



Sheriff Scott Israel

HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM INITIATIVE

The Broward Sheriff's Office Homeless Outreach Team began shortly after Sheriff Scott Israel was elected as Sheriff in January, 2013. Sheriff Israel authorized the purchase of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) using Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) money of \$350,000 to help the County get started. The Broward Sheriff's Office has partnered with numerous homeless outreach stakeholders to conduct a co-responder outreach effort.

Our Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) deputies receive 40-hours of Crisis Intervention Team training for mental health awareness and response, as well as 40-hours of Homeless Outreach Team Specialist training by the Multi-Agency Homeless Taskforce (a Florida non-profit for law enforcement officers) to conduct homeless outreach assessments. The Broward Sheriff's Office has 82 HOT specialists throughout our 16 contacted municipalities and unincorporated areas. These specialists serve as the front line in helping homeless individuals end their cycle of homelessness.

Part of the Broward Sheriff's Office's success in Homeless Outreach has been through educating our deputies on best practices, providing new tools through connections with social services and reducing recidivism in our criminal justice system – providing alternatives to arrest whenever possible.

Below is a snapshot of the Broward Sheriff's Office contact, referrals/placements, as compared to the countywide Point in Time Count and jail data from all police agencies in the County.

BSO Contacts - Referrals/Placements

Year	Contacts Made	Placements/Referrals
2014	789	152
2015	2669	418
2016	2593	352

Point in Time Count - Countywide

Year	Total Population	Trend From Previous Year
2014	2766	1.5% Decrease
2015	2615	5.5% Decrease
2016	2302	12% Decrease

Individuals Claiming "At Large" Incarcerated - All Police Agencies

Year	Booked At Large	Trend From Previous Year
2014	2415	2.7% Decrease
2015	2267	6.1% Decrease
2016	1954	13.8% Decrease