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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished law enforcement professional with proven expertise in patrol operations, school safety and security operational practices. Manages activities with good understanding of current trends and future goals. I offer excellent management and team leadership skills that helps with the professional growth of others.

SKILLS

- Manage personnel
- Coordinate projects
- Customer relations
- Attention to detail
- Law enforcement certified
- Hire talent
- Problem-solving
- Verbal communication
- Documentation
- Multi-tasking

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director of Safety and Security, Marion County Public Schools, Feb 2017 -
Current Ocala, FL 34471

- Design, implement, and evaluate safety and prevention programs that educate students, staff and visitors.
- Review and monitor the design, construction, renovation, and/or modification of new or existing structures to ensure compliance with legal standards.
- Develop policy recommendations for Board consideration and adoption.
- Coordinate activities or programs with outside agencies, such as vocational rehabilitation, police and fire departments and federal agencies, etc.
- Plan, develop and conduct in-service training courses and workshops for staff and teachers.
- Develop long-range (3 to 5 years) goals, objectives, and priorities for a school, department, program, or the district.
- Advise, update and make recommendations to the Superintendent on all matters related to the Marion County School Board Police Department and its operations.
- Ensure compliance to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.
- Design, implement, supervise and manage all police functions, policies, procedures, administrative guidelines, guiding documents and training programs.
- Ensure the Marion County School Board Police Department develops and implement a comprehensive and modern approach to training programs that addresses school safety and security for all school board properties.
- Assist with the coordination and designing of protection/security strategies for large and special events held on school board properties. These include, but are not limited to graduations, athletic events, musical events, assemblies, protests, board meetings, work sessions, and walkouts. This also includes events that are sponsored by community groups and held on school properties.

- Advise and make recommendations and necessary safety arrangements for school events that involve out of county or out of state travel.
- Assist and support the Marion County School Board's vision for physical security, access control, visitor management and other safety-related initiatives.
- Ensure site assessments comply with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.
- Assist schools and departments to design and conduct annual safety briefings and training.
- Assist the district to implement effective Drug Free Schools programs.
- Assist in grant writing procedures for securing additional monies.
- Assist and advise the school district relative to field trip security and safety.
- Perform other incidental tasks consistent with the goals and objectives of this position as directed by the Superintendent.
- Represent the district in a positive and professional manner and demonstrate support for the school district and its goals and priorities.

Patrol Deputy (Retired Captain), Marion County Sheriff's Office, Jun 1994 - Sep 2015, Ocala, FL

- Responded to active crime scenes, aiding victims and apprehending suspects.
- Used good interviewing and listening skills when talking to complainants and witnesses.
- Worked with other law enforcement jurisdiction at municipal, county, state, and federal agency levels in conducting joint investigations and operations.
- Served as an emergency responder to accident scenes, robberies in progress, and civil disturbances.
- Scheduled officers and assigned functions based on coverage requirements and unexpected demands.
- Supervised daily patrolling operations during shift, assigning areas and monitoring calls.
- Disciplined staff for violations of department rules and regulations.
- Organized campaigns for community awareness and outreach programs.
- Maintained strong outreach with the local community to improve the success of all departmental strategies.

MILITARY

Artillery, U.S. Army, Jul 1985 - Jul 1987, El Paso, TX
U.S. Army Reserve, July 1987-September 1991

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice May 2010
Saint Leo University - Saint Leo, FL
 • Minor in Management.
 • Graduated Cum Laude

Associate of Arts, Criminal Justice May 2009
College of Central Florida - Ocala, FL

Saint Leo Officer Command School May 2005

New Police Chiefs Training Seminar August 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Former member and Past President of Rotary Club of Belleview

Current Member of Governor's West Ocala Revitalization Council

Deacon at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church

Region 3 Board Member of the Florida School Safety Specialists Association

Member of the Florida Police Chiefs Association