



Florida Crime Prevention Association 2014 Awards Packet

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Award Nomination Categories

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☐ Category A

Outstanding Crime Prevention Organization

☒ Category B

Outstanding Crime Prevention Program

☐ Category C

Crime Prevention Volunteer of the Year

☐ Category D

Crime Prevention Unit of the Year

☐ Category E

Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year

☐ Category F

New Horizon Award

☐ Category G

Lifetime Achievement Award

☐ Category H

President's Award (*This award is presented by the FCPA President for outstanding commitment to the area of crime prevention. No nominations are accepted. See Category H, page 12, for additional information about this award*)



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Nomination Contact Information

Name of Person or Group Being Nominated

Name / Agency / Business Name: Sheriff Chris Blair, Marion County Sheriff's Office

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Nominated By

Name: Chief Deputy Fred LaTorre

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MARION COUNTY



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

August 28, 2014

Mr. Bill Gonsalves
c/o Naples Police Department
355 Riverside Circle
Naples, FL 34102

Ref: Award Nomination

Dear Mr. Gonsalves:

Enclosed please find an information packet nominating Sheriff Chris Blair and the Marion County Sheriff's Office for the 2014 Outstanding Crime Prevention Program. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 352-299-4196.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

CHRIS BLAIR, SHERIFF

By: 
Fred LaTorre, Chief Deputy

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Enclosures

Chris Blair, Sheriff

Outstanding Crime Prevention Program Nomination

- 1) Marion County Sheriff's Office
- 2) Date the program was implemented:

July 7, 2014

- 3) Crime problem targeted:

Sheriff Blair was looking for a method to communicate with the general public in an effort to solicit their involvement in his efforts toward crime prevention and apprehension. Based on a concept utilized by Sheriff Blair many years earlier as a major crimes detective, Sheriff Blair sought new technology to display information to the community involving missing or endangered persons, wanted individuals and general emergency information. Thus the Kiosk was born (see attached photo).

The crime problems targeted by the crime information kiosk are several. First, the display screen on the kiosk is broken up in to three distinct zones. Each of the kiosks is equipped with an air card which allows information to be remotely and wirelessly transmitted to all or individual kiosks throughout Marion County almost instantaneously. The first zone on the kiosk displays issues upon which the Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public with regard to identifying subjects who are wanted for questioning in relation to suspected criminal activity, Amber Alerts of missing children, or Silver Alerts for missing vulnerable or endangered adults.

Zone two displays public service announcements, apprises the public of significant arrests during the preceding week, and can provide other information to the public such as information pertaining to severe weather or other public safety alerts.

Finally, zone three contains the images, along with the crimes, of individuals who are wanted on active arrest warrants. Individuals providing information leading to the arrest of one of these wanted subjects can receive a reward from Crime Stoppers of Marion County, Inc. Furthermore, the third zone appraises the public sexual predators that have moved into the area by providing the predators photograph, address, and crime for which they were convicted.

- 4) Community group or geographical area targeted by the program:

This project targets the community as a whole in that it keeps the public informed, and seeks community engagement, regarding wanted, missing or endangered persons, seeks their involvement in identifying subjects wanted for

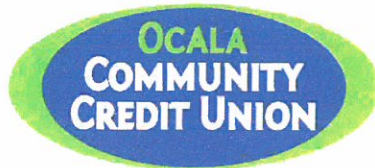
questioning in relation to criminal activity, and otherwise provides public safety information on a real-time basis to the citizens of Marion County. Since its implementation the kiosk has met with remarkable success. Within 48 hours of the deployment of the kiosks into local business and government buildings, two wanted persons were taken in to custody. The first individual was a person with an active felony warrant who the Sheriff's Office had unsuccessfully searched for going on over a month. However, an individual in the community recognized the wanted subject from the kiosk and called in his whereabouts and he was successfully apprehended. The second individual saw herself on a kiosk located in a Burger King and, realizing that her warrant was serious, turned herself in to the Marion County Jail. **In approximately the eight weeks since the 100 units have been deployed in high pedestrian traffic areas 15 persons with active arrests warrants who were placed on the kiosk have been taken into custody. In addition the kiosk was responsible for identifying three subjects suspected of committing a local homicide.**

During the Kiosk unveiling ceremony in association with community business leaders, Keynote Speaker Attorney General Pam Bondi praised the efforts of Sheriff Blair and expressed a desire to see the program spread across the nation. During the AG's remarks at the Florida Sheriff's Association Summer Conference, she again expressed support for the program to go statewide as well as national and indicated that she planned to have the Sheriff appear at the National Attorney General's Association Conference later this year.

It should be noted that the \$300,000.00 allocated to the 100 Kiosk's currently deployed throughout Marion County was paid for through a Crime Prevention Fund established under F.S.S. 775.083 with no cost to the local tax payers.

This program is seen as a tremendous conduit between local law enforcement and the community at large. We receive constant reports of people gathering around the kiosk at local establishments.

Your consideration of this nomination is appreciated!



Fred LaTorre
Chief Deputy
Marion County Sheriff's Office
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Dear Chief Deputy LaTorre,

August 27, 2014

I would like to take this time to express my appreciation to the Marion County Sheriff's Office for providing the Crime Stopper Kiosk for our lobby at no charge to us. In addition, my board of directors, supervisory committee, and staff appreciate seeing your office take a pro-active approach in listing those images of Financial Crimes. From a financial institutions view point, this is a breath of fresh air to see Financial Crimes listed along with all those other criminals wanted.

I hope these kiosks begin spreading throughout Florida and the United States so criminals cannot hide. In addition, I hope that this will bring attention to our politicians/lawmakers and maybe they will begin making stricter laws to keep folks locked up until fully rehabilitated. Remove the loop holes for the attorneys and judges to let these criminals right back on the streets repeating their crimes. Ask any financial institution and you find that Financial Crimes are high in the State of Florida. Just last month I was talking to a credit union manager in North Carolina and she was telling me that her debit cards are fraudulently used in the same cities are debit cards are fraudulently used in... Tampa and Orlando, FL.

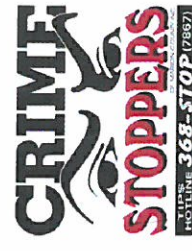
I highly recommend every city in the State of Florida have these kiosks in place before the end of this calendar year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Steven Nazaruk".

Steven Nazaruk
President/CEO

Law Enforcement Information Center Kiosk Unveiling Ceremony



Thank you for your support!

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MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

We need your help identifying this person

The man pictured below attempted to use a stolen credit at the Kangaroo store at North 441 and Hwy 529. If you have any information about the identity of this person, please contact Detective Gordon at 352-877-4634 or Crime Stoppers at 352-268-3110.



As Sheriff, I would like to invite you every week to review the "Arrests and Captures" of the week. If you have any information regarding these subjects committing their illegal activity please call Crime Stoppers at 368-STOP (7867). You may be eligible to receive an award up to \$1,000.00. As Sheriff I appreciate your efforts in keeping our community safe!

Sheriff Chris Blair



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