

# 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 (ASO). 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.

Last year was a challenging and heartbreaking year for Florida when the Parkland shooting occurred, killing 17 people and wounding many others. It was a catalyst for change within our school systems, law enforcement, and other governmental agencies throughout Florida. Former Governor Rick Scott immediately convened a working group to look into the many concerns regarding the Parkland shooting. Not long after, Senate Bill 7026 (SB 7026), also known as the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act was put into effect.

After the December 2012 Sandy Hook school massacre in Connecticut, I disbanded ASO's Traffic Unit, effective January 2013, in order to move deputies into elementary schools for the first time in our history. This completed ASO's deployment within public schools in our jurisdiction well before the Florida Legislature made this mandatory via SB 7026. As a result, the impacts to ASO were significantly lessened for our school resource deputies. Our school resource deputies are well prepared to continue focusing their efforts on the safety of our children.

At the beginning of January 2019, a deadly crash claimed the lives of seven people, five of whom were children headed to Walt Disney World. Simply tragic. As we reflect on 2018 in the improvements needed, a focus for 2019 will be to bring back the previously disbanded traffic unit to assist in focusing traffic efforts on the interstate and major roadways within Alachua County. Interstate 75 has proven repeatedly to be a dangerous roadway and I believe a reinstatement of that unit is not only necessary, but also prudent to save lives.

No matter the obstacle, the men and women of ASO work tirelessly, 24/7, to protect and defend this community. Our commitment to the citizens of Alachua County grows exponentially every year and without the support of our citizens and employees, the countless partners in the community, all the other criminal justice organizations, we could not serve at the caliber in which we do.

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 ASO work together from Law Enforcement to Communications, to Court Security, Civil, and the Department of the Jail. Together, we are the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Sincerely,

*Sadie Darnell* 3/13/19  
Sheriff

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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.**

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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 four 3-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 and third blocks introduce students to the basics of hands-on defense training and in the fourth 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rad@alachuasheriff.org). For more information about the radKIDS® program, visit their national website at [www.radkids.org](http://www.radkids.org).

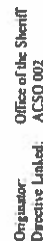
**Teen Driver** – Teen Driver is a free teen-driver safety course. In the United States every 12 seconds a vehicle crash occurs and they are the number 1 cause of death in teens. The Teen Driver Challenge is designed for your child to experience many real-time situations that could potentially occur on the road, but in a safe and controlled closed-course environment. The Teen Driver Challenge course is a one-day program where your teen will be instructed 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, or to register your teen for the Teen Driver Challenge, please contact Deputy Dan Maynard of the Juvenile Relations Bureau at 352-318-2729 or e-mail him at [dmaynard@alachuasheriff.org](mailto:dmaynard@alachuasheriff.org).

**Gun Bounty** – In 2010, Sheriff Sadie Darnell collaborated 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](http://www.stopcrime.tv).

**Social Sites** – In 2010, ACSO joined the social networking craze with our own Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter social media sites. The links are: (Facebook) <https://www.facebook.com/AlachuaCountySheriff/>, (Instagram) <https://www.instagram.com/alachuasheriff/>, (Twitter) <http://twitter.com/AlachuaSheriff>, and (YouTube) <http://www.youtube.com/alachuasheriff>. 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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