Service Equals Reward. That’s the motto of the Broward Sheriff’s Office under Sheriff Gregory Tony, and it influences each decision the agency makes. It’s also the basis for BSO’s new podcast, Shop Talk with the Sheriff. In each episode, Sheriff Tony takes listeners inside BSO, discussing topics like police reform, technological advancements in public safety and initiatives designed to enhance community trust. Join Sheriff Tony on each episode for an honest and informative discussion. To listen, please visit anchor.fm/browardsheriff or find us on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, iHeartRadio or Google Podcasts.

Stay current on important crime prevention and safety tips through the exciting Road 2 Safety program!

By signing up for Road 2 Safety, you’ll receive important emails, safety tips and public safety announcements on topics such as bicycle safety, protecting seniors from scams, protecting children in cars, safeguarding homes from fires and ensuring shopping safety during the holidays.

Sign up at www.sheriff.org/safety for this FREE service.

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**Sheriff Gregory Tony**

“This past year has presented unprecedented challenges, from social unrest to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, through it all, the men and women of the Broward Sheriff’s Office have remained committed to carrying out our mission to safeguard the Broward community.”

— Sheriff Gregory Tony

**ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY, COMMUNICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Broward Sheriff’s Office strives to be the most transparent and accountable public safety agency in the country.

- We have established a Use of Force Review Board, the first-ever in BSO’s history.
- We have appointed new members to the Professional Standards Committee, including members from the community, to review internal disciplinary matters.
- We have invested $1 million toward enhanced Racial Equity and Cultural Diversity Training.
- We have implemented 8 Can’t Wait, eight immediate proven steps to curtail police violence.
Social Justice Task Force

Sheriff Gregory Tony launched the Social Justice Task Force (SJTF) to help our Broward communities achieve greater justice and equity. The task force is a civilian and law enforcement collaboration comprised of a diverse group of BSO personnel, community activists, religious leaders and members of various community organizations. The focus of the task force is to improve relationships and trust with the communities we serve.

If you would like more information, please call 954-321-4410 or visit www.sheriff.org/TaskForce.

Investing in Our Youth

Ensuring our children become the next generation of leaders starts by exposing them to positive values and role models. As part of our commitment to our county’s youth, BSO has established an innovative program that promotes positive values and productivity to assist youth on their journey toward a successful future.

The Broward Sheriff’s Office Youth L.E.A.D. Camp (Learning, Educating and Developing) is an innovative eight-week summer program that helps develop Broward County youth into strong, responsible and civically-engaged adults. In partnership with community-based organizations, the program mentors youth ages 10-18 on seven life pillars that are valuable for building their skills and confidence. For more information, please visit www.sheriff.org/LEAD.

Meetin Needs

BSO’s Neighborhood Support Team (NST) was created to build and strengthen relationships with the communities we serve. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the NST saw a vital need to help those struggling financially to put food on their tables. We worked with Feeding South Florida and other community partners to provide more than 18,000 boxes of food to residents across the county. BSO is committed to listening to the needs of the community and implementing initiatives to best meet those needs. To learn more, please visit www.sheriff.org/NST.

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Citizens Academy

Want to know what it’s like to serve your community as a public safety professional? Now you can! Join the men and women behind the badge in exploring how BSO serves the community. The BSO Citizens Academy is a 10-week program where participants receive hands-on experience with different aspects of BSO, including defensive tactics, active shooter training and our weapons simulator. For more information about the Citizens Academy, or if you are interested in signing up, please visit www.sheriff.org/CitizensAcademy.

On the job training

Enthusiastic men and women ready to begin their law enforcement career are now getting a jump-start in BSO’s Pre-Academy Physical Readiness Program. Enrolled cadets undergo weeks of rigorous training before entering the police academy to prepare them for success. It teaches self-control, discipline and teamwork. For more information, please email recruitmentunit@sheriff.org.

Department of Preparedness and Response

BSO’s newly created Department of Preparedness and Response is the latest step in ensuring BSO is better equipped and fully prepared to address today’s public safety challenges. The department centralizes BSO’s training efforts and the deployment of our special operations units to maximize response capabilities, resulting in superior service to Broward County.

Learn more about how BSO is staying at the forefront of training and preparedness.

How can BSO help you?

Are you planning a vacation soon? We have you covered. BSO’s Vacation Watch is a free program where a deputy, community service aide or COP volunteer will regularly check on your home while you are away. To participate, please call your local BSO district office. For more information about these or other programs offered by the Broward Sheriff’s Office, please call 954-831-8902 or visit sheriff.org.

Vacation Home Watch Program

Business and Residential Surveys

Business and residential property owners can receive a FREE BSO security survey to reduce the likelihood of burglary and theft.

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