



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 bekyherrin@keysso.net, or in the courier to Deputy Becky Herrin, Community Relations Division, Headquarters building on Stock Island.

Upcoming Holiday Events

- **Bureau of Corrections Holiday Pot Luck:** December 17th at 11:30 a.m. on the Chief's Terrace. Call Mary Cohen at 292-7338 for details.
- **District 7 Holiday Luncheon:** December 16th at 11:30 a.m. at the Roth Building, Plantation Key, in the conference room. Bring a covered dish. Call Peggy Bryan at 853-3211 for details.
- **Headquarters Holiday Luncheon:** December 15th at 12 noon. Contact Tiffany O'Connell for details at 292-7050.
- **Headquarters Christmas Tree decorating contest:** Judging will be December 15th at 10 a.m. Rules: Tree can be real or fake; Lights can be used; decorations must be 75% handmade; nothing unsuitable for office environment.
- **Tavernier volunteer fire department Toy Drive:** December 12th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a new unwrapped toy or a cash donation and let the kids see the fire trucks.
- **Fraternal Order of Police Christmas Party:** December 19th at Hawk's Cay Resort. \$25 per person or \$35 for non-Sheriff's Office. Call Lee Cowart for details.
- **State Attorney's Christmas Party:** December



12th, 4 to 8 p.m. at Chesapeake Beach Resort in Islamorada. RSVP to 305-588-5014 or email mirnamiami@yahoo.com.

Toyz for Keyz Kidz still accepting donations of toys

Sheriff's Office employees are continuing their yearly effort to collect toys for needy kids in the Keys this Christmas season.

They have named their effort "Toyz for Keyz Kidz", (formerly Toys for Tots). The group works in partnership with the Salvation Army to distribute toys and food during the holidays.

Right now, they are collecting unwrapped new toys and monetary donations. The donations and toys can be dropped off at Sheriff's Substations on Cudjoe Key, in Marathon, Islamorada and Plantation Key as well as at the Sheriff's Headquarters building on Stock Island. All proceeds will benefit needy Monroe County kids age 0 – 17 this Christmas. Last Christmas season, hundreds of families benefited this toy drive.

Other toy drop off locations include:

- Kiffney's Gun Shop in Key Largo
- Moore Books in Key Largo
- Tropical Styles Hair Salon in Key Largo
- Cover to Cover Books in Islamorada
- Keys Federal Credit Union in Marathon
- Chappy's Restaurant in Marathon

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- Cracked Conch Restaurant in Marathon
- The Fruit Stand in Marathon
- Marathon Fire Department
- The Design Source in Marathon
- TIB Bank in Marathon
- Gioia's Hair Salon in Marathon

For more information, contact Peggy Bryan in the upper Keys at 853-3211; Linda Mixon in the middle Keys at 797-0089; and Tiffany O'Connell in the lower Keys at 292-7050.

Southernmost Federal Credit Union offers New Car loan special

From December 1 - 24, get a new car loan from Southernmost Federal Credit Union at 4.50% for up to 72 months. Some restrictions apply. Call 305-296-6568 for details.

Girl Scout Cookies for sale



It's that time once again that Caitlin is selling Girl Scout Cookies...

Pre-Orders for Girl Scouts are being taken now until December 11th. \$3.50 per box. If you know of anyone who is interested..... Delivery Date: January 11th.

Contact Tamara Snider at (305) 292-7092 / 292-7090 or Email: tsnider@keysso.net.

Animal Farm Christmas - December 13th

Make sure to mark your calendar - the Sheriff's Office Animal Farm will be hosting the annual Christmas on the Farm event on Sunday, December 13th, from 1pm to 3pm. There will be ornaments for the children to color, face painting, holiday music, the Masonic Lodge Child ID trailer, and Santa will stop by for photos and to hand out gifts to all the good little girls and boys.

Everyone is invited to attend this wonderful FREE family event. Donations are, of course, greatly appreciated because they help keep the animal's habitats in good repair and help pay for food and up-



keep at the farm.

The farm has about 250 animals of all kinds and is truly a wonderful place for children and adults alike. The farm is open second and fourth Sundays of every month. Groups may schedule special trips by contacting Farmer Jeanne Selander at 305-293-7300. The farm is located underneath the Monroe County Detention Center, off of College Road on Stock Island.

Selection of Officer/Employee of the Fourth Quarter of 2009

It is time once again for us to gather the nominations for "Officer/Employee of the Fourth Quarter" for 2009. Each Division Commander and/or Sheriff's Staff Officer can send in a nomination for one of the following categories.



Law Enforcement, Corrections, Communication Officer, Support, Reserve Deputies, Explorers/Cadets.

Please review your files and submit your nominations in writing to me no later than January 4, 2009, also any additional documentation supporting the nominations should be attached for references.

If you have any questions or comments pertaining to this memorandum, please feel free to contact Deshawn Jackson at 292-7044.

Financial Planning offered by the Florida Retirement System

If you are having trouble paying your bills, MyFRS offers a free service which could be of help to you. Their planners can assist with mapping out a strategy for



managing debt and cash flow issues; addressing issues such as education funding, insurance and retirement planning.

All this is available at no cost to you. Call 1-866-446-9377 anytime Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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Court Case numbers change

Around the end of November, the case number format currently in use for Felony, Misdemeanor, Criminal Traffic and Juvenile Delinquency cases will be changed to conform to the standard case number format also utilized by Lee, Orange and other Clerk's Offices in the State of Florida who also utilize Tyler Technologies Odyssey software. Utilizing the standard case number format to create the uniform case number provides significant cost savings.

The new case number format only pertains to consolidated case numbers assigned a defendant identifier such as A, B, C, etc.

An example would be:

Old Format	New Format
09-CF-000040-M-A	09-CF-000040-A-M
09-CJ-000120-K-B	09-CJ-000120-B-K

Once this change has been implemented, simply enter the new case number, such as 09CF40AM, to inquire on a case in Odyssey.

Salvation Army Food Drive

The Salvation Army is accepting non-perishable food items to help those that are experiencing difficult times. The food is not only for the Holidays but after as well, they help those in need all year long. We have two boxes for donations. One is located on the first floor of the Headquarters Building and the other is in the Jail in the Administration area by the soda machines. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Softball Game A Success

The benefit softball game between The Marathon Chamber of Commerce and The Marathon Jaycees was a huge success, raising \$3000.00 for Toyz For Keyz Kidz.

The game was spirited, to say the least; with the Jaycees taking the sky-high trophy.

We were especially honored and grateful for our Color Guard. 2nd Class Petty Officer (Ret.) Joe Stickney and Army 82nd Airborne E4 Specialist and Conch Wayne Baird who was on leave from Iraq presented the flag.

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful 7th inning stretch performance by the MHS JV Cheerleading Squad. Thank you to all the players, coaches, umpires, everyone who attended the game, volunteers, conscripted friends, sponsors and contributor.

We are truly grateful to all for giving so generously to help make Christmas possible for many Marathon children and families. And, The Chamber and Jaycees have agreed to continue the rivalry next year. Marathon Rocks!!



Photo courtesy of Karen Mckeon

Telescopes help investigate trap robbing

This is one of two telescopes the Florida Keys Commercial Fisherman's Association bought to assist in apprehending trap robbers in Monroe County. This is a pilot program that was started in the City of Marathon and will be available throughout the Keys in the near future.



Marine Deputy Willie Guerra with new telescope, which is being used to investigate trap robbing.

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Friends gather for a celebration of fallen Deputy Nick Pham's life

By *Tim Hunsberger*

On November 24th, friends of fallen deputy Nick Pham gathered for a celebration at The Big Chill in Key Largo. T-shirts were on sale for \$15.00, with the proceeds benefitting the family of Sgt. Joseph Mosca, and also the Police Officers Assistance Trust (for more info, visit <http://www.poat.org/>). Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, marked the one year anniversary of Nick's passing. Recently, an additional sign was added at Ocean Bay Drive at the 99 mile marker. It is now also known as Nick Pham Drive. Special thanks should be given to Victor Figueroa for organizing

the event, and also to The Big Chill for providing a delicious complimentary buffet including steak fajitas, coconut shrimp and other seafood items.

Jewfish Creek Bridge run a success!

By all accounts, the Jewfish Creek Bridge Run was a great success. It is expected to be a continuing event in the upper Keys in future years. The Sheriff's Office worked security at the run and a few employees even took part in it. See the pictures below.



Above, the troops have a great time working the race. Below, Yvonne crosses the finish line!



Letters of Thanks and Commendation

Holly Elomina, Trial Court Administrator, wrote to thank and commend **Captain Penny Phelps** for presenting a Diversity Training seminar to new employees at the court.

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Street sign in memory of Deputy Nick Pham, above; Below, T-shirts sold to benefit family of Sgt. Joseph Mosca and POAT.



Andrea Hess wrote to the Sheriff to commend **Deputy Tammy Jensen** for her help at the airport with getting through Security on a recent trip.

Joe and Meri-Lynn Britz, of Coconuts Lounge on Big Pine Key wrote to commend **Deputy Jon Riggs** for his handling of an incident at the bar. "Officer Riggs was very professional and showed far more wisdom...than his age would have suggested."

Lower Keys Officers inspected

The Lower Keys sector held a formal inspection on December 4th. By all accounts, everyone looked terrific and the inspection went well.



For Sale:

20 Foot Proline boat with 150 Hp Mercury engine and a trailer, all 2001. Electronics included. \$14,500 or best offer. Call Donnie Elomina at 305-395-9881.

Golf Tourney fun and raises lots of money!



On November 15th the first Keys Cops for Kids Charity Golf Tournament was held at the Key West Golf Course. The weather



was beautiful and spirits were high. This tournament was held to help raise money for Toyz for Keyz Kidz. The tournament raised

just over \$5000.00



Happy Birthday

Name	DOB	Title
Moyer, Carlton	12/6	IMS Systems Tech.
Scaramuzzi, Mary Frances	12/7	Executive Assistant
Maleport, Timothy	12/7	Reserve Deputy
Selander, Jeanne	12/7	Farm/Landscape Specialist
Prince, Alexander	12/7	Community/L.E. Coordinator
Morales, Juan	12/7	Detention Deputy
Jean Baptiste, Kenson	12/7	Detention Deputy
Greene Mingo, Beverly	12/8	Detention Records Sup.
Bourcier, Leon	12/8	Deputy Sheriff
O'Dea, Thomas	12/10	Aviation Maintenance Dir.
Van Leuven, Brandon	12/10	Airport Security Technician
Robinson, Marybell	12/11	Detention Records Assistant
Cruz, David	12/11	Deputy Sheriff