

Dear citizens,

Welcome to the North Central District of the Marion County Sheriff's Office. I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself. I'm Lt. Bruce McCormick, and it is my honor to serve you as your District Commander. I have 32 years of experience, with the first 13 years being in Broward County, and the last 19 years serving the citizens of Marion County. I received an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Broward Community College and I'm a graduate of the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, Kentucky.

My experience in law enforcement includes assignments in patrol, Detective Bureau, and narcotics/organized crime investigation. While responding to emergency situations will always be a priority for the Sheriff's Office, we must begin to restore a balance to our policing systems, which has in the past been essentially organized in a reactive mode.

In the future, in order to better balance our policing system, we will expand the problem-solving capabilities of patrol deputies and supervisors so that we can more successfully and completely address the chronic crime problems which are now plaguing some of our neighborhoods and business areas. The successful application of problem-solving techniques on these problem locations will result in a decline of calls, thereby reducing the work load of the deputies and freeing their time to be more proactive and problem-oriented.

A major goal of community policing is to bring the deputy closer to the community in order to increase accessibility, as well as to nurture a sense of ownership by the community towards the department, and likewise a stronger identification by department personnel with their community.

As your commander, I feel honored to serve you. I have an open door policy and encourage you to stop in anytime.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Bruce McCormick

