



Pride in Service with Integrity

The Broward Sheriff's Office was established in 1915 to serve unincorporated areas of the county. Today, under the leadership of Sheriff Al Lamberti, the Broward Sheriff's Office is a full service, public safety agency providing law enforcement, detention, community control, fire rescue and administrative services to the more than 1.8 million residents of Broward County.

BSO's Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) serves 16 specific areas in Broward County, including the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Port Everglades. DLE also administers the agency's special units, which are staffed with specially trained professionals who deal with unique law enforcement situations including the Criminal Investigations Division, Mounted Patrol, Marine and Dive Rescue Unit, the Motorcycle Unit, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Child Protective Investigations and the Crime Lab.

BSO's Department of Detention (DOD) operates the 12th largest jail system in the country and serves an average 5,000 inmates per day. The DOD operates four jail facilities within Broward County and oversees various community control supervision programs; including probation, pre-trial release, mental health services, drug court and day reporting and re-entry programs.

BSO is the first sheriff's department in the nation to administer fire rescue and emergency operations. With more than 500 professional and highly-trained personnel, the department provides fire suppression, fire protection, emergency medical services (EMS), educational programs and fire code enforcement for most unincorporated areas of Broward County and to several municipalities, including the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Port Everglades. The Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services is also responsible for the unique operations of the Hazardous Materials, Air Rescue and Technical Rescue teams, each addressing dangerous and frequently complex public safety situations.

BSO's administrative departments manage and facilitate the work of the nearly 6,000 sworn and civilian employees. These departments include the Enterprise Technology Division, Human Resources, External Affairs, Legal Division, Purchasing and Finance Division and the Chaplain's Office. More information about the agency, its operations and various programs can be found on the agency's premier website: www.sheriff.org.

Did you know?

- BSO serves as one of the largest employers in Broward County.
- BSO is America's largest nationally accredited sheriff's department and the third largest in terms of size (behind Los Angeles and Chicago).
- BSO was one of the first sheriff's departments to be featured on the television show COPS. Today, BSO is highlighted by two new television shows on The Learning Channel (TLC) Network; *Police Women of Broward County* and *Unleashed: K-9 Broward County*.
- BSO provides law enforcement and fire and emergency services to Port Everglades, which is the busiest passenger cruise port in the country.
- On any given day, BSO supervises and manages nearly 10,000 offenders while in the community through various community control programs.