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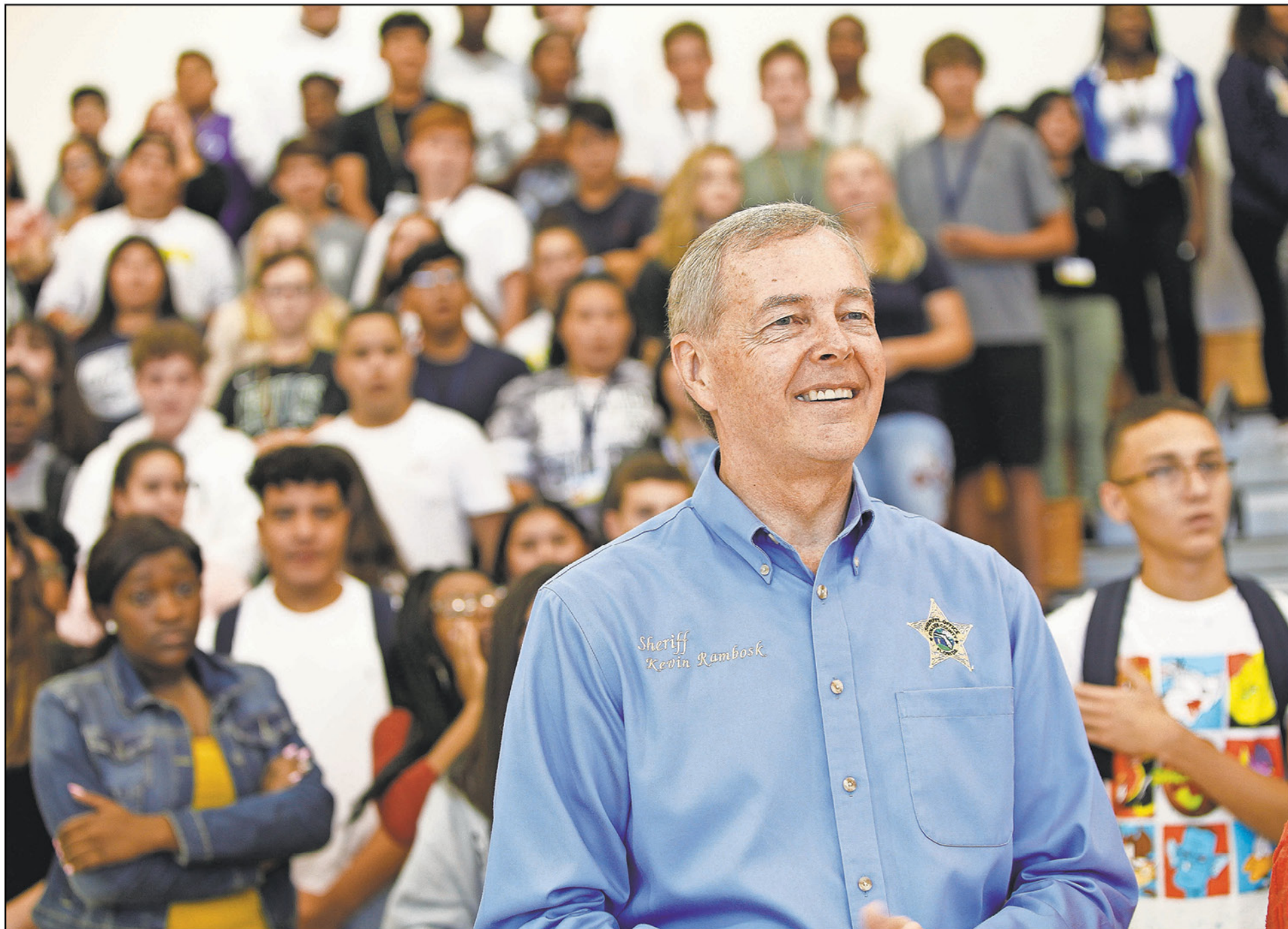
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Sheriff Rambosk To Accept National Award



Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk will travel to Orlando this summer to accept a national award honoring the Schools Threat Management Program he created. The program reviews, evaluates and investigates all school threats and is being held up as a model for law enforcement across the country.

Sheriff Kevin Rambosk is proud to announce that a Collier County Sheriff's Office school violence prevention program will be honored at the largest school safety conference in the nation this summer.

The Sheriff's Office is being recognized by the School Safety Advocacy Council for its Threat Management Program, which monitors potential threats in the schools. Sheriff Rambosk will accept the organization's Award of Excellence on July 26 at the 2022 National School Safety Conference in Orlando.

"This terrific award recognizes the Collier County Sheriff's Office's commitment to school safety and security and underscores the strong partnership we have forged with Superintendent Dr. Kamela Patton and Collier County Public Schools," Sheriff Rambosk said. "It is also a testimony to the hard work our deputies do every day to ensure school safety."

School Safety Advocacy Council President Sean

Burke said Sheriff Rambosk has created a model program. He praised the sheriff for his commitment to school violence prevention.

"The success of the Collier County Sheriff's Office's Threat Management Program make it a model for law enforcement agencies across the nation to learn from and to incorporate into their own school violence prevention initiatives," Burke said. "Sheriff Rambosk and his agency are leading the way when it comes to school safety initiatives."

In 2019, the Collier County Sheriff's Office implemented a threat management team that includes a coordinator and representatives from around the agency including Mental Health Bureau, Special Investigations Section, Youth Relations Bureau, Delinquency Prevention Services Bureau, and Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Bureau.

Our threat management team works closely with Collier County Public Schools. The Sheriff's Office and the School District can help direct and guide a student with concerning behaviors toward

resources such as David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health, Florida Department of Children and Families, and Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Deputies also provide mentoring and supportive relationships.

Superintendent Dr. Patton said the Threat Management Program is a true partnership between the School District and the Sheriff's Office.

"We say, 'See something, say something, and tell someone,'" Dr. Patton said. "Potential or a real threat our Sheriff's Office are banging at those people's homes at one in the morning, three in the morning."

The Sheriff's Office and School District are committed to providing a safe school environment. Every school threat is taken seriously and thoroughly investigated. Students responsible for making a threat face real consequences with the potential of being arrested and charged with a felony. The Sheriff's Office is committed to keeping the community safe by holding those who make threats accountable.



Kevin Rambosk
Collier County Sheriff

Dear Friends,

It's springtime, which means brush fire season is here in Southwest Florida.

I want you to know that our deputies and fellow first responders train together regularly for brush fires to protect lives and property here in Collier County. In mid-February we met with our county's fire departments and Collier County Emergency Management to ensure that everyone is ready. We share information and use technology to monitor and strategically fight brush fires.

As law enforcement, our deputies have critical roles in a wildfire. Deputies go door-to-door to make sure affected residents know that they are in an identified evacuation area. In addition, our drones are in the air working with our Realtime Operations Center (ROC) to monitor the fire, the wind direction and any developing hot spots and share that information with firefighters and Emergency Management. And our Huey helicopter

uses its Bambi Bucket to scoop up 240 gallons of water at a time from canals to help douse the fire.

Our close public safety partnerships benefit everyone and keep all of us safe. We all hope for an uneventful brush fire season, but we and our public safety partners stand prepared to answer the call.

Yours in a safe community,

Kevin Rambosk,
Collier County Sheriff

Sheriff Rambosk's Animal Cruelty Unit Making Arrests

Did you know that Sheriff Kevin Rambosk created the Collier County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Investigations Alliance in November 2020?

Sheriff Rambosk knows there is a definite link between animal cruelty and violence to others and he proactively created this alliance, saying "We cannot allow animal abuse in our community. We must protect animals against cruel and abusive treatment. We will investigate and arrest those responsible for committing crimes of animal abuse. Preventing cruelty protects our community."

The mission of the CCSO Animal Cruelty Investigations Alliance is to utilize a multi-agency response to proactively investigate alleged cases of animal neglect and cruelty, as well as prevention and public education outreach.

The CCSO Animal Cruelty Investigations Alliance is comprised of specially-trained investigators and a full-time veterinarian that assists with crime scene forensic processing and investigations. In addition, the alliance has many community partners that include:

- Collier County Domestic Animal Services
- Humane Society of Naples
- ASPCA
- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
- State Attorney's Office
- Animal League Defense Fund
- Naples Cat Alliance
- University of Florida Veterinary Forensics

Since the creation of the CCSO Animal Cruelty Investigations Alliance in 2020, several significant arrests have been made to stop these horrific crimes against innocent animals:



February 2021: Arrest of Christian Hunter of Golden Gate for the mutilation of hamsters

April 2021: Arrest of Luis Herin of Naples for brutally abusing kittens

July 2021: Arrest of Rafael Jesus DelValle Jomarron of Golden Gate for abusing dogs in an illegal dog-fighting operation

February 2022: Arrest of David Grant Harper of Golden Gate for brutally abusing a dog

If you witness animal abuse or suspect an animal is being abused, call us so we can help the animal and hold those responsible accountable. Call 911 in an emergency, or 239-252-9300 for assistance.

CCSO Earns Re-accreditation



From left: Realtime Operations Center 1st Sgt. James Baker, Realtime Operations Center Lt. Sean Arthur, Property & Evidence Supervisor Leah Rodgers, Sheriff Rambosk, Policy Compliance Lt. Nicole Minick; Analytical Supervisor Tami Canger, Staff Inspector Michael Raines, and Identification and Property & Evidence Lt. Mark Williamson accept the re-accreditation honor from CALEA.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office has demonstrated its commitment to excellence in law enforcement by earning re-accreditation from CALEA, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc.

Accreditation is a voluntary process that affirms a law enforcement agency's commitment to the highest standards of professionalism and service. Each process has fixed standards that an agency must initially demonstrate compliance with, and then demonstrate continuing adherence to, in order to achieve re-accreditation.

CCSO complied with more than 400 standards in order to be reaccredited.

CCSO has been accredited through CALEA since 1994.

"We are accredited in every essential area of our organization," Sheriff Rambosk said. "This represents the professional level at which we operate and serve every day."

The assessment team was comprised of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors reviewed written materials, interviewed individuals, and conducted virtual visits of our offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed.

CALEA Commissioner Jeffrey Smythe noted that CCSO not only complied with the required standards, but also complied

with all of the voluntary standards.

"You set the mark for the day," Commissioner Smythe said of the site visit. "That was remarkable."

Commissioner Smythe is the former chief of police for the Burlington, N.C. Police Department and currently serves as the director of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Standards Division.

Commissioner Smythe also said CCSO has done an exemplary job in the area of community engagement, noting the agency's Citizens Review Panel and efforts to recruit diverse job candidates. He also congratulated CCSO on its commitment to Crisis Intervention Training for deputies. About 90 percent of our deputies have taken the training so far.

CCSO Opens 2 Youth Resource Center Sites



Through the Collier County Youth Resource Center, families have access to mentoring services, counseling, assessments, recreational and sporting activities, and much more. PHOTOS BY VIDEOGRAPHER/PHOTOGRAPHER MARINA TREJO/CCSO (2)

Two new satellite locations are delivering more community engagement and access than ever to the Collier County Youth Resource Center.

The satellite locations are at 11121 U.S. 41 E. in East Naples (adjacent to the Greater Naples Fire Rescue station), and inside the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway in Golden Gate. The satellites bring increased access to the services that are available at the original Youth Resource Center location, which was established in 2010 in the Collier County Courthouse.

Led by Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, the Youth Resource Center is a partnership between CCSO and local service providers. Its mission is to assist families and provide resources that help youth develop into productive and responsible citizens.

"The Youth Resource Center is a terrific example of what can be accomplished when we all work together to benefit our community," Sheriff Rambosk said. "These additional locations will make it easier than ever for families to access its services."

CCSO and several of its community partners that provide services through the center celebrated the opening of the satellites with an open house Feb. 2 at the Golden Gate Community Center.

"We wanted to become more accessible to youth and families in our community, and by having satellite offices it makes it easier for them to get to us," said Youth Resource Center Supervisor Caren Langevin.

Future goals include adding satellite offices in Immokalee, Golden Gate Estates and North Naples, and a mobile Youth Resource Center that could



travel around the county, Langevin said.

Through the center and its satellites, Collier County families have access to:

- Assessments for youth and families
- Individual and group counseling
- Substance abuse education, counseling, and drug testing
- Anger management and crisis intervention training
- Parent support groups and skills training

- Mentoring services
- Community service opportunities
- Recreational and sporting activities

For example, Langevin said, parents dealing with an ungovernable child could contact the center and have an assessment completed. The child could be assigned a deputy mentor who would meet with the child at home or school at least once a week. The deputy mentor would provide positive support to help get the child

back on track. In each intake case, an initial assessment is completed by the center's licensed clinical social worker with recommendations made for follow-up.

Community partners providing services include Collier County Public Schools, Lutheran Services Florida, Florida Department of Children and Family Services, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, and David Lawrence Centers.

CA Grad Hooks Kids Up With Fishing Gear

When school lets out for summer break, new gear will be waiting for kids who participate in the Collier County Sheriff's Office's fishing program at Naples Pier.

And it's all thanks to the efforts of a CCSO Citizens Academy graduate who saw a need for new fishing equipment and enlisted the community's help.

"This generous donation underscores how invaluable a resource our Citizens Academy is," Sheriff Kevin Rambosk said. "The partnerships that are forged benefit us as an agency and in instances like this the community at large."

Brian Kamp relocated to Collier County from New Jersey. Wanting to become more of a part of his new community, the retired sheet metal worker enrolled in our Citizens Academy, which gives participants an up-close look at the inner workings of the agency. He was impressed with the

work CCSO does to keep the community safe.

Kamp continued to be impressed by the agency when he learned about how our Youth Relations Bureau deputies teach kids how to fish at the pier as part of our annual Summerfest youth activities program. It brought back memories of how someone taught him to fish 60 years ago, so he decided to check it out for himself. He's been coming back to the pier, helping deputies with the program for the past four years.

"It touched me that you don't put (Youth Relations) officers in a squad car in the summer and that they're out there with the kids back in the community," he said.

Last year, Kamp noticed the tackle was getting to be in poor shape, so he came up with the idea of a fundraising drive to buy new gear. An Elks Club member in New Jersey for 43 years, Kamp approached Naples Elks Lodge 2010

with his idea. The local Elks were on board. The Elks held raffles during Sunday NFL football games to raise money and members simply donated to the cause.

A pig roast and raffle with prizes donated by area businesses wrapped up the fundraising drive. The event sold out and met its goal, raising enough money to purchase 40 rod and reel combos from Sunshine Ace Hardware in Naples. Sunshine Ace has been a longtime partner with CCSO in the fishing program, along with Naples Wholesale-Retail Bait and Everglades Fishing Co.

Besides new fishing gear, there will be plenty of new faces to greet kids this summer, said Kamp, who has since joined the local Elks lodge. Members are "already lining up" to volunteer, he said.

"I left the officers with a commitment to help them out and the Elks will be there this summer," Kamp said.



COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Community Snapshots



Sheriff Rambosk showed his support for The Shelter Naples, Shelter CEO Linda Oberhaus, and members of Men & More on March 8 as they marked International Women's Day as well as Gentle'men Against Domestic Violence Day.



The Collier County Junior Deputies League hosted its 14th annual "Kids Love Fishing" event Feb. 12 at Florida Sports Park. Kids of all ages used cane poles to fish while spending quality time with CCSO Youth Relations Bureau deputies.



North Naples deputies visited Chick-fil-A recently to remind patrons to hide their valuables, lock their vehicles, and remove their keys/fobs.

Sheriff Rambosk lent his support to the women of CCSO at the agency's International Women's Day event in North Naples. "Women excel with critical operational and professional skills, making them a valuable asset to the agency," Sheriff Rambosk said. "They are dedicated and committed to keeping Collier County safe."



Sheriff Rambosk met with local cyclists Feb. 25 as they kicked off a long distance ride to raise funds and awareness for the Miami Dolphins Cancer Center.