

Dear Citizens,

Welcome to the Forest District of the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

My name is Lieutenant Al Ramirez, and it is an honor to serve as your District Commander. I've been with the Marion County Sheriff's Office since 1985.

The Forest District is located at 16000 East State Road 40. The Forest District covers approximately 289 square miles and is home to over 13,000 citizens. There are many communities within our District, such as Lake View Woods, Silver Springs Village, Silver Lakes Acres, Scrambletown, Lynne, Woods and Lakes, Forest Lakes Park, and many more. Much of the District also includes the many woods, lakes and rivers of the Ocala National Forest. The Sheriff's Office has a strong working relationship with the United States Forest Service, Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Department of Environmental Protection.

We currently have nine deputies and one Property Crimes Detective assigned to the District to serve and protect you, your homes and businesses within the District. The Forest District also has 96 members assigned to the Forest Cops (Silver Watch) volunteer patrol. This dedicated group of volunteers is very active with the community to provide extra patrol in the Forest District.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Ms. Urso is our District Secretary who is available to assist you in any way possible. The phone number to the office is 402-6040. If you have an emergency, or if you need to report any other crime or situation, please dial 911 or 732-9111. A deputy will return your call or respond to assist you.

I look forward to being involved in the Community. Together, we can find new and innovative ways to reduce crime with the hope to have an overall increase in the quality of life for each and every one of you.

In service to you,
Lt. Al Ramirez