

ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



SHERIFF CHAD D. SCOTT



2025

Annual Report

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

SWITCHBOARD : 352-367-4000

RECORDS : 352-367-4006

PIO : 352-367-4050

JAIL : 352-491-4444

CIVIL : 352-264-6665

352-955-1818

(non-emergency number)

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MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



To the citizens of Alachua County,

As I conclude my first year as Sheriff of Alachua County, it is important to reflect on the experiences, challenges, and accomplishments that have shaped this foundational year for our agency. Over the past year, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office has worked with purpose and determination to advance a clear mission and vision centered on community trust, public safety, professionalism, and collaboration.

From the outset, our agency has been committed to addressing the most pressing public safety issues facing our community. These priorities included reducing deadly gun violence, enhancing mental health responses, providing meaningful services to individuals in our jail to reduce recidivism and support successful reentry, and combating the opioid epidemic so fewer families experience the devastating loss of a loved one. Throughout the year, the men and women of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office worked together to turn these commitments into action.

Enhancing the safety and security of our community remained a central focus. Guided by shared goals, the agency implemented innovative strategies, including the creation of the FOCUS Team, which provides directed enforcement in areas identified through trending crime data. At the same time, staffing within the Community Relations Bureau was increased to strengthen trust and engagement with those we serve. These initiatives reinforced proactive policing efforts and expanded meaningful connections with residents and community partners. By listening and responding to local needs, our agency continued building trust and developing solutions tailored to Alachua County.

Addressing crime and public safety presented ongoing challenges throughout the year. While Alachua County remains a generally safe place to live and work, incidents of violence and property crime required deliberate and

strategic responses. Through expanded intelligence-led policing, data-driven decision-making, and strong partnerships with local and regional agencies, our team worked to identify and disrupt crime patterns before they escalated. These collaborative efforts contributed to reductions in gun-related violence, as well as other crime categories, and enhanced overall community safety.

The agency also placed significant emphasis on addressing mental health and substance use challenges. Recognizing the complex intersection of these issues with law enforcement, the Sheriff's Office expanded integrated response efforts, including increased staffing for the Co-Responder Team. In partnership with healthcare providers and community organizations, programs such as the HAT (Homeless Action Team) Program and the CHANGE (Community Housing, Academics, Nutrition, Groups, and Employment) Program were introduced at the Alachua County Jail. These initiatives reflect a continued commitment to compassionate, solution-oriented approaches that improve outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness or incarceration, as well as for the community as a whole.

Transparency, accountability, and professionalism remained core values throughout the year. The agency reinforced ethical standards, prioritized open communication, enhanced policies, contracted with a new vendor for body-worn cameras and digital evidence management, and welcomed the voices of community members. These efforts are essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring the highest standards of service.

The progress highlighted in this annual report is the result of the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, along with the continued support of our residents and community partners. Their commitment to our shared mission and vision has been instrumental in the work accomplished this year.

As we move forward, challenges remain, but the direction of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office is clear. United as a team and guided by our mission and vision, we remain committed to building a safer, stronger, and more connected Alachua County.

Respectfully,

Chad D. Scott
Sheriff
Alachua County Sheriff's Office



OUR MISSION

Service to the community first, commitment to the employees always.

OUR VALUES

Protect, serve and support our community with integrity.

AGENCY OBJECTIVES

Provide the highest level of protection to our citizens and the community.

Provide the highest level of professional service to our citizens and community.

Provide our employees with support, development, and resources that promote excellence in protection and service.

Through our partnerships, we are the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Always **C**ommitted to **S**erving **O**thers

HUMAN RESOURCES

In 2025, Chaplain Services migrated under Human Resources. The Chaplaincy Program is being expanded and has since welcomed back Chaplain Grant Smith, in a part-time capacity, to serve as the DOJ Chaplain. We are working towards our ultimate goal to provide additional support and resources to our agency, employees, and those we serve.

Accomplishments :

- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Department of Defense Veterans Services Skill Bridge Program to enhance awareness of job opportunities for our military personnel and increase recruitment effort for Veterans.
- We have initiated additional mandatory mental health support for our employees assigned sensitive case investigations.

Position Stats:

- **55** positions posted externally
- **77** positions posted internally (some duplicates with external posts)
- **3,056** applications processed
- **1,085** interviews conducted
 - **118** personnel hired
 - **14** employees retired

ACSO sponsored 26 Detention Officer Recruits and 6 Deputy Sheriff Cadets.

INMATE SERVICES :

Chaplain Pod Services - 526
 Contacts (on Pod) - 5,489
 Requests - 124
 Prayer - 839

EMPLOYEE SERVICES :

Chaplain Visits/Calls - 71
 Contacts - 1,776
 Death (Employee/Family) - 13
 Invocations/Prayer - 50

COMMUNITY SERVICES :

Clergy Visits - 44
 Contacts - 774
 Donations to Community - \$9,908.37
 (Grace Market)

EVIDENCE

When evidence is collected from a crime scene, that evidence needs to be carefully protected, organized and tracked. That's where our Evidence Section comes in; our team works behind the scene every day to make sure everything from personal property to firearms, drugs, vehicles and forensic items are stored safely and handled correctly. Their attention to detail helps keep cases moving smoothly through the criminal justice system and ensures the integrity of every investigation.

Their work may be out of sight, but it is essential to everything we do to ensure a successful prosecution.

- The Evidence Section contains over **80,000 pieces of evidence and property**.
- This year alone has **taken in approximately 9,093 new items**.
- Have **disposed of roughly 9,831 items** from case dispositions; two drug destructions and one weapons burn.
- Successfully **returned over 64 firearms to their rightful owners**. Firearm submissions in 2025 yielded about 571 firearms with 247 of those coming from a single individual. On average the Evidence Section takes in approximately 30 firearms each month.
- During the annual Office of Professional Standards (OPS) audit, the Evidence Section **successfully located 100% of the 8,000 items reviewed**.



FORENSICS

Our Forensic Unit is staffed by six (6) Crime Scene Investigators, two (2) Latent Print Examiners and our Forensics Manager. The crime scene investigators accomplish the amazing technical feats that lead to the most elusive arrests.

- In 2025, ACSO's Forensic Unit processed 251 crime scenes and handled another 1,255 requests to analyze evidence seized and brought back to the Sheriff's Office forensics lab.
 - Latent print examiners assigned to the Forensics Unit compared 2,187 sets of fingerprints related to 138 separate cases, identifying 413 previously unknown individuals.
- The Forensics Unit participated in 15 school and community outreach events, career days and the True Crime Club at Buchholz High School.



FLEET MAINTENANCE

Our Fleet Maintenance Unit employs four (4) Master Fleet Technicians with 147 years of combined experience holding eight (8) ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certifications, as well as an Emergency Vehicle Electronics Technician, a Fleet Manager with 40 years of experience, and a Fleet Specialist.

ACSO's Fleet Maintenance Unit maintains over 530 cars, trucks, SUVs, vans, motorcycles, and specialized vehicles.

We changed the paint scheme on our 2025 Chevy Tahoes, and enhanced our front push bumpers in an effort to reduce damage from deer strikes, vehicle tactics and minor collisions.



- In 2025, vehicles were driven a combined total of 5,798,356 miles.
- The bulk of the unit's \$5,367,160 budget is devoted to the purchasing and outfitting of vehicles, fuel costs, and vehicle repair.



- 22 vehicles collected \$119,700 when sold at auction.
- 36 new vehicles and trailers were purchased, equipped and put into service.
- 3,350 work orders were completed and over 550 vehicles/trailers serviced.

PROPERTY/FACILITIES

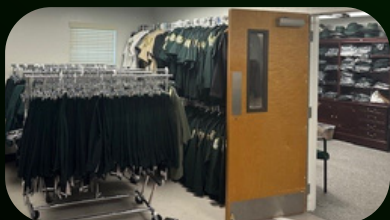
The Property Unit is the central receiving and distribution point for all supplies, deliveries, and package pickups for ACSO. The unit serves the agency with two stores for distribution of supplies: one at the new site off of NE 39th Avenue and one at the Department of the Jail.

Main Responsibilities Include :

- Outfitting all newly-hired deputies with uniforms, weapons, building keys, and first responders' equipment items such as trauma kits and automated defibrillators (AEDs). Also issues replacement items for current employees and keeps track of all the specialized equipment that is issued to Sheriff's Special Teams (SWAT, Bomb, Dive, Negotiations etc.).
- Inspection of firearms housed in the armory for operational readiness is conducted on a bi-annual basis; a full inventory is conducted annually. The unit also rotates firearms to ensure the agency always has the most capable firearms available on hand.
- Acquiring, maintaining, and distributing office supplies and general stock for all of the agency's buildings. The unit maintains a record of all lost or damaged keys, as well as any newly-made keys. Keys are inventoried annually to ensure building security.

During 2025, Property Unit personnel:

- Processed 68 newly-hired Deputy Sheriffs, Detention Officers, Field Service Technicians, School Crossing Guards, Deputy Sheriff Cadets, and Detention Officer Recruits
- Processed 198 stock requisitions from agency components, totaling \$74,845.03
- Processed 1,896 purchase orders.
- Received, checked in, and recorded serial numbers for 63 new weapons.
- Processed 227 weapons for trade.
- Processed 369 work orders with the County, 187 for the Sheriff's Administrative Building, 124 for the Combined Communication Center 10 for our Fleet Maintenance Unit and 48 for the new Property/Facilities Building.
- Processed orders for 177 new jackets for our sworn personnel.



RECORDS BUREAU

Some of the functions and responsibilities of the Records Bureau include, fulfillment of Public Records Requests, Digital Evidence (Body Worn Camera) and Audio Production, Fingerprinting and Public Notary, Data Entry, Emergency Injunction Services, and Florida Crime Information Center/National Crime Information Center (FCIC/NCIC) entries.

**2,430**TOTAL FINGERPRINT
REQUESTS PROCESSED**22,500**MICROFICHE RECORDS
DIGITIZED**10,165**PUBLIC RECORDS
REQUESTS COMPLETED

2025 Accomplishments :

- Public Records successfully launched the JustFOIA system on September 15, 2025, to manage public records requests. This software streamlines the public records process by providing a more efficient fulfillment pipeline.
- Successfully completed and passed the triennial Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) NCIC/FCIC Full Access Audit.
- On December 14, 2025, Digital Evidence was integrated into the Records Bureau. This move centralized all public records functions under a single administrative umbrella.

For Assistance :

Lobby Customer Services are provided Monday - Friday
7am through 7pm (excluding holidays)
or 352-367-4006

FARU

The False Alarm Reduction Unit was established to reduce the number of false alarms within the city of Gainesville and the unincorporated areas of Alachua County. FARU administers all Alachua County and city of Gainesville alarm ordinances from one central office within the Combined Communications Center. FARU's main function is to reduce the number of false alarms that public safety responds to each year. In addition, its manager proactively works with larger alarm sites (apartment complexes, schools, hospitals, and housing authorities, for example) and responder agencies to formulate holistic approaches to correcting behaviors and technical issues resulting in false alarms. The goal is to reduce both alarm fines and responses and enable better resource management for the responder agencies.

DATA SUPPORT ADMIN

The Data Support Administrator conducts advanced data analyses and evaluation for ACSO and agencies supported through the Combined Communications Center by identifying trends and developing strategies for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the agency's operational units. Additionally, the Data Support Admin provides data for quarterly and annual reports and agency accreditation for ACSO and all of our partner agencies. This position also serves as a backup for the agency's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) team, the Crime Analysis Unit, the Records Management System (RMS) Administrator, and the Office of Jail Intelligence.

GAINESVILLE-ALACHUA COUNTY DTF

2025

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

19.6 KILOS

CANNABIS SEIZED

2.6 KILOS

FENTANYL SEIZED

NAMED 2025
REGION II UNIT
OF THE YEAR BY
THE FLORIDA
NARCOTICS
OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION

FIRST HOMICIDE
CONVICTION
FOR A DRUG
OVERDOSE IN
8TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT HISTORY

3.2 KILOS

COCAINE SEIZED

3.9 KILOS

METH SEIZED

Operations Conducted :

- Operation Signal Loss - Evidence recovered related to the search warrant revealed that the fentanyl was being obtained from a source of supply from Arizona.
- Operation Foul Play - Investigation revealed that the trafficker was traveling throughout Florida and Georgia procuring different narcotics.
- Operation Winters Fall - Investigation into a drug trafficking organization operating in Gainesville. On Oct. 7, the organization leader was arrested in Orlando.
- Operation "Out of the Blue" - Investigating a fentanyl trafficker located across the street from a School. After a pursuit into Columbia Co., co-conspirators were arrested.

In addition, 44 firearms, one vehicle and \$582,109 were seized over various operations.

Despite many challenges in establishing a new combined Task Force, GACDTF detectives were able to work a series of investigations into drug trafficking organizations making a huge impact on North Central Florida and beyond. The GACDTF/CADET reported **\$13,234,714.00 total value of drugs seized**. This amount, totaled from only the first three (3) quarters, is the highest amount of value of drugs seized in a calendar year since 2009, nearly tripling the previous benchmark set in 2012.



PROPERTY & INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

The Property section falls under the Criminal Investigative Division and consists of a Sergeant and five Detectives. The Detectives have specified investigations, property crimes, gun crimes and financial crimes.

New Cases Assigned

235

Cases Closed

257

Arrests/Sworn Complaints

98

Property Recovered

\$55,810.83

2025 Highlights:

- Creation of Digital Crimes Unit
- Reunification of GPD/ASO Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force
- Added two additional Digital Forensic Examiners
- Attended Techno Security Conference - whose purpose is to raise international awareness of developments, teaching, training, responsibilities, and ethics in the field of cybersecurity and digital forensics.

Investigative Support assists various investigations from other units such as DTF, CID and FOCUS. As well as conducting Gun Violence details and Retail theft details.

The crime analysts continue to send out valuable information (Officer Safety Bulletins, Wanted Subjects, Recent Crime Trends, etc...) to our deputies as well as our region, monitor social media to assist in identifying criminal activity and aid our detectives when they're able to. In doing this, they are often able to connect the dots for on-going investigations.

Throughout 2025, the Investigative Support Unit has conducted numerous surveillance operations to identify and target known criminals and their associates in an effort to curb violent crime within Alachua County.

Most recently, they assisted the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office regarding a group of four individuals from Alachua County who traveled to Pinellas and Lake County committing armed robberies in indoor casinos. Detectives Visconti and DePete were tasked with assisting PCSO which helped them navigate the county as well as identify two other suspects. All four suspects were apprehended at the conclusion of this operation.

Two Retail Theft BLITZ operations were executed this year in partnership with the Gainesville Police Department and FDLE; one in May and one in December. These operations thwarted criminal's attempts to steal and victimize many of our retailers here in Alachua County. These two operations combined resulted in 21 arrests and 10 sworn complaints.

The arrestees were local to our area and several others involved in "Felony Lane" were apprehended and held accountable.

DIGITAL CRIMES/ICAC

The Digital Crimes Unit (DCU) was created within the Criminal Investigations Division in late 2025 to assist in acquiring, analyzing, and documenting digital data to aid in the prosecution of criminal acts. The DCU consists of one (1) Sergeant/Digital Forensic Examiner, two (2) Digital Forensic Examiners, and two (2) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Investigators.

In addition, DCU supports the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force by providing two investigators to investigate and apprehend those who wish to prey on children.

For outside agencies who are unable to acquire/analyze digital data, the DCU provides digital forensics assistance when needed.

The DCU provides the ability to obtain and analyze data stored on electronic devices such as cellular phones, computers, vehicle infotainment systems, DVR systems, loose storage drives, Internet of Things (IoT) devices. The DCU also possesses the training to repair broken devices to obtain data.



Internet Crimes Against Children :
 CyberTips - 763
 Roblox – 27 cases
 Discord – 76 cases

Examinations Completed:

Phones- 220
 Tablets- 6
 Computers- 58
 SD cards- 42
 USBs- 34
 Miscellaneous Drives- 31
 SIM cards- 89
 Warrant Returns
 Processed- 37
 Vehicle examinations- 2
 DVR/Video exams- 3

VICTIM ADVOCATES

ACSO is committed to the development, implementation and continuation of victim assistance programs. In order to further these objectives, a Victim Advocate Unit, assigned to Special Victims Unit of the Major Crimes Bureau, is available to assist victims and witnesses with direct services and referrals to appropriate follow-up services.

Responsibilities of an Advocate :

- Assistance with Victim Compensation
 - Information and Referral
- Personal Advocacy / Accompaniment
- Emotional Support / Safety Services
- Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance
- Accompanying victims to trial if requested
 - Informing Victims of their rights
- Assisting with death notifications related to victimization
- Assisting in training activities pertaining to victim/witness rights and needs



Jordan Malecki:

Total Cases Assigned: 834
 Call Outs: 5

Dayana Georgieva:

Total Cases Assigned: 794
 Call Outs: 6

Sydney Lemmerman:

Total Cases Assigned: 797
 Call Outs: 2

Veronica Curry-Seal:

Total Cases Assigned: 55
 Call Outs: 0

For Victim Assistance :
Contact Victim Advocacy at 352-367-4199

WARRANTS BUREAU

The Warrants Bureau is responsible for receiving, processing, and maintaining active files, and executing all criminal arrest processes, civil arrest processes, and criminal summons. Warrants are generated by the Gainesville Police Department, University of Florida Police Department, State Attorney's Office, Alachua Police Department, High Springs Police Department, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, and Probation and Parole, as well as out-of-state and out-of-county sources. The Warrants Bureau is also responsible for the receiving and serving of Baker Act and Marchman Act Orders generated during normal work hours.

2,459 WARRANTS SERVED

445 CRIMINAL AUDIT
SUMMONS SERVED



231 CIVIL COMMITMENTS

170 RESPONSES TO PROBATION
AND PAROLE

Transport Investigator

The Warrants Bureau coordinates the transportation of persons arrested on local arrest orders throughout the nation and conducts investigations for extradition hearings. The Warrants Bureau transport investigator works with private transport companies to coordinate nationwide prisoner pick-ups.



802 INMATES TRANSPORTED TO THE ALACHUA COUNTY JAIL

Fugitive Investigator

Fugitive cases are generated when an individual is arrested in another state on an Alachua County warrant, or when the individual is arrested in Alachua County for a warrant generated by an agency located outside of the state of Florida.

115

New Fugitive Cases

70

FROM FLORIDA

45

FROM OTHER STATES

117

Fugitive Cases Closed

Warrants Investigators worked **1,336 hours** participating in joint law enforcement investigations and operations with the Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force. These hours were in addition to regular duty hours and involved investigating, locating and apprehending fugitives who have active local, state and federal warrants.

Investigators submitted 131 warrant cases to be adopted by the Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force (U.S. Marshals Service), 116 cases were closed by arrest (89% arrest rate). Many of those arrestees are currently in our jail awaiting trial.

MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU

Notable Cases - Case 1

On April 13, 2025, ACSO patrol units responded to The Reflections Apartments. Upon arrival, deputies located 21-year-old Aaviel Hester-Guadalupe, with an apparent gunshot wound to the head. The entire Persons Squad responded to the location, along with Forensics, and members of the Property Squad. Detectives were able to gather several leads on the homicide and identified potential witnesses. A canvas of the nearby apartments was conducted to look for cameras and additional witnesses. Several key pieces of evidence were secured from the household and either processed on scene or transported back to ACSO for in-house processing. On 05/03/25, Detectives arrested Zaytarious Chisolm at the DOJ for the murder of Guadalupe. Grand Jury Indicted him for the Homicide.

Notable Cases - Case 2

In February, a GPD officer reached out to CID advising she believed her sisters were being sexually abused by their stepdad. The victims were 12-13 and 16-17 years old at the time of the incidents. Initially the older victim did not wish to speak with us. The younger sister did an interview and disclosed enough to charge the defendant with lewd or lascivious molestation. The defendant was arrested on those charges initially. Later the older victim disclosed years of sexual abuse from the defendant, describing how he recorded the sexual abuse on small cameras he kept in a filing cabinet.

Prior to the interview with the older sister, we listened to jail calls where the defendant requested his grandson get rid of the filing cabinet. Special Victims Unit and other detectives set up on the house while a residential search warrant was authored. When detectives arrived, the grandson was loading a U-Haul with belongings from inside the residence. Detectives witnessed the filing cabinet being loaded in the back. Once all belongings were loaded and he went to leave, detectives blocked the U-Haul in and advised it was being locked down. The search warrant was received for the U-Haul and the apartment. Small cameras and SD cards were located in the filing cabinet. Hundreds of videos depicting the defendant sexually abusing the older sister were located on the SD card. The videos were matched with different areas in the apartment and with the furniture in the U-Haul. There were 162 different sexual batteries that occurred, 546 counts of possessing child sexual abuse material, and 546 counts of manufacturing child sexual abuse material.

The defendant is being held without bond at ACSO DOJ. He was offered a 55-year plea deal which he turned down. The defendant was also on probation for homicide, having murdered his first wife in the 90s. When he got out of prison, he met the victim's mother (someone he went to high school with) and they got married. He began grooming the victims and within a year or two, began sexually battering the older sister.

- **414** Total Cases Assigned
- **369** Total Cases Closed
- **174** Arrest/Sworn Complaints/Arrest Warrants

- **113** Search Warrants
- **3** Homicides

CIVIL BUREAU

The Civil Bureau is located in the Alachua County Administration Building in downtown Gainesville and is responsible for the service and enforcement of all types of judicial processes within Alachua County. Additionally, the Civil Bureau deputies assist the Court Security Bureau with special events, exceptionally large trials, and personnel shortages.

In addition to serving civil processes, the Civil Bureau responded to 630 calls for service.

Child Pick Up Orders

Saw a decrease of **80%**
(10 in 2024 to 2 in 2025)

Ex Parte (Mental Health)

Saw a **19.1%** increase
(110 in 2024 to 131 in 2025)

Risk Protection Orders

Saw a **13.6%** increase
(44 in 2024 to 50 in 2025)

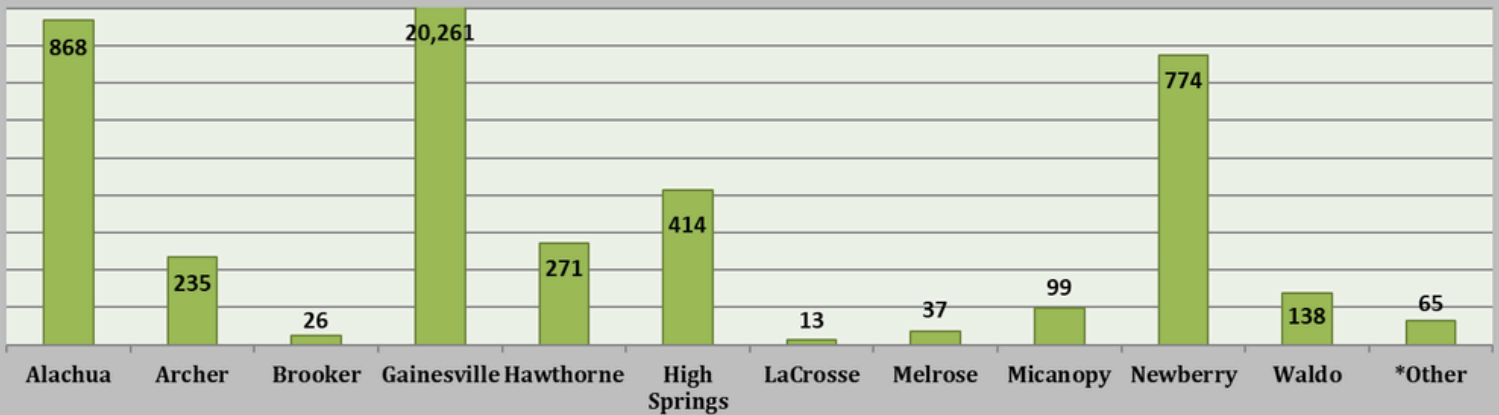
23,201 RECEIVED AND SERVICE ATTEMPTED CIVIL PROCESSES

2.59% INCREASE FROM 2024

1,596 INJUNCTIONS, RPO'S, WRITS OF POSSESSION AND LEVIES SERVED

8.94% INCREASE FROM 2024

Civil Process Papers Served By Location



Civil Process by Category

- Circuit Court - 2,285
- County Court - 4,459
- Injunctions - 261
- Juvenile - 531
- Court Liaison - 4,335
- State Attorney - 6,028
- Out of County - 1,326
- Ex Parte - 131
- Tax Deeds - 338
- Dept of Revenue - 879
- Public Defender - 1,357
- Writ of Possession - 1,124
- Writ of Replevin - 22

17 out of 19 employees assigned to the Civil Bureau have all been to the Avalon Enforceable and Non-Enforceable Civil Process Training.

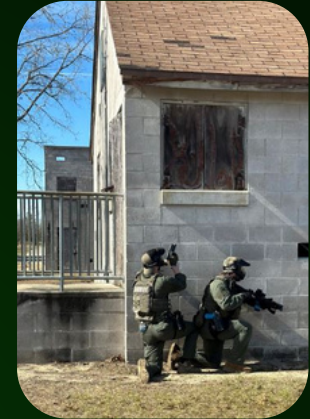
COURT SECURITY BUREAU

The Court Security Bureau has offices in both the Criminal and Civil courthouses in downtown Gainesville. The deputies assigned to the bureau provide safety and security to the officers of the court, citizens, and staff members within the courthouses. Their mission is to serve and protect the citizens of Alachua County as they participate in the legal system. Court Security Deputies provide high-level security and support, ensuring that all participants have their rights and freedoms protected while seeking justice. The Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center handles all family and civil matters, such as domestic violence, juvenile cases, shelter hearings, and lawsuits. The Court Security Bureau also provides security for monthly county commission meetings. Deputies screen each visitor entering the courthouses through a comprehensive security station using x-ray machines and magnetometers.

** All data compiled is based on the best estimated values.

TRAINING BUREAU

The Recruitment Program was established within the Training Bureau in November 2023. The Recruitment Program serves as an additional contact for LE and Corrections recruits, acts as a liaison with the IPS and Santa Fe College Selection Center, has attended 30 recruitment events, and in 2025 led 96 potential candidates on jail tours. In November 2023, LE had a 23% vacancy rate, and DOJ had a 37% vacancy rate. As of December 2025, there are now 10% vacancies in LE and 14% in DOJ.



Taught over 20,000 hours in In-House Training programs such as In-service, remedial and supplemental and online.

TEEN DRIVER

In 2025 ACSO held 11 defensive driving classes with 120 teenagers between 15 and 19 years of age therefore completing The Florida Sheriff's Association Teen Driver Challenge (TDC).



ACSO TDC trained eight (8) new instructors to add to our expanding program.

ACSO TDC Participated in Community Events:

- Alachua County School Board Driver's ED Spring, Summer and Fall terms
- Newberry High School Criminal Justice Expo : Jan 09, 2025 & October 27, 2025
- Santa Fe College Safe Spring Break Event : March 12, 2025
- Watermelon Festival : May 17, 2025



Guardian Program

Over 500 hours of training which included:

- Firearms with precision pistol, active shooter scenarios, discretionary shooting
- De-escalation of Incidents
- Defensive Tactics
- Legal Education

Established standardized training platform :

- Weapon type (Glock)
- Approved Holster
- Approved Training with LE in a school setting

Training Topics

- CPR/AED and Tactical Medication Recertification
- Naloxone familiarization and application
- Appropriate use of subject control techniques and other less-lethal options
- Vehicle tactics and operations
- Active shooter response and building-clearing skills through scenarios in a school setting

2025 Accomplishments :

- Training seventeen (17) law enforcement new hires and forty-six (46) corrections new hires totaling sixty-three (63) new additions.
- Developed a Less-Lethal Program for law enforcement.
- Developed a Mini-Academy for newly promoted Law Enforcement and Corrections Sergeants and Lieutenants.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/RADIO

Information Technology Bureau Accomplishments:

- Successfully completed the tri-annual FDLE Technical Audit
- Enhanced the security of our network by implementing multi-factor authentication protocols for access to the agency network
- Received, configured, and deployed approximately 320 new Toughbooks to personnel throughout the agency
- Replaced multiple end-of-life servers and switches, and installed other replacement and new hardware across the agency to ensure security and proper function of the agency network
- Completed the network hardware installation to allow the move of OPS and Property to the new building
- Finalized implementation of the CorreTrak inmate tracking system and worked with DOJ staff and the vendor to address discovered issues and limitations

2025 Radio Accomplishments:

- Implementation of system upgrades to Virtual/GEO Prime for true radio redundancy.
- JAMF MDM install, and upgrade of phones to most of our 350 users.
- Finalization of a new Mobile Command Vehicle for purchase.

ITB Helpdesk Closed **7,798** Tickets

Radio ITB Helpdesk Closed **2,634** Tickets

Radio CommShop Closed **897** Tickets

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is led by a Chief Inspector at the rank of Major and is comprised of lieutenants and sergeants from both the law enforcement and corrections disciplines. The OPS inspectors provide systematic, objective, and impartial oversight for investigations of possible misconduct or violations of policy or law by agency personnel. Inspectors conduct internal affairs investigations, deadly force incident reviews, including deputy-involved shootings, and in-custody death investigations, review all administrative inquiries and vehicle crashes, as well as conduct various audits and agency inspections on behalf of the Sheriff .

While citizen complaints are frequently based on misunderstandings of the law or established law enforcement or corrections procedures and limitations, they are of great concern and must be investigated to provide transparency, accountability and reassurance to the public that all actions are conducted professionally, lawfully and in accordance with agency standards.

COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Approximately seven Alachua County Crisis Center counselors were authorized to participate in observational sit-a-longs in the CCC. This initiative aimed to provide hands-on experience and better understanding of emergency response procedures for the counselors.



Division Manager Patricia Ford-Thomas and Communications Director Kim Kutner proudly received recognition at the CALEA Conference in Garden Grove, CA, celebrating CCC's 7th consecutive public safety communication reaccreditation.



General Telecommunicators Elizabeth Lipham and Dan Hartstein were recognized as the ACFR and Gainesville Fire Rescue Dispatchers of the Year.



Training and Quality Management

- Completed over 3500 Quality Assurance (QA) Reviews (Jan-Nov)
- Held three (3) Basic Academy Classes (BAC) for new Telecommunicators
- Held two (2) Certified Training Courses and certified eight (8) new Certified Training Officers
- Twelve (12) new Telecommunicators successfully completed training and achieved solo status
 - Ten (10) employees successfully completed promotional training
- All eight (8) CCC supervisors attended Active Shooter Incident Management Training

324,949

TOTAL CALLS ANSWERED

- **157,229** 911 calls
- **167,028** Administrative calls (non-emergency)
- **692** text-to-911 calls

- **96.80%** of emergency 911 calls were answered within 10 secs.
- **94.58%** of non-emergency calls were answered within 10 secs.
- **4.05** second average ring time

Technology/Equipment Upgrades:

- Deployed a new call-taking mapping system that utilizes geolocation technology to accurately pinpoint callers' locations based on their device GPS. This system also features real-time tracking capabilities, allowing for the monitoring of callers' movements during the call.
- Increased redundancy for the primary and backup facilities was implemented to improve the reliability of emergency call services. This setup ensures that if one site experiences a failure, emergency calls are automatically rerouted through the secondary facility, maintaining uninterrupted connectivity.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

The Public Information Officers are the conduit for the most up to-date information for the community relating to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, providing timely and relevant information directly to the public, as well as our media partners. PIO also includes a media production specialist who produces infographics, videos, and other projects as needed.

Partnered with other agencies, including BeSmart for Kids, Alachua County League of Women Voters, The Safe Kids North Central Florida Coalition, and Florida Department of Transportation to make PSA's, letting the community know about safe gun storage, child safety and booster seat installation, and the dangers of distracted driving.

Other Noteworthy :

- Working closely with CID, PIO completed their first in depth piece on the cold case of Betty Ann New, to shed new light and updates on her death more than 50 years ago.
- Recently renovated and wrapped the ACSO Community Relations Van to use during our Community Events.

- In keeping with our mission to be as transparent as possible with our community, over 700 posts were generated by PIO (Facebook alone, averaged 62 posts a month).
- In addition, PIO created and launched the ACSO app, which keeps citizens informed in real-time events, occurring in our county.



With the backing of PIO Lisa, our favorite pup Tracker won the March Madness Championship - a first for our agency - beating out all other Florida Agencies.



Initiated a new posting of "We See You". Many are posts of citizen contact messages we receive or internal shout outs to employees who went above and beyond.



A few of the other high-visibility community services that the ACSO provides : Crime Prevention, Community Relations, the Body-Worn Camera Program, the Mental Health Co-Responder Team, and Teen Court.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Serving as a liaison between the community and ACSO; identifying needs for new or different kinds of community groups where none presently exist and assist in their creation. Additionally, maintaining a continuous flow of information of mutual concern and conveying that information to appropriate ACSO personnel.

The Community Relations team attended approximately 40 events around Alachua County, most notably :



ACSO 2025 Turkey Give Away



- Food4Kids Backpack Giveaway
- Ja-niyah Irving Youth Foundation Memorial Walk
- ACSO 2nd Annual Community Fun Day
 - NCFL Ronald McDonald
 - Stop the Violence Rally
 - Annual SWAG Turkey Give Away



Food4Kids Backpack Giveaway

CRIME PREVENTION

Offers crime prevention presentations, active shooter education, residential and business security surveys, Neighborhood Watch, and our popular personal safety and empowerment programs like radKIDS, RAD for Seniors, and RAD for Women to Alachua citizens of all ages. Additionally, the Crime Prevention Deputy reviews the application to determine eligibility and completeness.



**For questions on any of our Programs :
Contact our Crime Prevention Unit at
352-367-1800 or website <https://acso.us/rad-and-safe/>**

BODY WORN CAMERA

The Sheriff's Office currently operates **39 active Flock License Plate Readers**, strategically deployed in high-crime areas, major roadway intersections, and key travel corridors. These deployments provide coverage of approximately **90% of all ingress points into the county**. An additional eight (8) License Plate Readers are in the planning and installation phases completing coverage of all ingress points.

Currently, 168 vehicles (out of 175 available) are equipped with vehicle camera systems, and 191 body-worn cameras (out of 228 available) are issued and in active service. 16,678 case files, containing 673,629 BWC and VCS videos and media files, totaling approximately 168 terabytes of data are securely stored by Digital Evidence Management (DEM) platforms.

2025 Digital Evidence Requests :

- Public Defender Office Requests – 18
- Other Agency Requests – 77
- In-House Requests – 18
- Preservation Requests - 3
- Subpoena – 8
- Public Records Request (Public/Civilian) – 128
- Requests pending to be fulfilled (paid for in 2025) – 22
- *There are about 936 media files that still need to be reviewed/redacted and shared with the respective requesters*
- Cancelled / Not Applicable Requests – 71
- Expired Requests – 368

·Roughly 2,065 media files were reviewed/redacted and shared with the respective requesters

- Fulfilled Requests – 252

Total of 713 Public Records Requests

March of 2025 the Digital Evidence Management Supervisor position was created.

May of 2025 the Digital Evidence Management Specialist position was fulfilled.

** As of December 2025, DEM was reclassified to the Records Bureau.

SAO Logs:

Requests – 2,082
Dispositions received – 2,287

After six months of rigorous testing and evaluation, AXON was selected as the vendor for future BWC and VCS services.

TEEN COURT

Teen Court remains one of Youth Services' core programs and one of Alachua County's most effective juvenile diversion tools. Since 1996, Teen Court has provided youth ages 7–17 an alternative to formal court by emphasizing accountability, responsibility, and restoration.

In 2025, Teen Court processed 310 juvenile cases. Each case represents a young person given the chance to change their path - a cornerstone of Youth Services' prevention focused mission.



In 2025, Youth Services continued to grow as a hub for prevention, diversion, mentorship, and community engagement — meeting youth where they are and helping them find positive paths forward.

A YEAR OF IMPACT

In 2025, Youth Services continued to expand its role as a bridge between the Sheriff's Office, schools, families, and the broader community. With 310 youth served through Teen Court, a successful Youth Summit, record-breaking Trunk-or-Treat, meaningful holiday outreach through Shop with a Sheriff, and ongoing school partnerships, Youth Services remains a vital force in building safer, healthier, and more connected communities.

Through prevention, diversion, mentorship, and community engagement, the Youth Services team continues to help young people feel seen, supported, and empowered to build brighter futures.



GFR and UF Bee Research Lab



Youth Summit and ACSO Tour



Mental Health Co-Responders

From January through December 2025, the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office Co-Responder Teams played a critical role in stabilizing individuals in crisis, supporting patrol deputies, and reducing unnecessary use of jails and hospitals while connecting people to appropriate care.



In December 2025 the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office partnered with a private breeder to adopt an emotional support dog, in an effort to reduce the cumulative effects of stress on employees. Malibu “Mali” was situated with a handler who monitors her daily care and well-being and keeps a schedule on areas she will be working.



- BAKER ACT / MARCHMAN ACT DIVERSIONS: 155
- JAIL DIVERSIONS: 53
- EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DIVERSIONS: 21



POPULATION SERVED

12% EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

6% VETERANS

3% COLLEGE STUDENTS

7% OF CALLS INVOLVED VIOLENCE

36% OF INDIVIDUALS WERE ALREADY IN TREATMENT AT THE TIME OF FIRST CONTACT



CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,372

Diversion Effectiveness

- 61% of individuals eligible for Baker Act or Marchman Act were diverted to outpatient services or voluntary inpatient care
- 91% of individuals who could have been arrested were diverted from jail
- 60% of individuals who could have been transported to the emergency department were connected to outpatient or community-based resources



For Mental Health Assistance :
Call 352-955-1818 or Dial 9-1-1 (24 hrs/7 days a week)

GENERAL COUNSEL

The General Counsel provides legal advice and counsel to the Sheriff, Sheriff's Office command staff, and employees in a variety of legal areas, including, but not limited to: the duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Sheriff, criminal law, constitutional law, public records law, and employment law. The General Counsel also conducts forfeiture litigation, reviews and drafts contracts, policy, and mutual aid agreements, as well as providing legal updates to the agency's employees.

ACCOUNTING & BUDGET BUREAU

The Accounting and Budget Bureau (A&B) is responsible for the sound and timely accounting of all fiscal matters in accordance with generally-accepted accounting principles and governmental accounting standards. The bureau prepares the annual certified budget for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and monitors the budget throughout the year.

The bureau also hosts the annual independent audit of the agency's financial statements and prepares the statements for presentation to the Auditor General. Other responsibilities include accounts payable, accounts receivable, bi-weekly payroll processing and quality control, purchasing, trust funds, and grant financial recording.

POLICY & ACCREDITATION UNIT

The Policy and Accreditation Unit (PAU) researches, writes, edits and promulgates the policies and procedures of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office into the Directive Management System (DMS) and ensures that the agency maintains its accredited status.

Accreditation aids a law enforcement agency's pursuit of professional excellence by strengthening agency accountability, both internally and externally. Accreditation builds community and governmental support, as well as employee confidence in the direction and future of the agency. The agency has been continuously accredited for law enforcement since 1996 and corrections since 1999.

In addition to the unit commander, the PAU is comprised of the following:

1. A DOJ Lieutenant who oversees the Florida Model Jail Standards (FMJS) process and assists with the annual fire inspection.
2. An Accreditation Specialist who gathers and builds proofs for both the law enforcement (CFA) and corrections (FCAC) state accreditation processes.
3. A Policy Specialist who manages the DMS accounts of all employees, volunteers, interns and contract employees and processes policy changes for the agency.

In keeping ASO current with the law and best practices there were :

216 substantive policy and form changes

907 non-substantive changes

FMJS and fire inspections were successful and by the end of 2025, we had completed two of the three accreditation year cycles for both accreditation processes.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Bomb Squad

This year, as a progression in training, all Bomb Squad members attended and completed an in-house drown proofing swim exercise. In this exercise all members had to demonstrate they could enter a body of water in the bomb suit, remove the suit and swim to shore safely. This training was added as part of the water-borne IED mission that will be further developed in the future with MOURT.



New Equipment:

-NOVO Portable X-ray (Digital Radiography) System.

This is replacing our 10-year-old Nano dismounted X-ray imaging system. With this new technology, we are able to conduct hand entry missions with a greater degree of success.

-**Golden Engineering XRS4 X-ray Generator.** Our old generators are over 15 years old and breaking down. With this new generator, we are able to gain clearer X-rayed images and X-ray radiological/nuclear devices.

- Bomb Team completed a total of **288** hours of training.
- Bomb Team had a total of **31** call outs for suspicious devices. Three of these calls were as TBT/Robotics at ACSO SWAT calls.
- Responded to **4** Out of County call-outs.
- Participated in **14** static displays.
- **4** UF games/ceremony/event security details.

While attending the Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) meetings, Lt. Beck was able to secure over \$100,000 for a new medium platform robot.

Marine Operations/Underwater Recovery Team (MO/URT)

In 2025, MO/URT acquired a second Power Pole and a second Multi-Function Display (MFD) for the main dive vessel. Both MFD's on the dive vessel were also upgraded. These upgrades will greatly enhance the team's ability to conduct underwater searches.



- MO/URT completed a total of **120** hours of routine training.
- Assisted Alachua County Department of Environmental Protection with **2** water sampling and water surveys.
- Assisted FWC with a drowning recovery operation.
- Participated in **6** static displays.
- Responded to **6** Emergency Call Outs :
 - 4 - Vessel related incidents
 - 1 - Drowning incident (operation spanning multiple days)
 - 1 - Vehicle associated incident



Crowd Management Team

CMT held two tryouts throughout the year and has staffed 24 out of the 25 positions. CMT has a standby list awaiting future vacancies, with the one open position awaiting placement for the Bike Team.

- **February** - Less Lethal Re-Cert & Scenario (8hrs)
- **July** - Less Lethal Training (8hrs)
- **August** - Driving, Equipment Issue & Firearms Training (8hrs)



Approximately **72 hours** of training were conducted throughout 2025

Newly Acquired Equipment :

- #1019 – '25 Texas Trailers 6x14 SA Utility Trailer
- #1011 – '25 Texas Trailers 6X12 SA Cargo Trailer (Bike Team)
- Stihl MS261-18 Chain Saw (x2)
- Keltec KSG Less Lethal Shotgun (x2)

Deployed Operations/Events:

- April 8 : NCAA Basketball Championship celebration @ UF
- June 28 : Assist patrol with crowd control at Hawthorne Homecoming
- October 10 : Bike & Roll to School Day @ Norton

Honor Guard

Honor Guard participates in a variety of events, to include parades, award ceremonies, and the posting of colors at community events. Additionally, they can be called upon to participate in funerals, rendering honors to family and friends of fellow law enforcement officers, both active and retired.

Attended Operations/Events :

- Funeral Events: 9
- LEO Ceremonies: 5
- Opening Ceremonies: 5
- Other Events: 1
- Parades: 4
- Total Call Outs / Events: 24



Structure Changes

- Sergeant Frank Kinsey was appointed as the current Honor Guard Commander.

Notable Activities:

- Starting on August 5th Honor Guard began training at a new location, Williams Thomas West in Jonesville.
- Honor Guard held interviews for new members during the month of November. Selections were made and are pending approval. Outfitting new members typically takes several months due to jacket fitting.

Motor Unit

The Motor Unit is staffed by deputies trained and certified in the operation of motorcycles for law enforcement applications. Each deputy is assigned a Harley Davidson motorcycle, used for specialized missions that a larger vehicle would not be suitable for, such as escorting visiting football teams during all UF home football games, and providing funeral escorts for dignitaries and fallen military service members.



Training:

- The Motor Unit had approximately 152 hours of training throughout 2025.
- The Unit attend 2 motorcycle rodeos.



Operations :

- Funeral Escorts - 4
- Team Escorts - 10
- Other Escorts - 5
- Static Displays - 16
- Parades - 10

Total Call Outs / Events : 45



Notable Activities :

- Funeral Escorts for :
 - Seminole County Deputy Keith Ross
 - ACSO Deputy Charlie Jacobs
 - ACSO Deputy Tom Latimer
- Conducted 2025 UF Football Escorts for visiting teams
 - Torch Run
 - Cancer Walk
 - Christmas Parades

Negotiation Response Team (NRT) & Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

(NRT) responds to incidents involving hostage situations, barricaded subjects, individuals threatening suicide, and other situations where lives are endangered and negotiations may resolve the incident without injury. NRT members perform the unique function of attempting to negotiate the surrender of barricaded persons/hostage takers while still ensuring the safety of hostages.

CISM provide services not only for ACSO employees, but numerous public safety agencies throughout the region, assisting with the effects of dealing with traumatic incidents, such as fatal crashes and homicides, and the impact those events have on the lives of those who have dealt with such tragedies.

Operations / Events :

- Negotiation Team Call Outs
10
- Negotiator Assistance
0
- AOA Trenton PD
1
- Total
11

New Equipment :

- 2026 Ford Transit Van

Operations / Events :

- CISM Team Call Outs
4
- CISM assistance
113
- AOA Levy County
1
- Total
118

Notable Activities :

- ACSO responded to a veteran with PTSD. He had armed himself with a Draco AK47 and informed his girlfriend that he wanted to die, but was scared to kill himself. When the girlfriend stated she was going to call the police the subject stated he was going to shoot at the police until they killed him. Negotiators made phone contact with him and negotiated his surrender. He was Baker Acted and an RPO was completed.
- ACSO responded to shots fired call. Upon arrival charges of Aggravated Assault/Armed Burglary/and Criminal Mischief was established. PA announcements were made for approximately 45 minutes with no response. The subject refused to come out or follow commands. He eventually exited his residence and was apprehended by K9.
- ACSO negotiators were requested to assist Trenton PD with an armed barricade/hostage situation. Contact was made with the brother that was in the home with the subject. After negotiating with the subject and family members for about a couple of hours we were able to talk him into sending the family out of the home and shortly after he came out as well without further incident.
- The ACSO responded to Waldo, Florida to assist the Bradford County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) in locating and arresting a subject. The subject was armed and had barricaded himself inside of the location. An exhaustive search along with SWAT and NRT tactics were utilized in an effort to take the subject into custody. Many hours later the subject was arrested by the BCSO in Brooker, Florida.

SWAT

During 2025, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team responded to a total of **37 activations or deployments**.



DEPLOYMENTS INCLUDED :

- 17** HIGH-RISK SEARCH WARRANTS
- 2** ARMED CRIMINAL MAN TRACKS
- 15** DIGNITARY PROTECTION DETAILS
- 2** USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS
- 3** ARMED BARRICADED SUBJECTS



New Equipment :

- Remote Firing System for Draco
- Window covers for G2 and G3 to protect ballistic glass from degradation
- New Entry Rifles
- New Tripods for Snipers
- Inline Night Vision for Snipers
- New Ballistic Helmets
- Replacement ballistic shields



Notable Activities :

Gave a juvenile burn victim who loves law enforcement a tour of the G3 Bearcat in front of Shands. When the child later completed rehab in Jacksonville, we gave him and his sister a ride from the north county line to the south county line in the G3 Bearcat on his journey home. Several SWAT operators on duty that day met at the midway point and interacted with the young man.

AVIATION UNIT

Operations / Events :

- 192.3 flight hours
- Involved in 30 arrest and 7 other subjects located
- Assisted agencies in county 38 times and 1 time out of county
- 121 total calls with 12 being self-initiated. First on the scene 33 times
- 6 Call outs
- 18 Static displays
- 220 Homeland Security checks



New Equipment:

- The unit refurbished all of its flight helmets and purchased 2 more helmets. Each helmet was custom fitted which will provide better comfort, noise attenuation and clearer communication.
- The unit purchased an ICARUS device. This device will provide pilots with realistic instrument training for possible Inadvertent Instrument Meteorological Conditions.

01/01/25- Assist MO/URT and Melrose Fire in looking for 2 missing kayakers.

03/28/25- The Aviation Unit was first on scene of a reported Armed disturbance where a subject was throwing knives at the mother and brother. Air2 maintained visual as units were still responding from a distance due to shift change. Once units were on scene, the subject was detained.

04/02/25- The Aviation Unit responded to assist GPD with a subject with a stolen motorcycle who has fled numerous times from GPD and ASO. Air2 kept sight of the subject until he fled into Panera Bread. GPD located him inside where he was tased and arrested.

06/28/25- The Aviation Unit was in Hawthorne for the homecoming event. Due to being present for the crowd, Air2 was first on scene to the report of three people stabbed in the same area. Two subjects were detained

-09/02/25- The Aviation Unit conducted flights with the Secretary of State's security detail for familiarization of the area for upcoming events.

JUVENILE RELATIONS BUREAU

The Juvenile Relations Bureau provides a forum through which juveniles, parents, educators, and law enforcement officers work in a cooperative effort to focus on juvenile issues that face our communities. The bureau's functions are designed to aid in the promotion of positive interaction between the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Alachua County. Additionally, they provide assistance in any criminal investigation, to include identification and apprehension of perpetrators of serious crimes against persons and property.

K-9 UNIT

The K-9 Teams are a valuable law enforcement tool utilized in the apprehension of criminals, evidence searches, drug detection, explosives detection, crowd control, psychological deterrence and fostering public relations. ACSO K-9 teams are assigned to the Patrol Operations Division, Juvenile Relations Bureau and the Domestic Highway Enforcement Task Force, which is a component of the Gainesville-Alachua County Drug Task Force.

PATROL / TRAFFIC

Traffic Warnings :

FOCUS Unit : 113
 Mental Health Unit : 64
 Patrol Admin: 786
 Patrol Team 1 Days : 439
 Patrol Team 1 Nights : 966
 Patrol Team 2 Days : 511
 Patrol Team 2 Nights : 227
 Quality Control : 46

OVERALL TOTAL : 3,152

REPORTS AND CHARGING DOCUMENTS
 WRITTEN BY PATROL

8,734 CASE REPORTS
1,985 CHARGE REPORT
592 SWORN COMPLAINTS
1,371 ARREST REPORTS
22 OTHER

**Traffic Tickets Written
 by Patrol :**

FOCUS Unit : 33
 Mental Health Unit : 23
 Patrol Admin: 273
 Patrol Team 1 Days : 468
 Patrol Team 1 Nights: 615
 Patrol Team 2 Days : 610
 Patrol Team 2 Nights : 264
 Quality Control : 96

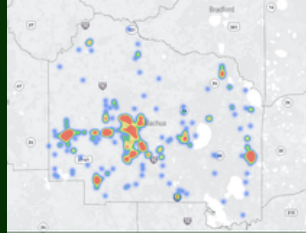
OVERALL TOTAL : 2,382

Notable Activities :

- Participated in several covert details throughout Alachua County targeting distracted driving & speeding during active school zones.
- The Traffic Unit was awarded FDOT's "Distracted Driving" grant for \$58,000
- The Traffic Unit was awarded FDOT's "Speeding/Aggressive Driving" grant for \$70,000

*** These grants are awarded based on past performance and stats submitted by the ACSO's Traffic Unit.*

Total Crashes - 686
 Traffic Fatalities - 38
 (as of 11/14/25)



Traffic Crash Map for Alachua County

2025 Stat Totals

Citations5,407
 Written Warnings.....3,114
 DUI's.....4
 Arrests.....34

Operations / Events :

- April 19th**
 Collaborated with GPD for DUI Detail
- May 19th - June 1st**
 Annual "Click it or Ticket" Campaign
- July 14th - 19th**
 Participated in FDOT's "Operations Slow Down"
- July 26th and August 22nd**
 Assisted GPD with DUI Detail
- August 15th - September 1st**
 FDOT's "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Detail

CRIME STATISTICS FOR 2025

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 440 BURGLARY | 532 DOMESTIC BATTERY | 3 HOMICIDES | 2 ATTEMPTED HOMICIDES | 549 NON - DOMESTIC BATTERY | 34 ROBBERIES | 85 SEXUAL BATTERIES | 20 SHOOTINGS/ STABBINGS | 535 THEFT |
| | | 649 NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS | | | | 131 STOLEN VEHICLES | | |

*** All data compiled is based on the best estimated values.*

FST FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIANS



Patrol FSTs are civilian employees who assist patrol deputies with taking non-emergency/not in progress call. This keeps deputies available for emergency/in progress calls.

Initial Reports Taken – 989

Supplements – 918

Active Cases – 70

Active with Warrant – 8

Closed Clear – 94

Closed with Arrest – 11

Inactive/No Leads – 762

Crash Reports – 307 (45% of agency crashes)

262 or 60% of the Fraud Reports

189 or 46% of the Burglary Reports

51 or 39% of the Stolen Vehicle Reports

160 or 32% of the Theft Reports

107 or 45% of the Property Reports

18 or 53% of Abandoned Vehicle Reports

Responded to **4,885** calls for service

There are seven (7) FSTs assigned to Patrol and one (1) FST Admin Supervisor.

2025 Accomplishments :

- Assisted in the recovery of \$16,000 taken during a fraud scam against an elderly victim.
- Located a stolen vehicle in a junk yard which led to the recovery of two (2) additional vehicles. The recovery ended in an arrest.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

School Crossing Guards (SCG) serve a vital public safety role at ACSO. There are 20 locations throughout the county where school crossing guards assist children that bike or walk, safely across busy streets to and from school. Many of the school crossing guards are retired and want to give back to the community. They take time to get to know the children and are positive role models. The school crossing guards share in the children's accomplishments and help in their times of struggle. They are out in all kinds of weather and all kinds of traffic for the safety of the children.



- 22 positions total to include substitute guards
- SCG Calita Wilcox was SCG of the year receiving the Barlow Award
- Received final approval for School Zone Cameras after a two year negotiation period

RURAL SERVICES

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office Rural Services Unit is dedicated to the proactive enforcement of state and local law related to animal abuse/neglect. The unit also assists citizens with livestock and farm related issues. Deputies also investigate incidents of trespassing onto agricultural lands and theft or damage to farm equipment.



In addition to working with local farmers and livestock owners in the community, RSU has an airboat, which was purchased by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, and is used to provide law enforcement on our waterways and as a way to provide county environmental workers access to otherwise inaccessible areas of environmental concern.

Rural Services Duties :

- Investigate reports of animal cruelty
- Respond to reports of livestock at large
- Patrol county lakes, rivers and waterways
- Patrol agricultural lands, woods, and large construction sites
- Support major storm clean up operations
- Participate in FFA and 4-H Programs in area schools
- Monitor livestock sales at the local livestock markets
- Enforce game laws
- Assist other local law enforcement and public safety units as needed upon request

Rural Service Deputies responded to 326 calls for service.



The "O.K. Corral" portable pen system trailer used to catch and contain livestock.

To contact the Rural Services Unit,
Call 352-955-1818 and ask to speak with a
Rural Services Deputy or via email at
ruralservices@alachuasheriff.org

FOCUS UNIT

7'6" _____ 7'6"
7'0" **71 Arrests Made** 7'0"
6'6" _____ 6'6"
6'0" **20 Arrest Warrants Filed** 6'0"
5'6" _____ 5'6"
5'0" **224 Charges Filed** 5'0"
4'6" _____ 4'6"
4'0" **\$10,918.00 Money Seized** 4'0"
3'6" _____ 3'6"
3'0" _____ 3'0"

The FOCUS Unit is a highly proactive unit focusing on crime suppression and intelligence led policing, responding to the needs of the community regarding quality of life issues and current/on-going violent crime trends.



25
FIREARMS
SEIZED

| Cannabis | Cocaine | Crack Cocaine | THC | Fentanyl | Heroin | Meth | Other |
|----------|---------|---------------|------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| 3103.5g | 117.88g | 90.32g | 0g | 40.23g | 0g | 164.64g | 1106.44g |
| 110.84oz | 4.21oz | 3.23oz | 0oz | 1.44oz | 0oz | 5.88oz | 39.52oz |
| 6.93lbs | 0.26lbs | 0.2lbs | 0lbs | 0.09lbs | 0lbs | 0.37lbs | 2.47lbs |

Accredited through the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, having received its 4th Excelsior award in October 2023. This award requires the jail to operate under strict standards, policies, and regulations. In addition to this award, the jail regularly undergoes (and successfully passes) various other inspections and audits that reflect the highest quality of care and services to our inmates.

The jail is comprised of two divisions that help maintain operations: Security Operations and Support Services.

Quick Facts :

For offenders who receive up to one year incarceration sentences.

314,000 sq. ft. facility

975 male/female offenders can be comfortably accommodated

SECURITY OPERATIONS DIVISION

Responsible for the overall security of the DOJ, overseeing the safety of all visitors, personnel, and inmates.

During 2025, the DOJ transitioned to the CorreTrak platform for recording inmate observations and wellbeing checks. The platform uses real-time digital information to track the activities and wellness of the inmate population, allowing Security, Medical, Classification, and Mental Health staff to provide the highest level of care and observation of the inmate population.

Detention Deputies and Detention Officers are responsible for the management, accountability, and supervision of each inmate detained, to include:

- Visitation
- Recreation
- Inmate counts
- Service of meals
- Inmate commissary
- Medical clinic visits
- Resolving disputes between inmates
- Distribution of linen and hygiene items
- Response to emergencies within the jail
- Reporting facility rule violations by inmates
- Internal movement to educational and religious programs
- Inspection of housing areas for security breaches and sanitation



Bathroom Updates



Wellbeing Checks



New Fencing



Housing Unit Repairs

Housing Units within the DOJ are getting a facelift. Renovations were underway during 2025 to bring a fresh look to the facility. Construction crews have worked hard to bring updates to the housing units. Crews updated plumbing, replaced countertops and bathroom fixtures and applied new coatings of paint. Renovations in G-Zone wrapped up in 2025 with H-Zone renovations set to begin in 2026. New fencing was also installed in the 5-I housing unit.

Detention Deputies and Detention Officers who are assigned to the Security Operations Division also perform security-related tasks required for admission or release of inmates who are incarcerated in our facility. During the admission process, arrestees are fingerprinted with the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). Digital photographs are then taken to confirm identity and record scars, tattoos, and other identifying markings.

This past year, Detention Officers and Detention Deputies in Security Operations:

- Served over 2,000 arrest warrants
- Performed over 3 million observation checks
- Conducted over 7,000 perimeter security checks

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Has several bureaus and units that serve a role in jail management and maintenance. The individual bureaus within the SSD experienced a very busy and productive year, proving to be effective, efficient, and successful in their work.

2025 Projects

- Undertook a partnership with BailBond Hub to begin accepting and processing electronic bail bonds for all bonding situations at the DOJ. We are currently waiting for BailBond Hub CEO Bruno Stoev to complete the training with Booking Support staff, once completed we will begin utilization of the system. Policies are being reviewed for updates.
- After the creation of the CHANGE program, it was immediately realized that tracking software for the program was needed. After research and demonstration by CaseBook, it was determined they were the best software for this. Their software is also used by Released Reentry, one of the primary community partners for the CHANGE unit. The software has been vetted by our ITU and Legal staff and is undergoing language modifications. Anticipated for January 2026.
- SSD was tasked with research and development of an electric shaver program for our inmates to permanently replace disposable razor usage which pose a grave threat to both inmates and detention staff. As of December 15, 2025, the electric shavers were implemented facility-wide and all disposable razors immediately became contraband throughout the jail. The program has been running without any issues and grooming schedules have been followed without problems. 200 shavers were purchased along with required carts and charging accessories to be used jail wide.

BOOKING SUPPORT BUREAU

Inputs the booking and release related data based on a set-criteria to facilitate the accuracy of Criminal History information maintained by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). This Bureau is a **24-hour operation with 54 civilian employees**.

Booking Support Bureau Sections Include :

Registration Office - open Monday through Friday and Holidays from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Inmate Trust Funds Coordinator - makes all deposits and oversees the cash receipt process for all inmate monies received and released.

Court Coordinator Staff - reviews all court paperwork ensuring that inmates are placed on the Court Calendar for scheduled appearances; enters sentencing information for the Classification Unit.

Archives Coordinator - oversees the archival, dissemination and destruction of all inmate files under F.S. Chapter 119.

Additional Administrative Processes :

- Inmate Property
- Money/Bond Room
- First Appearance
- Records Archival
- Public/Media Record Requests
- Biometric Identification System (BIS)

6,159 INMATES BOOKED

6,206 INMATES RELEASED

914 AVG. DAILY POPULATION

Number of Cash Bonds Processed
231

Amount of Cash Bonds Processed
\$306,467.40

Number of Cash Purges Processed
116

Amount of Cash Purges Processed
\$82,434.00

Number of Out-of-County Cash Bond / Purges Processed - **38** Amount of Out-of-County Cash Bond / Purges Processed - **\$37,785.55**

TRANSPORTATION UNIT

The Transportation Unit provides safe and secure transportation of defendants to all court proceedings, additionally providing security in each courtroom that hosts a hearing or trial involving any inmate within our custody.

7,880 INMATES TRANSPORTED TO COURT APPEARANCES

664 INMATES TRANSPORTED TO DOC

211 INMATES TRANSPORTED TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS



FACILITIES SERVICES UNIT & KITCHEN SECURITY UNIT

Facilities Services is responsible for accepting deliveries, key issuance, control duties, and warehouse inventory. The Facilities Services Unit is also responsible for the screening and selection of inmate workers, commonly referred to as trustees. Through this process, inmates are selected for the Sheriff's Inmate Work Crew which provides free labor to government agencies when available. The Kitchen Security Unit provides security/supervision of inmate workers who assist our food service provider with meal preparation and maintains kitchen sanitation and cleanliness.



Facilities - Key Control



Loading Dock Deliveries



Work Crew

- The Loading Dock received a total of **3,911 deliveries**.
- The Work Crew performed **4,495 in-house** hours and **2,772 offsite** hours
- The Kitchen Security Unit oversaw and **served 979,989 regular meals and diets meals**.

INMATE SUPPORT BUREAU

Established in September 2025, the CHANGE program is the newest tool to aid in reentry of inmates.

136 INMATES HAVE BEEN SCREENED SINCE PROGRAM INCEPTION

24 PARTICIPANTS HAD HOUSING PLACEMENT SECURED

68 PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED IN PROGRAM

42 PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE WITH 30 REEMPLOYED

36 PARTICIPANTS REFERRED TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS



The CHANGE Program focuses on Community, Housing, Academics, Nutrition, Groups, and Employment. By connecting inmates to community-based services and fostering personal development, the program seeks to equip participants with the tools necessary to lead productive lives upon their release.

Classification Personnel :

- Processed **5,776** inmates
- Responded to **774** written inmate requests
- Conducted **38,079** administrative segregation reviews
- Considered **42,940** mental health reviews
- Logged **37,237** face-to-face inmate contacts related to casework

An ingenious highlight was the implementation of Ameelio tablets for the Juvenile Education Program.

Ten (10) tablets were designated to allow juvenile inmates the opportunity to continue their education via a digital learning tool in addition to face-to-face instruction.

Inmate Medical and Insurance

A recent medical audit reflected a **\$391,327.15 savings in inmate medical costs** that stemmed from effective and efficient medical services without compromising quality in care for our inmates:

- **\$309,344.80 savings in medication costs**
- **\$81,982.35 savings in lab costs**

Additionally, the below information signifies inmate data for the Health Plan Freedom Insurance (HPF) and Universal Comprehensive Health Services (UCHS).

Health Plan Freedom (HPF)

The following reflects the results of encounters with inmates to introduce the health insurance plan to utilize while incarcerated and for when/if they are released. This data captures the timeframe of April 2025–September 2025.

Note: The Big Beautiful Bill changed the application process resulting in no applications accepted after September. Open enrollment began November 2025 and ends January 15, 2026. However, the inmates must call HPF to apply for any insurance plans.

- **Total Encounters:** 734
- **Total Approved:** 186 (Total approved from both AHAP-Auth Form & Completed categories).
- **Disapproved:** 24 (Applications and AHAP-Auth Form disapproved by Health Freedom).
- **Applied:** 164 (Persons who applied for market place insurance).
- **Refused:** 117 (Persons who did not want to provide information and/or apply for insurance).
- **AHAP-Auth Form:** 233 (Persons who claimed to already have insurance under the market place. This form is completed to verify and receive an active insurance policy number).
- **AHAP-Private Insurance:** 129 (Persons covered under a plan outside of the market place insurance).
- **Others:** 26 (Persons with no SSN, was uncooperative, mental incapacity, DOC sentenced, out of state resident, ICE hold, pending status, etc.).



HealthPlan
FREEDOM

**Universal Comprehensive Health Services (UCHS):**

ACSO partnered with UCHS on April 30, 2025. Since the commencement, the cost savings are as follows.

- From June thru September, the Jail saved **\$391,327.15**
- From October thru November, the Jail saved **\$269,571.50**
- Total amount saved **\$660,898.65**

For Assistance with Jail Concerns :
Contact the Department of the Jail
at 352-491-4444

Mental Health Services

At a Glance Highlights :

- 9,091** MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS SERVED
- 5,244** PATIENTS ON PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION
- 723** AVERAGE MONTHLY CASELOAD
- 37** BAKER ACT INTERVENTIONS

Critical Incidents :

- 7** SUICIDE ATTEMPTS REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION
- 3** SUICIDE ATTEMPTS REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION

All incidents received immediate clinical intervention and follow up care.

Monthly Mental Health Caseload

| | |
|------------|-----|
| January: | 792 |
| February: | 761 |
| March: | 762 |
| April: | 720 |
| May: | 741 |
| June: | 719 |
| July: | 752 |
| August: | 751 |
| September: | 723 |
| October: | 685 |
| November: | 623 |
| December: | 650 |

Yearly Total : **8,679**

Monthly Average : **723**

Caseloads remained consistently high throughout the year, peaking in March and stabilizing during the latter half of the year.

Average Population by Month

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|------------|-----|
| January: | 884 |
| February: | 893 |
| March: | 887 |
| April: | 863 |
| May: | 892 |
| June: | 912 |
| July: | 924 |
| August: | 955 |
| September: | 983 |
| October: | 949 |
| November: | 932 |
| December: | 924 |

Yearly Total : **10,998**

Monthly Average : **917**

Patients on Psychotropic Medication

| | |
|------------|-----|
| January: | 489 |
| February: | 482 |
| March: | 595 |
| April: | 543 |
| May: | 466 |
| June: | 450 |
| July: | 421 |
| August: | 382 |
| September: | 364 |
| October: | 371 |
| November: | 351 |
| December: | 330 |

Yearly Total : **5,244**

Monthly Average : **437**

Medication management decreased steadily after March, reflecting stabilization, treatment progression, and ongoing provider oversight.

Total Current Inmate Population

917

Capacity Utilization

80.2% of Rated Capacity (1,148)
94.5% of Optimum Capacity (975)

Average Length of Stay

151 Days

Mental Health Population

723

78.9% of the total population

Average Age

39

Average Length of Stay

135 Days

Suicide Risk Population

30

3.3% of the total population

Average Age

38

Average Length of Stay

171 Days

Sentenced Population

188

20.4% of the total population

Average Age

38

Average Length of Stay

151 Days

Sentenced Inmates with Mental Illness

77

8.4% of the total population

Average Age

39

Average Length of Stay

130 Days

- Mental Health services demand remained consistently high throughout the year.
- Medication utilization declined over time, suggesting treatment stabilization and continuity of care.
- Crisis-level incidents represented a small fraction of total cases, but required intensive, coordinated response.

*The total number of MH cases encompasses both Bookings, Releases and Repeat Patients. MH Case number also incorporates multiple diagnoses per individual. All data compiled are based on best estimated values.

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