



Weekly Rap-Up

Editor's Note: The Sheriff's Office Weekly Rap-Up comes out on Friday afternoon, and includes any announcements, important messages, or not so important messages that employees of the Sheriff's Office would like to communicate to the rest of the agency. If you have something you would like to communicate, please send it to me and I will be happy to include it. Send it to beckyherrin@keysso.net, or in the courier to Deputy Becky Herrin, Community Relations Division, Headquarters building on Stock Island.

Ask the Administration

Question: I am member of the FOP. I know we voted your proposal down but I have a question. Will we still get our raise on October 1st? And what about the increase in allowed vacation balances to 320 hours will we still get that?

Answer: That is a simple answer: No. You voted against it, so you don't get it.

Question: A few weeks ago someone asked the Sheriff to consider allowing one of the records clerks to stay with the agency and work both KV and PK Jail. I was wondering if a decision has been made. If he allowed this thank you and God Bless you. If not can you please explain why and God Bless us.

Answer: This has still not been decided. Chief Taylor and Captain Age will be meeting with the Sheriff's about it and will make a decision.

Question: I work at the courthouse. We have reserved parking spaces that are not being used properly. You have two on Fleming Street that are not needed. The side where MC Public Works has their parking MCSO has parking spaces on both ends. You have five spaces on Thomas Street corner of Fleming behind the new courthouse: three spaces are for MCSO transportation vans and two for reserved for MCSO. Plus the courthouse has a parking space in the building like a sally port, that's a total of six spaces. The jail doesn't even have that many vans. So the employees in the control room are the ones to park their personal vehicles and no one else better park there or they will chew your ass off. You have supervisors that park in the parking

lot where we all should be parking. The control room should not be allowed to park their personal vehicles in these spaces. It doesn't look good for MCSO having reserved spaces for personal vehicles.

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Training Sgt. Dave Johnson was honored at a retirement ceremony September 1, 2009. Dave has worked for the Sheriff's Office since July of 1998 and has a total of 41 years in law enforcement. Above, Dave stands with SWAT Leader Donnie Catala, who attended the ceremony. Dave has been on the SWAT team as a Sniper for the last nine years. He will be missed.



Birthdays!

Happy Birthday next week!

NAME	TITLE	DOB
Helago, Gustavo	Deputy Sheriff	9/7
Snider, Tamara	Executive Assistant	9/7
Feola, Salvatore	Communications Officer	9/7
Baar, John Paul	Detention Deputy	9/8
Todd, Julia	911 Database Coordinator	9/8
Katz, Steven	Sergeant Detention Deputy	9/8
Mixon, Eric	Sergeant Deputy Sheriff	9/8
Thomas, Kelby	Property Assistant	9/9
Gates, Rachelle	Staff Accreditation Inspector	9/9
Der, Szandra	DD Auxiliary	9/10
Cruz, Louis	Parking Enforcement Specialist	9/11
Leird, Andrew	Deputy Sheriff-Traffic	9/11
Smith, Robert	Reserve Deputy	9/11
Chavka, David	Deputy Sheriff	9/12
Winegarden, Bruce	Captain Inspector General	9/13

Happy Birthday this week

NAME	TITLE	DOB
Korzen, Greg	Deputy Sheriff - Traffic	9/1
Gaete, Francisco	Deputy Sheriff	9/2
Holroyd, Lee Ann	Sergeant Detective - HIDTA	9/3
Fricke, Kenneth	Deputy Sheriff	9/3
Denton, Jamie	Detention Records Manager	9/3
Harer, Dennis	Programs Asst. - Classification	9/4
Schlegelmilch, William	Deputy Sheriff-SRO	9/5
Carter, Colleen	Records Assistant	9/6
Dalton, Donald	Deputy Sheriff	9/6

For Rent

Barry Jacobson, an Orlando Police Officer, would like to rent his properties in the keys, preferably to a fellow LEO.

One property comes available October 1st. It is a Doublewide 1080 sq ft. on pier foundation with 71 foot of concrete dock/seawall on a deep draft boating canal with direct access to Big Pine Channel. Three bdrm / 2 bath, large family room, dining room, kitchen and laundry room. Screened front porch and rear patio. Parking for approx 4 cars and a fenced yard. Rent \$1400.00 per month.

Second property on Big Coppitt, available

For Sale

1500 sq ft Cudjoe Key CBS canal home for sale. Three bedroom, three bath with additional mother-in-law suite with plenty of storage downstairs, covered downstairs patio, concrete dock and ocean views from front porch. Quick boating access to Atlantic or Gulf.

Asking \$465,000 or make an offer.

For more information call 360-5986

Help a soldier in Iraq

Sgt. Simonet at the Stock Island Detention Center will be sending out another shipment to her adopted soldier in Iraq. What they really need over there is phone cards.

So, if you want to help, donate cash or a phone card - get your donation to Sgt. Simonet and she will send them to Iraq.

now. Ground level concrete home 1200 sq ft. 3 Bdrm/ 2 bath, liv, dining, kitchen. Large rear yard on deep draft boating canal with 50 ft concrete dock and 3 lots to the open water. Just completed, pea rock yard, fresh interior paint from top to bottom, a/c and new light fixtures.

Rent \$1500.00 per month. I have some room to work with long term tenant.

For Sale

Kayaks for sale. Ocean Kayak Scrambler model, 11' single person sit on top kayaks, recently refurbished and water tested. \$185 each, retails new at \$599, contact Lt. J. Sheagren for more information or pictures, 853-7433.

Ask the Administration, continued

My suggestion is: I've never seen more than two jail vans down here at the same time. So, have two spaces reserved for transportation vans on the street and one in the sally port for a total of three spaces. The other three spaces on the street for marked unit / patrol cars. You have KWPD, MCSO, FHP, FWC etc. that have to go to court. If they had these spaces to park in they could be in and out more quickly and back out patrolling the streets. That would also help them be on time to court. It's not good when they have to drive around the block three or four times looking for a parking space. I think it would look good to have marked units in these reserved spaces instead of personal vehicles.

Answered by Director Sharon Harrold: Public Works controls the signage around the courthouse area. I contacted Public Works and asked them to remove the Sheriff's Office spot at the front near Whitehead Street. I asked that new signs be placed in three of the "Sheriff Only" spots to read for "Marked Units Only". These spots are designated for the use of Sheriff's Office vehicles or other marked units and not for personal use.

Question: Why does MCSO have a SWAT Team and a Bomb Squad?.....When untrained "Detectives" are breaking down doors and Road Deputies are searching cars for "BOMBS". This is ridiculous. I have never worked at an

agency or heard of an agency, whose detectives were playing SWAT games. Or road patrol searching for BOMBS! Sheriff Peryam, This should be a red flag to you, isn't this a huge liability to this agency? Isn't there a protocol for these kinds of things? I think we need to revisit the "purpose" of the detectives, they are DETECTIVES they are not a trained SWAT Team. I trust the actions of those road deputies who searched the vehicle for a bomb, are being investigated! Thank you Sheriff Peryam for looking into this, and keeping all of us safe!

Answered by Rick Ramsay: This is a three part question, thus there are three responses. It is clear to me that the SWAT and BOMB question revolve around two recent cases being District 6 and District 7, thus the commanding officers will respond.

As for the administrative portion, the detectives that are being identified are clearly from narcotics. The detectives are trained and have been to Camp Blanding for entry training. These detectives conduct more entries than SWAT does and have the same equipment other than full automatic weapons. It was unfortunate that the two detectives were not wearing their issued SWAT entry vests while they attempted to arrest this fugitive. The Captain arrived and after evaluating the situation made a determination.

The Captain asked for permission and was given the authority to make the call. It is not uncommon to have a tactical alert and, prior to special team arrival, cancel responding units.

I am unaware of the details of the BOMB incident at Mariners, thus I cannot respond to that.

There is always liability no matter who shows up. For instance, we are being sued right now for a call out where SWAT was on scene and was acting as such. It is not so easy to make everything black and white. Protocol does not cover everything and latitude has to be given to commanders, who are on scene with all of the knowledge.

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Dear Friends and Supporters of the Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc.

The Domestic Abuse Shelter fund raiser, the No Name Race 2010, is scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2010 to begin at 8:00 am on No Name Key! Walkers are also welcome, although for liability reasons no dogs please. The registration fee is \$20.00 per person up until race day. On site registration will be \$25.00 per person. There will be discounted registration fees for children so feel free to bring the entire family!

Race applications will be ready early November 2009. Prizes will be available for the runner and walker that raises the most money for the Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc. So, start working on your personal pledges today!

Kindest regards,

Venita Garvin Valdez, CEO, 305-743-5452 office, 305-498-8779 cell, vrgarvin@aol.com

Ask the Administration, continued

I have asked Lt. Brazil to respond as well, as they are his detectives that are being criticized.

Answered by Captain Donnie Fanelli: Because of the original call reported to me I decided to mobilize SWAT. Their time delay to the Upper Keys is two hours, plus briefing and set up time. To minimize time delay I requested them en route.

When I arrived on scene the officers had excellent control of the incident to include a good perimeter. We had contact with the suspect whom we were very familiar with. The apartment is a 400 square foot room where we have responded numerous times and were very familiar with the lay out. There was no reason to believe the suspect was armed or had access to a fire-arm.

I set up a command post and consulted with my lieutenant, two sergeants and officers on the scene. As I received additional information and reevaluated the incident (that's what command

does), I was CONVINCED we could make entry into this small apartment safely and without incident.

All situations have risk, however I felt this would be successful. Without any doubt I made a sound decision and stand by that decision today.

From the fire department we obtained and utilized the same entry equipment SWAT uses. We used experienced officers who have made entry before. We forced entry and made the arrest without incident.

By the way, through windows, door glass and a sliding glass door, we were able to keep a visual on the suspect most of this incident, including during entry.

Immediately after successful apprehension of the suspect SWAT was cancelled and the incident terminated.

I could only hope that this explanation satisfies the uninformed writer. I too have worked with other agencies and have been with Monroe County for 23 years. I dispute his/her insistence on other agencies entry procedures. There are

and will continue to be incidents were patrol must make entry. There are situations that warrant SWAT and situations where low risk entries can safely be made without using those resources. Those decisions are for command officers to make.

Answered by Tom Brazil:

The basic gist of this question is why does MCSO have a Bomb Squad and a SWAT Team and why does SWAT not serve all search warrants? As to the first part of the question, why do we have these specially trained people, the answer should be obvious: special situations call for special training.

As to the second part of the question why do detectives do entries in some situations? Well in a county 125 miles long with SWAT members performing SWAT duties ancillary to their regular duty assignments,

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Special Operations Employees held a “Going Away” lunch recently for Lt. Nancy Alvarez; she is now the Lieutenant for Sector 7. Here she is with her going away plaque. The photo was blurred to protect those who may not want to be identified as law enforcement officers.

Ask the Administration, continued

the simple answer is resources. In SID we use a matrix to determine the potential known risk involved in an entry. Questions such as prior violence, weapons, etc. are taken into consideration to determine if the potential risk warrants the use of a full blown SWAT response to do the entry, or is it reasonably safe for detectives and uniform to do it? Our detectives have hard cover body armor; all have had training on effecting entries, some even having attended SWAT school in the past.

The bottom line: I will never knowingly put people at undue risk and will always err on the side of caution. If a situation dictates a special response then that is what will happen.

Question: I would like to request that the Sheriff authorize us to carry Springfield Armory's XD and XDm models of firearms. They meet the Agency's requirements and are proven reliable firearms. A number of us have our own and would like to carry them.

Answered by Undersheriff Rick Ramsay: We receive requests throughout the year to authorize new guns to be added to the approved list. We consider each request as they come in after reviewing all of the information and reviews of the weapon. Please forward all of the needed information and reviews of the gun and we will consider your request.

Question: It's my understanding that the agency might purchase 2 replacement BMWs.

Tow companies offer FREE ride home over the holiday weekend

AAA Auto Club South, Alex's Towing & BK Towing will be protecting everyone on the road for the Labor Day holiday weekend by providing a FREE ride home and towing of the car of an intoxicated driver from Friday September 4th through Monday September 7th.

'Tow to Go' provides a FREE confidential ride home and tow to anyone in a bar or restaurant who may have had too much to drink simply by calling 1-800-AAA-HELP.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A AAA MEMBER! ANYONE CAN USE THIS SERVICE FOR FREE! Call 1-800-AAA-HELP

BMW motorcycles are some of the best bikes made and with proper care can last 60000-to-80000 miles. Can that \$40000 be used to purchase Tasers or laptops for all the Deputies?

Answered by Undersheriff Rick Ramsay: Your understanding is correct we have ordered 2 new motorcycles. These two motorcycles will replace two with the highest mileage and which are in the worst condition. We have also ordered more Tasers and laptop computers. We cannot, however, afford to buy a Taser and Laptop for everyone. The cost of the items themselves, as well as the support for them (cartridges for the Tasers, replacements for both items when they break, etc.) is prohibitively expensive. The fact is, even if they don't have a Taser issued to them, deputies have access to Tasers while on duty. Laptops have been issued to all deputies whose duties warrant the use of the equipment. While the issuance of more equipment might seem like a positive, we have to evaluate the long term financial implications as well as the benefits.

How much does it cost to employ a Certified Officer?

The following example looks at a certified Corrections Officer currently at step 2, including the 4% raise they will get starting October 1st:

Annual	\$ amt
Base Pay	39,452.00
Holiday Pay	1,517.00
Social Security Tax	2,540.14
Medicare Tax	594.06
Retirement Benefits	8,570.71
Annual Leave	2,078.93
Sick Leave	1,821.36
Health Insurance	8,880.00
Subtotal	65,454.21
Professional Liability Ins.	950.00
Statutory Insurance	18.57
Life Insurance	36.00
W/Comp	1,312.85
Total cost to employ	67,771.63