

Public may comment on CCSO during accreditation process

An assessor from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive April 10 to examine all aspects of the Collier County Sheriff's Office Communication Center's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Sheriff Kevin J. Rambosk announced. Verification by the assessor that the Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to obtain accreditation, which is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As a part of the assessment, agency em-

ployees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by telephone. The public may call 239-252-9362 on April 11 between 2 and 4 p.m. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available for review at the Sheriff's Office Headquarters, Building J 2nd floor, in the Collier County Government Complex, at the Duty Officer's station.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Collier County Sheriff's Office's ability to meet the standards for ac-

creditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office has to comply with 213 standards in order to gain accredited status, Sheriff Rambosk said. Sheriff Rambosk also stated, "Completing the accreditation process demonstrates our agency's commitment to excellence and our obligation to continually strive to serve the community in the most efficient, effective, and professional manner possible."

Accreditation is for three years, during which the Sheriff's Office must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was re-accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Va. 20155; or call (703) 352-4225 or email calea@calea.org.

Roadwatch

COLLIER COUNTY

I-75 from Broward County Line (mile marker 25) to east of CR 951/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101): Construction project: This safety project adds approximately 78 miles (39 miles in each direction) of guardrail along I-75/Alligator Alley from the Broward County line to east of CR 951 in Collier County. Crews will begin a moving pavement operation at CR 951 (exit 101) and work easterly to the Broward County Line. Crews will then work from the Broward County Line westerly to just east of CR 951. Guardrail installation will follow behind the pavement operation. Crews will work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, with intermittent lane closures. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway.

- Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., through the duration of the project

- Motorists should expect the outside southbound lane closed from mile marker 62 to mile marker 69

- Crews will be installing guardrail from mile marker 96 to mile marker 98

Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. The contractor is the de Moya Group, Inc. Estimated completion is summer 2017.

I-75 from north of CR 951/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101) to just north of Golden Gate Parkway (mile marker 105): Construction project: This project adds six lanes and adds a 12-foot travel lane and 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75. Work begins with installation of construction signs and silt fence for erosion control. Lane closures and ramp closures may occur in both the northbound and southbound travel lanes from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

US 41 at Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for crews to make signalization improvements at the intersection. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

US 41 from Mosquito Canal to SR 29:

Construction project: Crews are resurfacing US 41 from east of the Mosquito Canal to SR 29. This project also includes shoulder widening and guardrail replacements. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project. Flaggers will be on site to maintain traffic.

- Motorists should expect lane closures near the Indian Village while crews pave the roadway

Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Estimated completion is spring 2016. The contractor is General Asphalt Company, Inc.

US 41 From Pelican Bay Boulevard to Vanderbilt Beach Road: Construction project: Crews will be placing sidewalk, curb and gutter, bus shelter pads, handrail, drainage, relocate lighting and signing and pavement marking US 41. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project from 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2016. The Contractor is Quality Enterprises USA, Inc.

SR 951/Collier Boulevard from US 41 to Eagle Creek Drive: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to construct new turn lanes. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

CR 896/Pine Ridge Road from US 41 to east of Caribbean Road: Construction project: This quarter mile project includes a new westbound left-turn lane at the Pine Ridge Road/US 41 intersection, milling and resurfacing, and drainage improvements. The improvements also include traffic signal replacement, landscaping, sidewalks, and signage/pavement markings.

- Westbound lane closures may occur during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. and eastbound lane closures may occur during nighttime/overnight hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is spring 2016. The Contractor is Wright Construction Group.

Shelter to host Community Health Fair

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children will host a free Immokalee Community Health Fair from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, April 10, at the Florida Department of Health, 419 1st Street.

The event will include free adult health screenings for vision, hearing, mental health, medical and sports injuries and HIV/AIDS testing. Legal Aid will also be available for consult. Participating doctors and agencies include Dr. Ann Rasmussen, the Lion's Club, the Department of Health, Medical & Sports Rehabilitation Center, Legal Aid, Florida State University and the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

For more information, call The Shelter's Haitian Outreach Advocate Johanne Pierre at 239-775-3862 ext. 229 or by email at jpierre@naplesshelter.org

The Shelter, Collier County's only certified domestic violence center, is leading the community to prevent, protect and prevail over domestic violence and human trafficking through advocacy, empowerment and social change. To help provide a solution to end violence at home and in our communities, go to www.naplesshelter.org.



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