc., and All Star Children's Foundation



\$3,935

gift cards collected and donated during the annual holiday toy drive

# AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A police officer in a blue uniform and helmet is riding a brown horse. The officer is wearing a vest with a badge and a utility belt. The horse is wearing a blue halter and a white saddle pad. In the background, a large American flag is visible, and the scene is set outdoors with green foliage. A yellow brushstroke underline is positioned below the title.

1. Reopening of the SCSO South County Office
2. Hosted the Cold Case Advisory Commission
3. Creation of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Team
4. New Taser 10 implementation
5. First recruitment vehicle
6. New Rook vehicle

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SARASOTA COUNTY  
**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



INTEGRITY ★ RESPECT ★ SERVICE ★ FAIRNESS