



# The Collier Star

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 Sheriff Kevin Rambosk

Special Edition

## GROUNDBREAKING: WORK BEGINS ON ESTATES SUBSTATION



An architect's rendering of how the front of the new Collier County Sheriff's Office substation in Golden Gate Estates will look. Construction on the 8,960-square-foot building, adjacent to EMS Station 10 on Immokalee Road, began in mid-April and is expected to be completed in January 2017. Rendering courtesy of Collier County government (2)

### Make way for a new Collier County Sheriff's Office substation in Golden Gate Estates.

After more than a decade of working out of a portable office building on Oil Well Road, CCSO is getting a long-awaited substation to serve the fast-growing area.

With shovels digging ceremoniously into a big pile of dirt, construction officially began following a groundbreaking ceremony April 15.

"I will tell you that from the men and women of the Sheriff's Office we've been looking forward to this for a long time," Sheriff Kevin Rambosk told the crowd before grabbing a shovel and joining members of the Collier County Commission in the turning of the dirt.

Many of the deputies who work in the Estates and members of the CCSO command staff joined the Sheriff at the ceremony, along with Commission Chairwoman Donna Fiala, Commissioner Tim Nance, Commissioner Georgia Hiller and Commissioner Penny Taylor, and a representative from Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart's office.

Collier County government has budgeted \$3

million to build an 8,960-square-foot substation adjacent to EMS Station 10 on Immokalee Road, east of the Collier County Fairgrounds.



A look at the front and side of the new substation with an aerial view.

Plans for a permanent substation were put on hold in 2005 due to the economic downturn. Since then more than 30 certified and civilian deputies have been working out of a 1,440-square foot portable office building and classroom at 1195 Oil Well Road in front of Corkscrew Middle School.

Come January 2017, when the new building is expected to be complete, there will be interview,

conference and squad rooms and housing for a mobile command unit.

Sheriff Rambosk said the new building will provide a professional atmosphere for residents to interact with law enforcement, while keeping deputies safe.

"We know that when we partner with the community and we embed ourselves in the community we can make this a safer community. And we have actually done that," the Sheriff said.

He recognized deputies at the ceremony and out in the field for making Collier County one of the safest counties in Florida.

"We have the lowest crime rate since 1971," he said. "And that is a result of our men and



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## Crime Down 3.1% In Collier County

Dear Friends,

I have great news to share with you. Thanks to your partnership and the hard work of our deputies, the number of crimes reported in Collier County decreased by 3.1 percent in 2015 compared to the previous year.

There were 5,137 Part 1 crimes reported in unincorporated Collier County and Everglades City in 2015. In 2014, there were 5,300 Part 1 crimes reported. The statistics show homicide, larceny and motor vehicle thefts decreased from 2014's totals.

The statistics represent the categories of homicide, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

Larcenies dropped 9.5 percent from 3,366 in 2014 to 3,045 in 2015; motor vehicle thefts decreased 1.2 percent from 259 to 256; and homicides dropped by half, decreasing from four to two. Categories

showing an increase include sexual assault, which rose from 117 to 139; robbery, which saw an uptick from 155 to 163; aggravated assault, which increased from 601 to 685; and burglaries rose from 798 to 847.

Here are some of the ways you can partner with us to keep our community safe:

- Lock your car and keep valuables out of view
- Call 239.252.0700 to schedule a home or business security survey by a CCSO Crime Prevention specialist
- Report unusual activity to law enforcement
- Start or join a Neighborhood Watch program
- Mentor a child
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings

- Join one of CCSO's Community Safety Teams to help address code enforcement and other problems at the neighborhood level

- Protect personal information like your Social Security number, computer passwords and banking information

- When online, don't chat with strangers or respond to their e-mails

Yours in a safe community,

Kevin Rambosk,  
 Collier County Sheriff



Collier County Sheriff's Office  
**SUMMERfest**  
 Fun summer events... in a GREAT place. a SAFE place.

## SUMMERfest 2016 Lines Up Another Fun Season For Collier Students

The Collier County Sheriff's Office's popular summer youth activities program returns for a seventh year in a row.

Summerfest 2016 promises to deliver a wide range of fun and free activities for all grade levels in a safe environment at various locations around Collier County.

Once again, CCSO Youth Relations deputies will be assigned to the summer youth program instead of patrol duties. This reallocation allows CCSO to expand its summer youth offerings without additional cost to the community.

Make sure to mark these events down on your calendar for a summer full of safety and fun:

### Gone Fishing

Go fishing with CCSO at **Naples Pier**. Kids will fish and learn about water safety during the program, which takes place Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon beginning June 14 through July 29.

No registration required but parents must accompany their child during this event.



Photo by Cpl. Dexter Downs/CCSO

### Open Gym

Gymnasiums at **Golden Gate Middle School, East Naples Middle School** and **Oak Ridge Middle School** will be open for basketball and supervised by CCSO Youth Relations deputies Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-4 p.m. June 14 through July 31. **Corkscrew Middle School** will host its gym from 1-3 p.m. **Lely High School** will run from noon to 4 p.m. but closed July 19-22.

**Immokalee High School** will also host an open gym Tuesday through Fridays from noon - 5 p.m. beginning June 21 through July 22. There will be no open gym July 19-22.

This activity is for currently enrolled middle- and high-school students. Contact the Youth Relations Bureau office at **239.252.0144** for information.

### Let's Go To The Movies!

Youth Relations deputies will visit the **Regal Hollywood 20 Stadium**, 6005 Hollywood Blvd, North Naples and **Paragon Theaters**, 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road, North Naples, to greet families and share kid safety tips.

Look for deputies at the Hollywood 20 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June 7 through Aug. 3 and at Paragon Theaters on Thursdays from June 9 through Aug. 3 from 9-10:30 a.m.

This program is open for all ages. Contact theaters for additional pricing information.



### Build-a-Boat

This program is an opportunity for high-schoolers ages 14 to 18 to accomplish the task of building a boat while staying active and earning their boating safety certificate. Three weeklong sessions will be offered this summer:

- **I-Tech Center in Immokalee** June 13-17 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Collier County Sheriff's Office** June 27-July 1 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Lowe's, 6415 Naples Blvd.** July 11-15 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Photo by Cpl. Mike Sutton/CCSO

## Hot Summer Nights

These weekly family fun nights run from 6-9 p.m. and allow youngsters to jump around in the police car bounce house, go rock wall climbing and play Wii games on a giant inflatable screen. Hot dogs, snow cones and popcorn are also available.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

### Sun-N-Fun Lagoon

at North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, North Naples

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

### Corkscrew Middle School

1165 Oil Well Road, Golden Gate Estates

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

### Eagle Lakes Community

11565 U.S. 41 E., East Naples

FRIDAY, JULY 1

### Immokalee Sports Complex

505 Escambia St., Immokalee



FRIDAY, JULY 8

### Mackle Park

1361 Andalusia Terrace, Marco Island

FRIDAY, JULY 15

### McLeod Park

208 S. Copeland Ave., Everglades City

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

### Seagate Elementary

650 Seagate Drive, North Naples

FRIDAY, JULY 29

### Vineyards Community Park

6231 Arbor Blvd. W., Golden Gate

Spots are almost at full capacity - contact the Youth Relations Bureau office at **239.252.0144** to register.

### Build-a-Chair

Students ages 10-13 will learn to work with tools and together to build a chair at **I-Tech Center in Immokalee** (June 21-22), **Everglades Recreation Center in Everglades City** (June 23-24), **Palmetto Ridge High School in Golden Gate Estates** (July 6-7), **Youth Haven** (July 11-12) and **East Naples Middle School** (July 27-28). Most sessions run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Teen Driver Challenge

The **Teen Driver Challenge** provides students ages 15 to 19 with the knowledge and hands-on experience to reduce the chances of being involved in a crash. The driving skills they will learn are the same techniques used by driving professionals, including NASCAR.

The class consists of two training days. The first day is a four-hour block of instruction at Osceola Elementary School and the second day is an eight-hour block of vehicle operations at Barron Collier High School.

Two sessions are open for registration:

- **Wednesday, June 22 (8 a.m. - noon) and Thursday, June 23 (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)**
- **Wednesday, July 27 (8 a.m.-noon) and Thursday, July 28 (8 a.m.-3 p.m.)**

Students will be operating their own vehicle and **MUST BE A LICENSED TEEN DRIVER**.

Contact the Youth Relations Bureau office at **239.252.0144** to register.

### Middle School Summer Camps

CCSO is partnering with **Golden Gate, Oak Ridge, East Naples** and **Corkscrew middle schools** to offer students ages 11 to 14 a free day camp Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to noon, beginning on June 14. Campers will participate in athletic activities including basketball and soccer as well as have the opportunity to go on field trips.

There will be no camp for the above locations July 19 - July 22.

**Immokalee Middle School** will also host a camp Tuesday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from June 14 to July 15.

Contact the Youth Relations Bureau office at **239.252.0144** for information.

### And Even More Summer Fun!

**D.E.P.U.T.Y. Club** and **Teen Academy** will also return.

**D.E.P.U.T.Y. Club** is for students in first through fifth grades and takes place every Thursday for six weeks. Students will go on field trips to local fun spots including Sun-N-Fun Lagoon as well as learn how the Sheriff's Office keeps Collier County a great and safe place.

**D.E.P.U.T.Y. Club** will now also be available for students in Everglades and Immokalee.

The **Teen Academy** is a 40-hour program designed for returning high-school seniors who are leaders in their schools. Academy members spend the week going on field trips and taking part in activities designed to teach them more about Collier County's environment, economy and government.

Registration for both **D.E.P.U.T.Y. Club** and **Teen Academy** is already full and closed.



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women working together with residents, businesses and county government."

The Sheriff thanked the County Commission, County Manager Leo Ochs and his staff, residents, and deputies for their continued support.

"Without your help and without your partnership we don't have a safe community," he said.

Commissioner Nance, who represents the Estates on the County Commission, recalled similar fanfare at the opening of the doublewide trailer due to the need for law enforcement services in the Estates more than a decade ago.

"It's a great accomplishment," he said of construction beginning on the new facility.

He called it a "tremendous testimony" that the majority of the County Commission turned out for the groundbreaking.

"That speaks very highly to the commitment of them personally and the Board of County Commissioners in general for the health, safety and welfare of our residents," he said.

Commissioner Nance acknowledged the deputies at the groundbreaking, saying support for the project "is long overdue."



Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, second from right, joins from left, Dexter Downs of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart's Office, Collier County Commission Chairwoman Donna Fiala, Commissioner Georgina Hiller, Commissioner Tim Nance, and Commissioner Penny Taylor in breaking ground on the new substation. Photo by Cpl. Efrain Hernandez/CCSO



From left, Dexter Downs of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart's Office, Commissioner Penny Taylor and Sheriff Kevin Rambosk react to remarks during the groundbreaking ceremony. Photo by Cpl. Efrain Hernandez/CCSO

"I don't care what the circumstances are, what the weather is outside or anything else, when I see the men and women (deputies) in this district they always have a smile on their face," he said. "That's why they have such a great relationship with the people because they're positive people carrying a good message. They're people the citizens know and respect."

Commissioner Hiller said public safety has been her No. 1 priority during her six years on the board and that she was happy to finally be breaking ground on the project.

Commissioner Taylor, a longtime civic leader who currently represents the City of Naples on the commission, said she was pleased the project was finally moving forward.

"You're going to have a new home for a growing area of Collier County that deserves it," she said.

Congressman Diaz-Balart said in a statement that he is glad first responders will have space and adequate resources to perform their important work.

"Sheriff Kevin Rambosk and his deputies work tirelessly to promote safe and responsible behavior across Southwest Florida," the congressman said in his statement. "Their work goes above and beyond what's expected and truly shows how much they care about their community."

**S**ummer is the time for many fun activities including family trips to theme parks, beach outings, backyard barbecues, and pool parties. It is important to keep safety in mind when engaging in these and other activities.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office offers the following tips for a safe summer:

### OUT AND ABOUT SAFETY

- Limit the amount of time your child is outside when the sun is most intense.
- Make sure your child is well hydrated at all times. If children are playing outside for more than an hour, incorporate a carbohydrate-electrolyte beverage in addition to water.
- Kids should wear light-colored cotton clothing, brimmed hats and sunglasses that block ultraviolet rays.
- Use a SPF 15 or higher sunscreen and reapply every two hours.
- Whenever riding in a vehicle make sure to always fasten your seat belt and that children are properly belted.

### WATER SAFETY

- NEVER leave children alone whether it is at a pool, the ocean or any other body of water. Always keep close supervision.



- If you own a pool, keep rescue equipment on-hand.
- If out boating, ensure children wear a properly-fitting lifejacket at all times.
- Kids should never dive into water unless an adult knows the water depth is appropriate as well as making sure there are no underwater objects.

### ONLINE SAFETY

- Teach your child to never give out their real name, where they live, where they attend school or other personal information over the Internet. Kids should never agree to meet anyone they've talked to online.
- Protect passwords.

# PUT SAFETY FIRST THIS Summer



- Never allow your child to have a computer in his or her room. Place the computer in a common area such as the living room.
- Do not give your child a web cam, camera phone, digital camera or video camera without close parental supervision.
- Closely monitor chat rooms your child visits.
- Regularly search your child's Internet history and "cookies."



### SPORTS SAFETY

- Wear a helmet and other safety gear when biking, skating and

skateboarding, and riding scooters, all-terrain vehicles and horses.



- Maintain all sports equipment – make sure everything fits properly and is in working order. If not, replace it.
- If possible, visit skateboard parks instead of riding in neighborhood streets.
- Never ride in or near traffic or without parental supervision.
- Keep a first aid kit within reach.

### STRANGER SAFETY

- Kids who feel uncomfortable when someone approaches or tries to trick them should scream and run away. Tell a trusted adult. Parents/guardians should call 911.
- If your child is at home alone during the day, make sure he or she knows not to open the door to anyone unfamiliar.
- Don't drop your child off at the mall, movies or parks. Always make sure there is a trusted adult there who can supervise.
- Kids should never tell anyone, including over the phone or Internet, that they are home alone.



For more tips on how to stay safe during the summer whether it is at home, the beach or hanging out with friends, visit [www.colliersheriff.org](http://www.colliersheriff.org).

## D.A.R.E. To Resist Drugs and Violence



Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Collier County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Kamela Patton and Daren the D.A.R.E. mascot got together April 21 to commemorate National D.A.R.E. Day. National D.A.R.E. Day serves as an occasion for all to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) curriculums

and program, as well as honor the students having graduated from D.A.R.E., their D.A.R.E. Officers, and the schools and participating law enforcement agencies. It is observed each year on the third Thursday of April D.A.R.E. teaches prevention skills to reduce youth use of illegal drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, as well as prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse.

CCSO has had a longstanding relationship with the D.A.R.E. program. Sheriff Rambosk is a member of the D.A.R.E. America International Law Enforcement Advisory Board. In 2015, Cpl. Ken Vila, who has spent his entire law enforcement career in the CCSO Youth Relations Bureau, was named "D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year" for Florida and the nation.

## Capt. Bishop Completes Commanders Academy

Collier County Sheriff's Office Captain Rod Bishop was among 30 deputies from around Florida who recently graduated from the Florida Sheriffs Association's prestigious Commanders Academy.

The two-week program started March 7 and reconvened for its final week on April 4. The Commanders Academy is an exceptionally informative and educational experience that is essential for the next generation of leaders.



Captain Rod Bishop

The academy provides a comprehensive curriculum and offers programs on leadership skills, business and personal ethics, management training and other topics that relate to the law enforcement profession. These forward-thinking classes prepare commanders for an exceptional career in the service of their communities.

Florida Sheriff's Association President Sadie Darnell said the Commanders Academy provides supervisors "with the best possible training tools to do their jobs and carry out the mission of law enforcement in a manner that reflects the positives of our profession."

Captain Bishop is a 24-year-veteran of the Collier County Sheriff's Office. He currently supervises the CCSO Criminal Investigations Division, which includes the General Crimes Bureau, Special Crimes Bureau, Financial Crimes Bureau, Technical Services Bureau, and Crime Scene Bureau.

"The Commanders Academy is another way we help the Florida offices of Sheriff be the best in the nation," said Steve Casey, executive director of the Florida Sheriff's Association. "Bringing relevant techniques and expertise by well-respected trainers gives our command staff the foundation for continued success."

## CCSO Honored As A Family-Friendly Workplace



The Collier County Sheriff's Office has been honored as a 2016 Family Friendly Workplace by the Naples Alliance for Children (NAFC).

CCSO has achieved this recognition for the last 18 years for workplace policies and programs that assist employees to take an active part in the raising of their children.

CCSO Human Resources Director Darlyn Estes accepted the honor at a celebration dinner at Daniel's Pavilion at Artis-Naples in late March.

Each year NAFC searches for businesses of all sizes that love families and show it. Businesses that receive this honor have met the NAFC Family Friendly Workplace criteria.

"Naples Alliance for Children is pleased to have the Collier County Sheriff's Office as a great example of how employers mix traditional and innovative ways to help employees balance the needs of their families with the demands of their jobs," NAFC said in a statement.



### ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM VISITS CCSO

An assessor from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA) visited in April to examine all aspects of the Collier County Sheriff's Office Communication Center's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Verification by the assessor that the Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to obtain accreditation, which is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As a part of the assessment, agency employees and members of the community were invited to offer comments by telephone or in writing addressing the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards was available for public review at CCSO Headquarters.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office must comply with 213 standards in order to gain accredited status.

"Completing the accreditation process demonstrates our agency's commitment to excellence and our obligation to continually strive to serve the community in the most efficient, effective, and professional manner possible," Sheriff Kevin Rambosk said.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the Sheriff's Office must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was re-accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Va. 20155; or call (703) 352-4225, or e-mail [calea@calea.org](mailto:calea@calea.org).



# COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Community Snapshots

Deputy Tania Manshadi responded to a call in Immokalee recently and met a young mother of four children, ages 2 through 5. She learned that the mother was struggling and the family had not eaten since the day before. Deputy Manshadi stopped by a local store and purchased food for the family with her own money and also made calls to ensure that the family would have access to local services that could provide assistance. *Photo by Cpl. Kevin Hendry/CCSO*

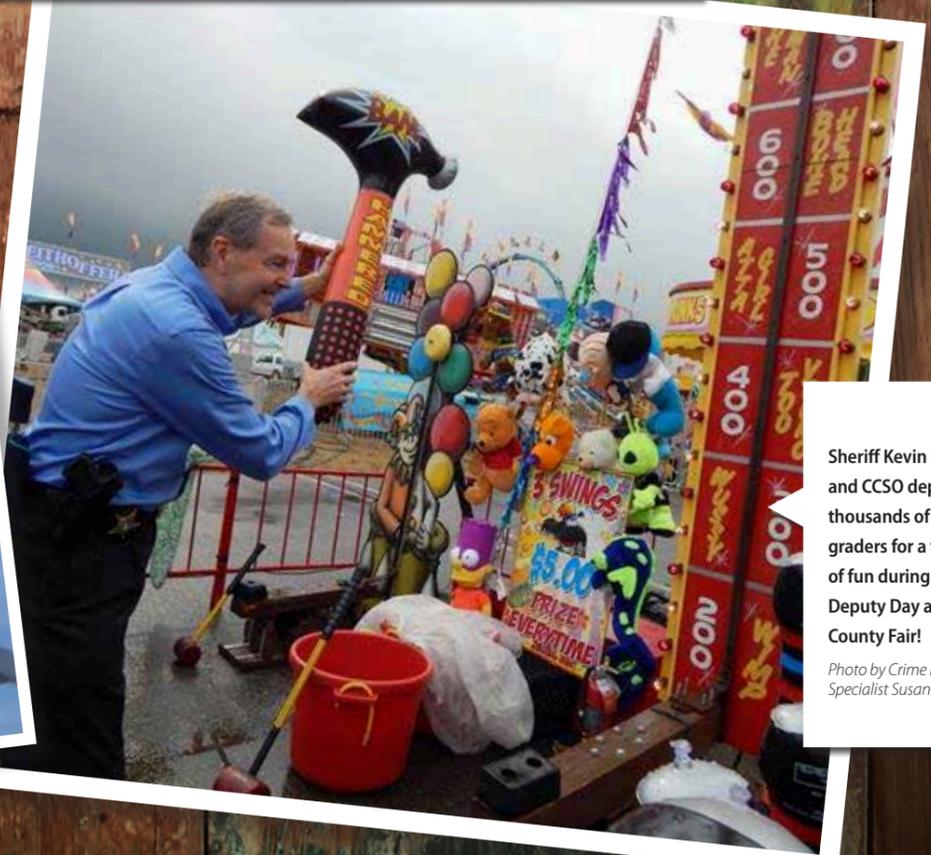


CCSO Crime Prevention Sgt Rebecca Gonzalez kicked off a new deputy weekly reading program at Everglades City School recently. Sgt. Gonzalez read about bullying to pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first-grade students. Deputies will visit the school each week to read and discuss good character topics. *Photo by Crime Prevention Specialist Sue Gentry/CCSO*



CCSO's newest marine patrol boat was dedicated in mid-April in a small ceremony on Marco Island. The boat was named after former marine patrol volunteer Fran Coyle, who passed away last year. Sheriff Kevin Rambosk presented Coyle's widow with a plaque dedicating the agency's new 33-foot "Invincible" patrol boat in his honor.

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's McGruff the Crime Dog showing students at Veterans Park Elementary School how the CCSO sky tower helps deputies keep Collier County a safe place!  
*Photo by Sgt. Rebecca Gonzalez/CCSO*



Sheriff Kevin Rambosk and CCSO deputies joined thousands of fourth-graders for a free morning of fun during Junior Deputy Day at the Collier County Fair!  
*Photo by Crime Prevention Specialist Susan Gentry/CCSO.*