

ALACHUA



COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Sadie Darnell

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Dear Citizens of Alachua County:

It is my honor to serve as your Sheriff of Alachua County and I am truly appreciative and humbled to serve alongside the men and women of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

As our mission statement expresses, "**Service to the Community First, Commitment to the Employees Always.**" we endeavor to be the best law enforcement agency we can be and to serve our community with integrity.

Each day we protect over 900 square miles of this county, to include our municipalities of Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, LaCrosse, Micanopy, Newberry, and Waldo. The employees of the ACSO work together from Law Enforcement to Communications, to Court Security, Civil, and the Department of the Jail.

2017 was a demanding and challenging year for law enforcement in Alachua County as we experienced the most active and severe hurricane season to impact our area in recent years. Many of our lakes, ponds, and waterways are still at all-time highs from the extreme rains and we are still seeing the damage it has caused to parts of our area.

Our community also experienced potential threats to our citizens' constitutional rights with the arrival of a white nationalist speaker, whose speaking engagements encompassed a history of protest violence by attendees. Under the leadership of Governor Rick Scott and local elected officials who supported public safety and declared a state of emergency, Alachua County sent a powerful message on October 19, 2017, that intentional violence and the erosion of our rights under the U.S. Constitution would not be tolerated.

No matter the obstacle, the men and women of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office work tirelessly 24-hours-per day, seven-days-per-week, to protect and defend this community. As you tour our agency, you will witness the innovative and pioneering methods that this agency takes to improve our level of service to the community each and every day. Our commitment to the citizens of Alachua County grows exponentially every year. Without the support of our citizens, our countless community partners, and all of the local, state, and federal criminal justice organizations, we could not serve at the caliber in which we do.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Sheriff Sadie Darnell".
3/5/18

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ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROGRAMS!:

RAD for Women – RAD is a free program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive course for Alachua County women only ages 13 and up that starts with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance and progresses to the basics of hands-on defense training. RAD is taught in three 4-hour blocks. The first block is a classroom discussion of risk reduction strategies, date rape mentality, and continuum of survival, defensive strategies and the basic principles of defense. The second block introduces students to the basics of hands-on defense training and in the third block; students will participate in simulated assault scenarios with RAD instructors wearing protective gear. If you are interested in our free RAD program, please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 352-374-1800 or email rad@alachuasheriff.org.

RAD for Seniors – This is a new program that takes the basics of RAD for women and adapts them for seniors, ages 60 and up. This class is for men and women. Classes are held at the Senior Recreation Center. For more information, email rad@alachuasheriff.org.

radKIDS – radKIDS is a free course for boys and girls, ages 5-12, that provides educational opportunities for children and parents concerning awareness and personal safety strategies, instilling confidence, and reducing the possibility of adverse physical control and/or harm. Currently, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office holds a radKIDS Summer Camp and assists with programs in schools. For more information, email rad@alachuasheriff.org.

Teen Driver – Teen Driver is a free teen-driver safety course. In the United States every 12 seconds a vehicle crash occurs and they are the number 1 cause of death in teens. The Teen Driver Challenge is designed for your child to experience many real-time situations that could potentially occur on the road, but in a safe and controlled closed-course environment. The Teen Driver Challenge course is a 2-day program. The first day of instruction is held in a classroom and the 2nd day is held on the driving range, where they will be instructed on how to quickly and properly react to road conditions and different scenarios. The maneuvers they will learn will keep them safe during their early years of driving. For more information, please contact the Juvenile Relations Bureau at 352-367-4099 or visit our website, www.alachuasheriff.org and click on the programs tab.

Gun Bounty – In 2010, Sheriff Sadie Darnell partnered with other area law enforcement and Alachua County Crime Stoppers to kick off the Gun Bounty Program via a press conference held at the Alachua Police Department. The Alachua County Gun Bounty Program offers a \$1,000 cash reward for citizen tips that lead to the arrest of individuals within Alachua County involved in crimes where firearms were utilized. This program was designed to expedite the identification and arrest of suspects involved in gun crimes and assist local law enforcement with removing their weapons from the streets. Tipsters can remain anonymous by calling the existing Crime Stoppers number: (352) 372-STOP (7867). One thousand dollars may sound like a lot of money to pay, but it pales in comparison to the costs associated with long term investigations. Our belief is that the bounty money will be an incentive for citizens to come forward and help us shorten these investigations; thereby removing dangerous criminals from our community. Bounty funds will be paid from forfeiture monies seized from other criminals – not taxpayers' funds.

Gun Bounty has been successful in other communities with active citizen participation. Lou Newman, a representative from Alachua County Crime Stoppers said it best, "We need your eyes, your ears and your tips." Help us make Alachua County a safer place for all of us by calling in tips to your nearest law enforcement agency or if you wish to remain anonymous by contacting Crime Stoppers at (352) 372-STOP (7867). For more information, visit www.stopcrime.tv.

Social Sites –In 2010, ACSO joined the social networking craze with our own Facebook, YouTube and Twitter social media sites. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gainesville-FL/Alachua-County-Sheriff/127800077278> , Twitter: <http://twitter.com/AlachuaSheriff>, YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/alachuasheriff> to find out more. You can also subscribe to Nixle alerts by signing up at their website <http://www.nixle.com> or by texting your zip code to 888777.

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Sheriff's Office Tour

1. Tour of ACSO Facilities.

- Combined Communications Center/Emergency Operations Center
- Fleet Maintenance
- Patrol Operations Division
- Gym
- Property/Evidence Section
- Specialty Vehicles Area
- Forensics Unit
- Criminal Investigations Division
- Trauma Intervention and Special Services Bureau
- Juvenile Relations Bureau
- Warrants Bureau
- Public Information Office
- Administration Offices
- Accounting and Budget
- Office of the Sheriff
- Records Bureau
- Office of Professional Standards
- Human Resources Bureau
- Lobby

2. 20 minute presentation by Sheriff Sadie Darnell followed by a question and answer session.

