



Sheriff Kurt A. Hoffman

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office



Sarasota County is located on Florida's gulf coast. Our jurisdiction encompasses 572 square miles, including 35 miles of shoreline. The county is home to 465,000 residents - a number that swells to more than 500,000 during winter months. The agency employs more than 1,000 sworn and civilian members. Personnel duties include patrol, investigations, corrections, communications, K-9, victim's assistance, court security, animal services, aviation, mounted patrol, SWAT, crime prevention, and more. More than 700 volunteers assist our agency in various areas, and in 2021, those volunteers donated more than 13,775 hours to the agency and community.

Compliance with national and state standards and regular review by outside professionals are important elements for ensuring acceptable agency practices. The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office is accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) and the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC), both of which have earned the agency Excelsior Recognition. The Public Safety Communications Center is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), which earned the agency Meritorious Recognition for being accredited more than 15 years in a row. The sheriff's office has additional accreditations through the International Association for Property and Evidence (IAPE), the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), and the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA).

Sheriff Kurt A. Hoffman is the 11th Sheriff of Sarasota County, serving since 2021. He began his law enforcement career as a deputy with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office in 1989. Sheriff Hoffman has served the community for more than three decades as a prosecutor for the 12th Judicial Circuit and as general counsel for the sheriff's office since 2005. During his tenure at the sheriff's office, Hoffman promoted to Captain, Major, and Colonel.

Sheriff Hoffman has a rich family history of service in local and state law enforcement and the U.S. Military. His middle name is Alan, named after his uncle, Terry Alan Hoffman, a Corporal in the U.S. Marines who was killed in 1968 in South Vietnam. Sheriff Hoffman is passionate about the veteran community, his family, and his hometown. He and his wife Teri reside in Venice.

CAREER ROLES IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, 2005 - present

General Counsel, Captain, Major, Colonel/Chief Deputy, Elected Sheriff 2021

Office of the State Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, 1997 - 2004

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, 1989 - 2004

Deputy First Class, Reserve Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain

EDUCATION

Criminal Justice Education Graduate Certificate, 2014

FBI National Academy, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Master of Science, Criminal Justice, *cum laude*, 2002

Hodges University, (Formerly International College), Naples, FL

Juris Doctor, 1997

Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, *magna cum laude*, 1994

Saint Leo College, Saint Leo, FL



AFFILIATIONS

FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF - Secret Clearance); National Rifle Association (Life Member); Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners, Criminal Justice Advisory Board Member; Criminal Justice, Mental Health Substance & Abuse Planning Council Member; Suncoast Technical College, Criminal Justice Academy, Chairman; FBI National Academy Associates; The Florida Bar; Florida Association of Police Attorneys; FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA); Member: Major County Sheriffs of America and Florida Sheriffs Association.

