



Weekly Rap Up

APRIL 12, 2024



Administration News

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMIN ACTIVITIES, PROMOTIONS, LEGAL UPDATES,
COMMAND STAFF ACTIVITIES....

Welcome aboard!



Rebecca Mumper
Deputy Sheriff



Congratulations to the Finance Division for their hard work on the agency's 21st consecutive perfect audit!



**National HIDTA Assistance Center
Director Tom Sanchez reports:**

On April 9 in Washington D.C., The Office of National Drug Control Policy held its 2024 National HIDTA Awards Banquet.

NHAC (MCSO employees pictured) planned, organized, and executed every part of the event. The event was a huge success. All the credit goes to the MCSO employees for their tireless work ethic, especially Paul O'Rourke.

Pictured are: Rosana Leopold, Gladys Sosa, Jacqueline Serra, Director Tom Sanchez, Charles Bengston, Troy Bankert, and Paul O'Rourke (not pictured is Kathy Doran)



The Honor Roll, a group of cyclists made up of active and retired law enforcement officers, recently rode through the Keys and made a \$500 donation to the Monroe County Stars of Hope!



Community Events and Activities

EVENTS, MEETINGS, CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES....



BOC Deputy Santos Delgado and his wife, Cynthia, joined Capt. Lee Ann Holroyd (as well as Deputy Mercedes Guevara who is not pictured) at a fundraiser for Plantation Key School!



District 6 Capt. Derek Paul braved the drunk booth at the Islamorada Moose Lodge Seafood Festival to benefit the Coral Shore High School baseball team!



BOC Sgt. Alvarez Rice, BOC Sgt. Steven Katz, Human Resources Director Donna Moore and District 1 Capt. David Smith represented MCSO at the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser!



District 1 Deputies Tom Fricke and Jonathan Lane joined Commissioner Michelle Lincoln for an Easter egg hunt at the Big Pine Key Community Park and Recreation Center!



Property and Evidence Director Melissa Johnson reports MCSO was well represented at the Wesley House Family Services black tie event!



District 6 Sgt. Patricia O'Keefe reports Deputies Nelson Sanchez, Mary Mathews and Sgt. Robert Dosh helped out at the 'Given' it Back' barbecue at Founders Park to benefit Islamorada firefighters!



Working with Kids

SCHOOLS, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, EXPLORERS AND CADETS....



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Special Events

BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS, BIRTHS, RETIREMENTS.....



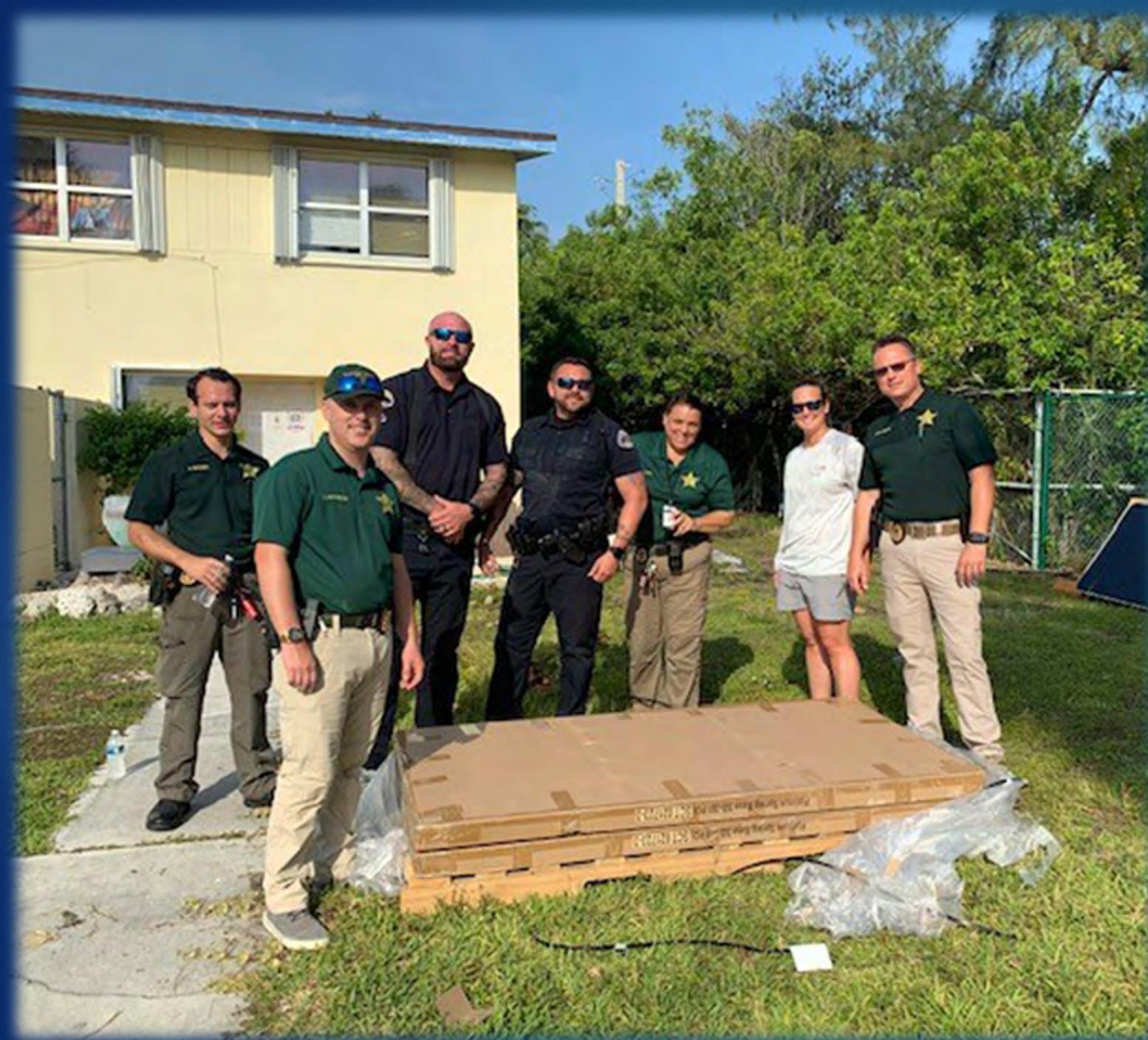
Happy Birthday to Civil Process and Records Supervisor Brittany Brown!



Other activities in the Sheriff's Office



The Human Resources Division provided Charles Slebodnick with this hard hat after some ceiling issues in his office!



District 1 CIU Detective Sgt. Linda Mixon reports her squad, Capt. David Smith and KWPD helped deliver new furniture and other items to the domestic abuse shelter!



Training

ROLL CALL TRAINING, OTHER TEAM AND UNIT TRAINING, RANGE,
TRAINING UNIT, CONFERENCES....



District 6 Marine Deputy and Dive Team Leader Nelson Sanchez reports, "We were invited by the College of the Florida Keys to train with their new Autonomous Underwater Vehicle. It primarily will collect water samples and map the sea floor, but it's also equipped with side scan sonar that can assist us in search and recovery missions. We look forward to working with them in the future!"



Cleaning up the Keys

COMMUNITY CLEANUPS, GRAFFITI ERADICATION, SQUAD CLEANING
ACTIVITIES....



District 1 CIU Detective Sgt. Linda
Mixon reports a good MCSO crew
cleaned up Cudjoe Key!

Upcoming Event Flyers

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Monroe County Housing Authority (MCHA) will accept applications for the Monroe County Scattered Sites – Conch Key, a new housing development of eight (8) 1-bedroom / 1-bathroom and two (2) 2-bedroom / 1-bathroom single-family houses located at 18 North Conch Avenue, Conch Key, Florida. A maximum of 100 applications will be randomly selected and then numerically sorted by lottery.

Opening Date & Time: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Closing Date & Time: Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Lottery Selection Date & Time: Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Applications may only be submitted at <https://cityofkeywest.housingmanager.com>.

If you are **not** currently on **any** of our housing wait lists, you may submit a new application for this development or any other housing program(s) by logging onto cityofkeywest.housingmanager.com and then clicking “Apply for Housing.”

If you are **already** on **any** of our housing wait lists, you may apply for this development or any additional housing program(s) by logging onto cityofkeywest.housingmanager.com and then clicking “View Your Application.”

For assistance submitting an online application, please contact the Applications Office at (305) 292-3330. Applicants without online access may visit their local library or access a dedicated kiosk at our main office located at 1400 Kennedy Drive, Key West, FL 33040, during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In-person assistance is available every Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

If unable to apply via the website above, applicants may request a reasonable accommodation. If applicants experience any trouble with the portal, they may call the Housing Authority at 305-292-3330.

Please read the following before applying:

- All applications **must** be received by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024**.
- The waitlist application process will be closed immediately at the closing date and time, and no additional applications for the Monroe County Scattered Sites – Conch Key will be accepted after that time (or until the wait list is again opened). Any future openings will be noticed at kwha.org, in all MCHA rental offices, and in this publication.
- Only one application per household will be permitted. If more than one application is submitted for a household, each application will be disqualified.
- Only applications submitted to the website address above will be accepted.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old to apply.
- All household members are subject to background checks to determine eligibility.
- To qualify for this 1 and 2-bedroom unit property, the household must not exceed four people at the time of admission.
- Submission of an application does not guarantee placement on the waiting list. The MCHA will conduct a lottery to select up to 100 applications from all the applications that are submitted to the website listed above within the designated opening and closing date & time. **The time and date of receipt of the application during the waiting list opening will not affect whether an application will be selected.** There is no need or advantage to apply immediately after the waiting list opens. Families will be listed on the waiting list in the order determined by their selection in the random lottery and then pulled from the list by preferences contained in the Monroe County Scattered Sites Tenant Selection Plan. Applications exceeding the 100 selected by lottery will be discarded without further notification.
- Award letters will be mailed by **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**, at which time the portal will reflect the final waiting list and the final applicant placement on the list.
- **Maximum** annual household income for eligibility (based on the 2023 limits, which adjust annually, typically in June) is based on household sizes below:

1 Person Household	2 Person Household	3 Person Household	4 Person Household
\$60,800	\$69,450	\$78,150	\$86,800

We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the Nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.



Environmentally Friendly

MCSO deputy goes above and beyond — and below — to protect natural resources in the Keys

■ BY DAN CAMPANA

Every cop has *the* story.

The arrest they talk about for years for one reason or another.

The case that makes other cops take notice.

Sheriff's Deputy Willie Guerra's 31 years on the job in Monroe County—the last 23 protecting the beautiful natural resources of Florida's Middle Keys—culminated with him hiding inside a garbage can at sunrise to nab an elusive lobster poacher.

"This guy was good. He had night vision, the works. He'd go out there, load up, come back in ... change his clothes, go to the roadside and pick up a bag of 300, 400, 500 undersized lobsters and everything that he would pillage from traps," Guerra explained, adding that the suspect knew how to spot police and conservation officers trying to track him down.

"One night, I was able to catch him in the act," Guerra continued. "I actually had to sit in one of those circus-clown garbage cans ... had to take out the bag and jump inside the garbage can. He was like five feet away from me, scanning the cars. I ended up arresting him."

It was a big get for Guerra and the area's lobster businesses, and it came a year after law enforcement first tried to take the suspect down. A mistake on the arrest warrant kept him out of custody—until that fateful morning. As Guerra wrote up the case, he connected the man to the warrant, which racked up a ton of charges on the guy.

"We realized we had a huge violator that's been terrorizing the commercial fishermen for years. They were able to charge him for every single lobster, jacking up the bond to \$1.5 million," Guerra said. "That's one of thousands of cases, but that one stands out. I remember getting calls from Alaska Game and Wildlife saying, 'How the hell do you guys get [that bond] on a lobster?'"

Guerra's greatest hit might be the first time the blotter showed charges on possession of a speared lobster—it's illegal to ever spear a lobster—or possession of an undersized red grouper. Those same reports include great details of the time Guerra met suspects who denied they had caught any fish as they walked with a cooler containing 37 undersized mangrove snappers. Then there was the man Guerra watched spear a lobster and put it in his pocket.

Guerra covers a large stretch between Islamorada and Big Pine on land and water. Born in Chicago, Guerra grew up in South Florida with a love of the water, fishing and the overall natural environment. He spent several years working in state corrections and with MDC&R, where he said he honed his communications and people skills, before getting back to nature in his current role.

"This job gave me the opportunity to be around something I really enjoyed, especially down here in the Keys. This is such a special place," 50-year-old Guerra said. "If you really enjoy the water and



fish, you understand how delicate it is. On top of that, we rely on the resources. It's a big thing for our county ... we lose our resources, we lose a lot of the tourists. They come here for the fishing."

That's why protecting lobster traps and ensuring fishermen only keep what's legal are vital to keeping businesses alive in Guerra's territory.

"We're extremely tough on the resources cases," he added.

Scroll through the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, and you'll see many highlights of Guerra's tireless work to protect those resources. Visit the area, and you'll see the signage Guerra championed to help the public understand how to fish legally.

Guerra also gives back to the community and schools through traditional initiatives like Toys for Tots and his own efforts to provide food and other items to families in need. There are many social media posts of Guerra helping to gift bikes to local youth in another of his charitable endeavors.

"That's another little thing that I've been doing for many years," Guerra noted. "I'm pretty proud of it."

Pride in his work is a way of life. It has to be for a deputy who is not afraid to wait in a garbage can to catch a criminal.





BPK House for Rent for LEO

- \$3000/negotiable
- 236 Newfound Boulevard
- 3 bedroom/2 bath
- Canal

Contact Andrew Kovats
267-825 2315

SUPPORT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS!!!

If you are interested in purchasing
a badge to wear for the month of
October, please contact:



Deputy James Aurelio:
jaurelio@keysso.net



There will be two separate orders placed to ensure delivery before October.

1st Order Deadline May 6th - 2nd Order Deadline June 7th

Please email with number of badges you wish to order.

****Pre-Payment will be needed due to volume.****

Badges will be \$60.00

All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society

pop out!!



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Come Out And Support Your
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Girls Enter Tournaments And
Traveling Expenses.

SUNDAY
APRIL 28TH
10am-1pm



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Gift Card
Scams**



Monroe County Sheriff's Office Headquarters

5525 College Road
Key West, FL 33040
Tel: (305) 292-7000

Freeman Substation

20950 Overseas Highway
Cudjoe Key, FL 33040
Tel: (305) 745-3184

Marathon Substation

3103 Overseas Highway
Marathon, FL 33050
Tel: (305) 289-2430

Islamorada Substation

86800 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036
Tel: (305) 664-6480

Roth Building

50 High Point Road
Tavernier, FL 33070
Tel: (305) 853-3211



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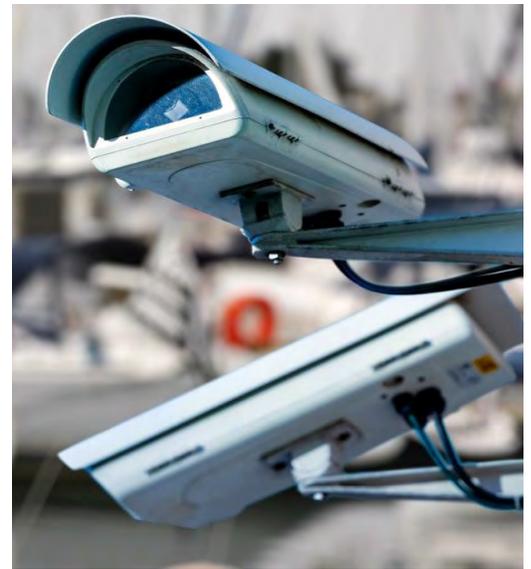
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PROTECT YOUR MARINA!



!!!ALERT!!!

Spike in Marina/boat burglaries!

- Install motion sensors linked to lights. Use them!
- Conduct daily security checks. Check property fence for openings or damage where burglars can enter.
- Ensure security cameras will capture the face of an intruder. Cameras are often installed too high and only capture the top of a suspect's head or the brim of a hat.
- Link cameras and motion sensors to your Bluetooth devices!
- Cut back plant foliage burglars could use for cover. Remove natural hiding places.
- Tell guests to store their valuable electronics in a secure location. Same with diving and fishing gear.

• For questions, concerns, tips, or to request MCSO signage for your property contact:

Lt. Nancy Alvarez
50 High Point Road
Tavernier, FL
305-481-8060

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Help us collect
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below!



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 : Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition

Visit our website www.keyshealthystart.org for
more information and donation drop off locations!



DID YOU KNOW...

Monroe County provides employee assistance program services through Quantum for employees and members of their household.

Quantum's EAP can provide assistance for a variety of personal and professional matters:

- Depression
- Stress/Resiliency
- Gambling/Addictive Behavior
- Parenting
- Financial Issues
- Life Changes
- Drug/Alcohol Abuse
- Mental Health/Grief
- Balancing Work and Home



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of
Employee Assistance
Program Services

When you are looking for
assistance with life problems
Quantum is here to help!



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Quantum's WebConnect

The Quantum Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers a video counselling services to support and embrace the use of today's technology.

Accessibility: Options for client and counselor for ease of scheduling. Access to larger pool of providers.

Convenience: Online counseling is convenient meeting needs of varying schedules.

Social Stigma: Eliminating stigma associated with receiving counseling.

Anonymity: Absence of face to face contact prompts more open communications, and heightens level of honesty, perceived by many users as non-threatening.

Different way to communicate:

Counseling can be accomplished through use of laptop, desk top, android, iphone or ipad.



First Responder Tuition Discount

We are committed to supporting our first responders.

Saint Leo University is proud to extend a **15% tuition discount to all first responders** as they further their education and professional development:

Police officers

Firefighters

Paramedics

Emergency medical technicians

Dispatchers

Lifeguards

*This discount cannot be combined with any other tuition discount program.

Eligible Academic Programs

- All undergraduate WorldWide degree programs delivered online or through local education centers
- Master's degree in business administration (MBA)
- Master's degree in criminal justice
- Doctoral degree in criminal justice

REGISTER NOW

www.saintleo.edu/apply-online

You are invited to attend a Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony



5 p.m., May 17
at Bayview Park



***Please come to honor those officers who
have given their lives in the line of duty.***



**THE MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND
THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES, INC. PRESENTS:**

HARMONY IN THE STREETS

A Free, action-packed, fun filled five-day camp



Snacks
Games

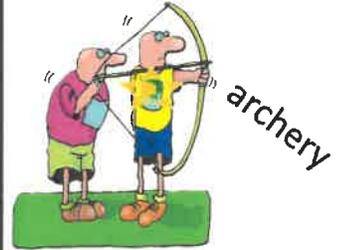
Law Enforcement
Demonstrations

Environmental
Education



Arts & Crafts

Week of June 17th-21th 2024
Bernstein Park
6751 5th St, Key West, FL 33040
Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Graduation: Friday.



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Water
Activities



Group
Building

Team
Sports

Ages 6-12

Open to the first 50 kids that register

WHAT TO WEAR & BRING:

- T-shirt & Shorts
- Closed toe shoes (no sandals)
- Swim suit or change of clothes to get wet
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Lunch Provided

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- NO** smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs of any kind.
- NO** knives, hatchets, guns or weapons.
- T-shirts/clothing with inappropriate messages and/or words are **strictly prohibited**.
- Campers should **NOT** bring money, jewelry, radios, cell phones, game boys or expensive recreational equipment.

Please return registration form to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office via email at dkelly@keyssso.net. For information please call 305-292-7001.

MOBILE CAMP
— HARMONY IN THE STREETS—
REGISTRATION AND RELEASE FORM
*(*All fields must be completed for camper to attend camp)*

CAMPER NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: (must be completed for camper to attend camp)

NAME: _____ PHONE _____

NAME: _____ PHONE _____

Camper will be picked up by: _____

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, I/we hereby agree:

1. Not to hold the [insert] County Sheriff's Office and/or the [insert] County School Board and/or the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. and/or staff; responsible for illness or injury.
2. To grant the above applicant permission to participate in approved camp activities, except restricted by doctor's orders.
3. To give the agencies permission to photograph and allow photos to be used for news and media releases, and for programs development which may include presentations/participation at various community, district, or state conferences.
4. To give the agencies complete authority in regard to discipline matters, authority to make decisions regarding medical problems, plans for treatment and the ability to transport when necessary.

Is your child being treated for any of the following:

Diabetes Yes No
Asthma Yes No

Hemophilia or bleeding disorder Yes No
Epilepsy or Seizures Yes No

Other (please list) _____

Is your child currently taking medication? Yes No

If Yes:

Prescription Medication: _____

Non-prescription Medication _____

***All medication must be in original pharmacy container/bottle and labeled with appropriate medication label and times for administration must be noted.**

Does your child have allergies? Yes No (If yes, please specify: _____)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Attention!!!!
The Bureau of Corrections
Officer Dining Room - (ODR)
Is Going Cashless

Effective May 1, 2024,

~~NO CASH ACCEPTED~~

All ODR meal payments will be through the kiosk in the mini market,



with a Credit or Debit card

or by



downloading and using the 365Pay app on your cell phone, just scan the bar code on your phone, to make the payment.

After you purchase your meal at the mini market counter, take your receipt to the ODR Staff Member to receive your meal. The receipt will be kept by the staff member.

Thank you,

Major T. Age, Captain J. Crane and Staff. *JDA*



COME JOIN US AT THE

LOWER KEYS FIRST RESPONDERS' SOCIAL

This is a unique opportunity to come together with the First Responders of the Lower Keys and community members who have supported public safety over the years.

(Spouses and family are welcome)

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Beachside Resort and Residence

(formerly known as Marriott Beachside)

3741 N Roosevelt Blvd
Key West, FL

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.
Please RSVP to Julie Batz at jbatz@northwoodlaw.com

PELATON FOR SALE!

- Less than a year old
- Still in excellent condition
- New extra padded seat
- Heavy but super easy to move around
- \$1000 OBO
- Please text Nikki La Rochelle @ 423-385-9172



LOOKING FOR L.E.O

Beautiful 2/1 Duplex for rent in Islamorada



Brand new (built in 2022) duplex, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. A beautiful little community with great neighbors. Looking for responsible, considerate tenants to join this community.



All new stainless appliances, and granite countertops. Washer and dryer in the unit.



Furnished with queen bed and dresser in each room, along with built-in closets.



Beautiful shower with glass enclosure



The unit was built with high efficiency in mind: impact windows and doors, spray foam insulation in attic, and mini-split air conditioners in each room. Your electric bill will be low low low! No smoking, no pets.

Maximum occupancy: 3 people. Parking for 2 cars.

~~\$2600~~ **\$2400** /month Credit and background check required.
WILL WORK WITH L.E.O.

Contact **Stephanie at (954) 579-7070**

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MORE PRIZES



Key West

JUNE 14-16, 2024

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5 SPECIES OF FISH

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7 ANGLER CATEGORIES

Pee-Wee, Junior, Lady, First Responder,
Veteran, Senior, and Active Duty

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DOLPHIN
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If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read this in English, thank a veteran.