

# Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office



## Law Enforcement Services Proposal

Town of Palm Beach Shores

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**PALM BEACH COUNTY**  
**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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The Honorable Myra Koutzen  
Mayor, Town of Palm Beach Shores  
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Palm Beach Shores, Florida 33404

Dear Mayor Koutzen:

Thank you for the opportunity to present a proposal for law enforcement services to the Town of Palm Beach Shores.

We believe it presents an arrangement wherein the Town sees no loss of local control and the Sheriff's Office gains a new opportunity to serve;

- Greatly enhanced security & safety for the residents & their property
- Full oversight concurrent with no loss of local control
- More efficient use of financial, HR & capital resources

This proposal is about partnership; it is about teamwork; and it is about the future.

If you have any questions, or you would like me to expand on any point, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Colonel Tony Araujo  
Department of Uniform Operations

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## 1.1 Introduction

Palm Beach County was established on July 1, 1909, becoming the state's 47<sup>th</sup> county. Of the current 67 Florida counties, it is the third largest, spanning 2,385 square miles. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office provides patrol services to an unincorporated and contract population of approximately 1,433,417, provides civil and corrections services to all residents and when requested, provides support services to all other county police departments.

## 1.2 Objectives

Provide the community greatly enhanced security and depth of law enforcement service, with a focus on communication, efficiency, professionalism, customer service and Community Policing. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is committed to provide our citizens with high quality law enforcement services. Provide advanced training, technology, and resources to ensure officers have every tool available to them to protect themselves and the citizens served. Continue efforts to strengthen partnerships with the community and encourage civic engagement.

## 1.3 Approach

Citizens want to feel connected to their community and its services. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office prides itself on our ability to partner with citizens to resolve issues. Examples of this include our Citizens Observer Patrol, Police Athletic League, National Night Out activities and Shop with a Cop program.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office incorporates the Community Policing philosophy. Unlike traditional policing in which law enforcement responds to a call and then returns to random patrol, community policing techniques call for building partnerships with local neighborhoods and businesses to address specific concerns. The primary focus of Community Policing is to improve the "quality of life" in identified areas using proven problem solving techniques. In this approach, law enforcement officers act as liaisons between the communities and other outside agencies and service providers. Another key element of Community Policing involves the use of crime analysis as a basis for the development of problem solving strategies to reduce crime, improve neighborhood appearances and create a sense of pride and ownership among the residents within the community.

2.0 Current Staff

<i>Public Safety</i>	
Title	Quantity
Chief of Police	1
Sergeant	2
Patrol K9 Deputy	1
Police Officer	7
Communications Specialists	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

2.1 Proposal with Cost

<i>Proposed Staff</i>		
Title	Quantity	<i>Cost for first 12 months</i>
Sergeant	1	
Deputy	10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$1,648,378.00</b>

For contract years beginning 2021 and 2022, the annual increase shall be from 0% to 2%, and for contract years beginning 2023 and 2024, the annual increase shall be from 2% to 5%.

Dispatch services will be provided at no additional cost; the current 5 Communications Specialists will be absorbed into vacant PBSO Communications positions.

### 3.0 Ancillary Information

The following is a list of other resources the Sheriff's Office has to enhance law enforcement services. All programs administered by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office meet the exacting standards for the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, a nationally recognized organization that mutually supports and endorses the continued improvement of law enforcement services by establishing professional standards of accountability, management and operations.

We have the following services that would benefit the residents. As evidence of the depth of our resources the sheriff's office is able to provide numerous services not currently being offered.

- Agriculture Unit
- ATV Beach Patrol
- Auto Theft Unit
- Aviation
- Bicycle Operations
- Chemistry
- Code Enforcement
- Community Policing
- Computer Crimes
- Crime Lab
- Crime Prevention
- Crime Scene
- Domestic Violence/Victim Witness
- DUI/BAT Unit
- Emergency Field Force
- Evidence
- Explorers
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- Financial Crimes
- Firearms
- Forensic Biology & ID
- Fugitive Warrants/ICE
- Gang Unit Task Force
- Graffiti Eradication
- Honor Guard
- Juvenile 1<sup>st</sup> Offender
- K-9
- LE Reserves
- Marine Enforcement
- Motors/Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Mounted
- PAL Program
- Photography Unit
- SPOT
- Strategic Intelligence
- SWAT
- Tactical Unit
- Toxicology
- Traffic Enforcement
- Vehicle Homicide Investigations
- Volunteers

## 4.0 Frequently Asked Questions

### How does Palm Beach Shores benefit?

The men and women of your Police department gain the experience of advanced, cutting edge training, equipment, and technology. The Town is free from the troubling burdens and costs of hiring and training law enforcement personnel, union negotiations, liability resulting from the actions of law enforcement personnel, and soaring costs for benefits, fleet vehicles, fuel, and workers comp. These concerns are handled by PBSO as part of the Law Enforcement Service Agreement.

### Will Palm Beach Shores lose local control?

In contracting with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services, the Sheriff in essence becomes your Police Chief. In this role the Sheriff, through his designee, ensures that the needs of the Town Commission, as conveyed through the Town Manager, are addressed. No local control is lost because the Sheriff's Office staff understands the concept of customer service. In a contract for law enforcement services, the Town is the Customer, and we provide the service. Palm Beach Shores retains their sense of ownership by allowing the same employees to service the Town while maintaining input in a productive forum with the PBSO.

### What would happen to the current facility?

The current facility would be retained. The deputies would report there for duty and would spend their entire shift working within the town limits. As with the Palm Beach Shores Police Department, exceptions would be made that would allow for leaving the town limits for emergencies, training, Court, etc.

Example of Building Identifier:





### How would the Palm Beach Shores vehicles be marked?

The vehicles would be marked like Palm Beach County Sheriff Office patrol vehicles, with the “Town of Palm Beach Shores” added to the vehicle. Below is an example:



#### 4.1 What can residents of Palm Beach Shores expect?

- Enhanced public safety & security due to the depth of service the Sheriff’s Office is qualified to provide
- Sworn deputies providing 24/7 patrol, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Enforcement of state statutes and town ordinances
- Professional law enforcement services
- Community Policing philosophy
- Uniform changes color, many of the current staff will remain
- Over 100 years of law enforcement experience



## 5.0 Municipalities that currently Contract with PBSO

<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Population*</i>	<i>Land Area (in sq. miles)</i>	
Belle Glade	17,589	6.94	
Greenacres	39,568	5.53	
Lake Park	8,829	2.43	
Lake Worth Beach	38,257	6.80	
Loxahatchee Groves	3,384	12.42	
Mangonia Park	2,045	0.74	
Pahokee	5,909	4.98	
Royal Palm Beach	37,934	10.99	
South Bay	5,174	2.10	
South Palm Beach	1,400	0.12	<i>Commencing 10/01/19</i>
Wellington	62,304	42.40	
Westlake	29	6.44	<i>Commencing 10/01/19</i>

\* Per 2018 population estimates, Palm Beach County Profile, Palm Beach County Florida

## 6.0 Conclusion



### A Message from the Sheriff:

With a continual demand for quality law enforcement services and ever decreasing funding sources for government agencies, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is offering the most efficient leveraged resources to provide increased and enhanced law enforcement services to your citizens.

My Office is committed in partnership with the citizens of Palm Beach Shores to create mutual trust and understanding which will allow us to work together in preventing crime, resolving mutual concerns, and establishing a safe and secure living environment.

I am confident that the information outlined in this proposal will reflect that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office can and will provide the citizens of the Town of Palm Beach Shores with top quality law enforcement services.

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Ric L. Bradshaw, Sheriff

**ACA**

*American Correctional Association*

**ASCLD/LAB**

*American Society of Crime Laboratory  
Directors*

**CFA**

*Commission for Florida Law Enforcement  
Accreditation*

**FCAC**

*Florida Corrections Accreditation  
Commission*

**NCCHC**

*National Commission on Correctional  
Health Care*

**PBSO Accreditations**

