LE Member of the Month DFC Kevin Katsarelas

While on marked patrol, 12/8/17 DFC Katsarelas was checking businesses when he observed movement behind Tire Kingdom in Englewood. DFC Katsarelas made contact with Ricky Twombly, whom he had observed loading tires into a pickup truck. Twombly, a prolific offender, was discovered to not have permission to remove the tires and was subsequently arrested. In separate incident, Randy Twombly was arrested with the assistance of Deputy Cote and Deputy Pelfrey. DFC Katsarelas come in to close the arrest later the morning of 12/3/17. It all started with Deputy Cote and Deputy Pelfrey observing Randy Twombly, driving around Englewood in his lifted, white, stretch limo pulling a trailer. The two deputies knew that he had a suspended license. Randy Twombly was driving all through the area. They now see the limo traveling without the trailer. It was later determined that the trailer had been stolen from Punta Gorda. A BOLO was issued and the hunt was on. Later that same morning, DFC Katsarelas located the limo and conducted a felony traffic stop. Randy Twombly and another subject in the vehicle were both arrested. Two prolific offenders were taken off the streets. Thank you for a job well done.

Detention Member of Month CDFC Sergio Pineda

On January 20, 2018, CDFC Sergio Pineda was assigned to L-1 Pod. During the inspection of the food cart that entered L-1 Pod, CDFC Pineda checked the juice container and noticed something floating in the container. CDFC Pineda removed the floating object observed that it was four to five pounds of coarse milk powder. CDFC Pineda immediately contacted his supervisors and the item was removed from the housing unit. Due to CDFC Pineda notifying his supervisor about the contraband, the ILP model was used to further investigate how the contraband was placed in the juice container. Using this model, CDFC Pineda’s supervisors were able to review the kitchen cameras and observe who placed the contraband in the juice container. As a result, three inmates received disciplinary actions for their conduct. CDFC Pineda is commended for locating, removing, and forwarding the information about the contraband to his supervisors for further investigation.

Support Services Member of the Month Corporal Corey Schaefer

Corporal Corey Schaefer has been with the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office for almost 23 years. During this time he worked as a Detention Officer, Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, and as a Training Officer. Corporal Schaefer is currently the Patrol Training Officer Coordinator and does an incredible job. He is responsible for the future of our agency by making sure that new officers get the training that is needed to help them succeed. This position takes a special person that is highly motivated and can handle those responsibilities. Currently, Corporal Schaefer has 17 trainees, as well as their training officers, under his guidance. For the past two years, Corey has been teaching his craft to various sheriffs and their command staffs at the Florida Sheriff’s Assoc. Conference with great distinction. Corporal Schaefer’s care and concern for the Patrol Training Officer Program reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office.
On December 10, 2017, Detective Martinez was assigned a criminal investigation of a residential burglary and grand theft at 23357 Swallow Ave, Port Charlotte. The victim stated that his daughter’s ex-husband had been staying with them at the house, and after the victim was hospitalized, it was discovered that items from the house were missing. Detective Martinez made contact with several people and agencies and located the suspect in the Manatee County Jail. Detective Martinez learned that the suspect, Edwin Rodriguez, had been arrested for driving with an expired DL. She quickly made arrangements to meet with Detective Campbell, Manatee County SO, to interview Edwin. When Detective Martinez questioned Edwin about the burglary on Swallow Ave (his ex-father-in-law’s home), Edwin advised her that he could “make the situation right again” and try to get some of the jewelry back. Edwin described some of the jewelry taken from the home and said he pawned a few pieces in Bradenton. Edwin later confessed and said he had a friend named Crystal pawn the items for him. Detective Campbell assisted Detective Martinez in trying to identify Crystal, whom he believed is a known drug user who frequents a specific drug house within his jurisdiction. Detective Martinez was able to obtain an arrest warrant from the information she gathered during the interview and had the warrant in place before Edwin could bond out. Detective Martinez then assisted Detective Campbell’s case by being a co-affiant on a search warrant in regards to the Jeep used in the course of the robbery in Manatee. The Jeep is now stored in Charlotte County. The vehicle that Edwin was driving when he was arrested belonged to his ex-Denise Hegarty. The vehicle is currently at a tow yard in Sarasota County. Detective Martinez was able to have Denise sign a consent to search the Chrysler 300. Detective Martinez was able to recover some of the property belonging to the victim from the Chrysler 300. The property recovered was returned to the victim.

It was a grisly accident on 41 near Tucker’s Grade. The driver, who had lost control and crashed into the woods, later died. Mike was volunteering with C.O.P. at the time. “I helped with closing down 41. That time stands out in my mind, he says. He remembers that he was impressed by, and proud to be a part of, what he considers the epitome of interagency cooperation—the sheriff’s department, highway patrol, aviation unit, a medical helicopter—all getting the job done. A year or so later, a marine deputy explained to him the opportunities available as a marine volunteer. “I grew up around boats,” he recalls. “So coming on board to help free up the deputies on the water seemed like a natural thing for me.” Mike enjoys the camaraderie, not only among the volunteers, but with certified staff as well. “The volunteers bring with them such diverse backgrounds and talent. We have ex-educators, an ex-coach, an ex-plant manager, and so on. There’s a wealth of stories and shared experiences that enrich our time on the shift.” Mike contribution, in addition to his labor relations work, he taught computers part-time at a night school program at Indiana University. It’s very important to me that Charlotte county remains a good place to live.”

Thank you for your military service, nine years in the Air Force. After spending time in the Hendry CI he joined CCSO. He worked in the old jail and was dual certified. He is an accomplished mechanic working on large and small engines. Nathan looks forward to opening his own shop. Please enjoy your new adventures and best of luck to you.

Retirement

CDFC Nathan Rowles

Volunteers’ Corner

Featured Volunteer

Mike Reardon

Authored By

David Trautman, volunteer
**School Resource Officer of the Month**

DFC Hernan Morales is the S.R.O. member of the month. DFC Morales is currently the resource office at Kingsway Elementary and he is the senior adviser for Explorer Post 29. The month of December DFC Morales not only worked at his school, but he helped at several crossing guard locations and covered East Elementary for a few days of the month. DFC Morales also organized two major events for the Explorers Post 29, the Punta Gorda Christmas parade and the Explorers’ awards dinner. Organizing the annual dinner took a lot of time and effort, and DFC Morales should be commended for a job well done.

**Clothing Drive**

Charlotte Behavioral Health Care put out a call for help in the form of needing clothes for the residents there. CCSO filled that need to the tune of 50-plus bags of gently-used clothes for adults and children. As it stands now, their closets are filled. Jennifer Reed, Director of Crisis Services accepts the donation from volunteer George Pish and Community Affairs Specialist Tammy Wilkie.

**Business & Professional Women of Charlotte County Fundraiser**

Saturday, January 20th the local chapter of the Business & Professional Women of Charlotte County hosted their 2nd annual fashion show at Visanis Comedy Club. Sheriff Bill Prummell and Detective Blake Beyers helped out by modeling some of the fashions from our local businesses. They also added to the comedy part of the event. Those pictures will not be printed. Lol. This organization gives out thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving Charlotte County Women. They topped their last years efforts and raised $6,200.00 in scholarship money.

**More Christmas giving**

On the afternoon of Friday, December 22, Michael McCurry (in photo) approached CCSO and presented a donation of children’s toys from his club, the Charlotte County Disc Golfers’ Association. The club raised money to purchase toys for children of the community in need of a Christmas boost. The toys were accepted with gratitude, the mission now was to give them to children over the holiday weekend. He didn’t know where else to bring them and we didn’t want to turn him away. The Charlotte County Homeless Coalition was thankful for the delivery from Sgt. A. Doyle. The rest of the toys were dispersed over the weekend to those in need.
Events happening around CCSO and Charlotte County

14th Annual Tennis with a Heart Tournament
February 9, 10 & 11, 2018

PREMIER EVENT SPONSOR:

WIMBLEDON SPONSOR $750
- 4 drink tickets
- 4 t-shirts
- 8 player registrations
- Large banner in color with logo displayed on courts during event
- Logo on group banner for 1 year
- Social media recognition

AUSTRALIAN OPEN SPONSOR $250
- 2 drink tickets
- 2 t-shirts
- 2 player registrations
- Logo on group banner for 1 year
- Social media recognition

US OPEN SPONSOR $500
- 2 drink tickets
- 2 t-shirts
- 4 player registrations
- Large banner in color with logo displayed on courts during event
- Logo on group banner for 1 year
- Social media recognition

FRENCH OPEN SPONSOR $100
- 1 drink ticket
- 1 t-shirt
- Logo on group banner for 1 year

Sgt. Shaun Lisson is attend the Ruff Ride bicycle event ...See Sharepoint for more details:

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office
"Taking a Bite Out of Cancer"
Relay for Life Team
Applebee's Dining to Donate fundraiser

Join us in raising funds for our Relay for Life team to take a bite out of cancer! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, anyone and everyone to dine at the Murdock Applebee's on Thursday, February 8 from 11am-9pm.

10% of your bill (excluding tax, tip, alcohol, and gift card sales) will be donated to our team when you present the attached flyer to your server. Offer is available for dining in or take-out orders. You MUST have the flyer for your bill to count towards the donation.

Anyone can help us out with this fundraiser! Print as many as you'd like to pass around, or see June Parks for printed flyers. Please help us spread the word, and we hope to see you at the Murdock Applebee's on February 8th!
Life after Retirement
Catching up with Janet Frazee

I worked at CCSO for 12 years, and retired in 2015 after spending the previous 7 years working as the accreditation/professional standards assistant. I have spent the last two years caring for my husband who is confined to a wheelchair, and trying to carve out some “me” time whenever I can. I celebrated my retirement with a cruise thru the Panama Canal, which I took with my sister. Last year I had the privilege of spending several weeks with my son, daughter-in-law, and my grandson who live in Maryland. This year I spent 2 weeks in Israel and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the Bible come to life as I walked where Jesus walked, sailed on the Sea of Galilee, and swam in the Dead Sea. I even got baptized in the Jordan River by my pastor, who was on the tour with my sister and I. Not sure how much traveling I will get to do in the future but I enjoy every minute I can. I would love to volunteer (at the agency, or somewhere) but currently am unable to leave my husband alone all day. I enjoy reading, word puzzles, and spending time with my two daughters who live in the area. I also knit hats for babies and sick children with a group of ladies at my church. It isn’t how I dreamed life after working would be, but sometimes you gotta roll with what you’re handed. Life is good, I miss you all, and pray for your safety. Stay safe cause it’s a crazy world out there.

Until next time,
Sherman Robinson (Major CCSO Retired)

CCSO February Birthdays

| 2  | MIDEA, DOMENICO                             |
| 3  | NEADS, DANIEL                               |
| 4  | THOMPSON, JODI TRAUTMAN, DAVID              |
| 5  | COURTNEY, PATRICK KALOSS, GREGORY PAINAGU, JAMES PATTEN, JACOB                           |
| 6  | MARTIN, AMY ROLLAND, KENNETH               |
| 7  | BECK, RONALD BENNETT, JEFFRY PAUL, DUSTIN THAMES, CASEY                               |
| 8  | ULRICH, DONALD VERGARA, WILLIAM             |
| 9  | FIGUEROA, F GRAHAM, ALCIA MAGOON, CONNOR WATSON, BRET CIOUNO, LOUIS HAMP, JOHN SADLER, JOHN |
| 10 | SACC, ALFRED LINDSEY, MICHAEL STAUB, DANIEL BOVIEY, TAYLOR MUIRHEAD, DUSTIN MUSE, JOSHUA |
| 11 | COX, DAVID DAVOLI, SEAN MAHORIVSKY, OLEH WILLIAMS, AARON                              |
| 12 | Barclay SARGENT, KEITH SCHEFER, ZACHARY ARMSTEAD, BRETT REYES, YARITZA FREITAS, ANTHONY |
| 13 | ORR, JOHN M.MULLEN, L MORAGHAN, JOHN OGDEN, ERIC PARRIS, KRISTA SARGENT                |
| 14 | ROSSMAN, KAREN SHOCK, JOSEPH EILERMAN, JOSEPH ENGELAUF, SHANE MANFREDO, ROSE          |
| 15 | BARTOLOTTA, H COTE, JOSHUA FARIAS, MONICA HEER, STEPHEN CLINTON, PATRICK PILOTO, MATTHEW ROBBINS, HEIDI         |
| 16 | TOLKAN, FRANCINE MARKLIN, CHARLES ANDERSON, LEE LEONARD, ALEYA OWENS, NICHOLAS ARMSTEAD, BRETT REYES, YARITZA FREITAS, ANTHONY |
| 17 | CURTIS, PATRICK KALOSS, GREGORY PAINAGU, JAMES PATTEN, JACOB |
| 18 | ANNELSON, JEREMIAH RODRIGUEZ, MICHAEL ARMSTEAD, BRETT REYES, YARITZA FREITAS, ANTHONY |
| 19 | DET. Blake Beyer was seen out and about helping an elderly man. His trash can was causing him problems. The windy day was getting the better of him. Det Beyer stepped in. Thank you for all your good work. |

Name: Lilianna Belle Watson
Born: 12/26/17
Weight: 8 lbs. 7 oz.
Proud parents:
Father: Zachery Watson (CCSO LE Recruit)
Mother: Brittany Watson, Big Sister: Arabella Watson, Grandfather: Brent Watson (Admin. Supervisor)