

Dear Citizens,

I am Lieutenant Rick Balias and I would like to welcome you to the Southeast District Office. I am a lifelong resident of Marion County and have served with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for 27 years. I have served as a Corrections Officer, Patrol Deputy/Field Training Officer, Property Crimes Detective, Patrol Sergeant and have served as the Ocklawaha and South Marion District Commanders.

The Southeast District covers 28 square miles and has a population of approximately 14,000. It's main corridor, U.S. Hwy 441/27/301 is made up primarily with businesses from the city limits of Ocala south to SE 80th Street. The district also goes to the East to C.R. 35 and West to C.R. 475A.

The Southeast District is located at the South Multi-District Office at SE 80th Street and U.S. Hwy 441. It is staffed with 10 Patrol Deputies, one Property Crimes Detective, and a District Secretary. We are committed to serving the citizens and business community of Marion County.

I look forward to serving as your District Commander and invite you to stop by for a visit and meet those who work out of the South Multi-District Office.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Rick Balias

