

Dear citizens and visitors of Marion County,

I am Lt. Dennis McFatten, your South Central District Commander. The South Central District encompasses the unincorporated areas surrounding the City of Belleview. The district's major highways are, Hwy 441/27/301, CR 484, CR 25 and I-75. The rapid growth of homes and businesses within the 50 square mile area, has led to a population growth of approximately 25,000 residents. Many of these residents come from the communities of Del Webb Spruce Creek and Little Lake Weir Subdivision. These two communities assist the Sheriff's Office with their volunteer crime watch groups by patrolling their communities, which help solve and deter crime.

The District is home to several golf courses and to the Cross Florida Greenway-Santos Bike Trail. The Santos Bike Trail consists of, mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding trails that connect to the Land Bridge of the Cross Florida Greenway.

The District is staffed by 14 Deputies, a Property Crimes Detective and a District Secretary. Each staff member is committed to serving the citizens and visitors of Marion County, by providing you with the most professional law enforcement service possible. We encourage each citizen to communicate their concerns and ideas to us, which allows the flow of valuable information to be exchanged therefore helping to solve problems within the district.

As a twelve year employee with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, I believe my experiences as a Corrections Officer, Patrol Deputy, D.A.R.E. Officer, Patrol Supervisor and a member of the Field Force will provide the necessary skills to serve you. I invite you to come by and visit our multi-district office, which was designed specifically to enhance our community policing philosophy. It features a community room that can be used by our citizens to conduct meetings, classes and other functions, that further opens a line of communication with citizens and law enforcement.

I hope to see you soon.

Lieutenant Dennis McFatten

