

# Sheriff



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## **OCSO OPENS EAST DISTRICT FIELD OFFICE**

Under the leadership of Sheriff Larry Ashley the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has reorganized into three separate geographic districts and is opening a new East District Field Office at the Destin Commons complex located on Legendary Drive. This change is simply a reallocation of current resources which requires no hiring of additional personnel.

The East District will serve the citizens of Okaloosa Island, Rocky Bayou, Bluewater Bay, and the unincorporated areas around Niceville and Destin. The new district office will be staffed with four Sergeants, two Lieutenants, one Captain, and an Investigator. It will be used for patrol shift briefings and other agency business for the East District's approximately 50 patrol deputies.

The Destin Substation (located on Stahlman Avenue) which is shared with EMS personnel, will remain a manned substation with shift deputies, an Investigator, the Marine Unit, Traffic Unit, and front desk personnel for walk-in service.

The other two districts are the North District or unincorporated area north of the Shoal River and the Central District which includes unincorporated parts of Fort Walton Beach, Mary Esther, Shalimar, portions of Eglin, Hurlburt Field, and surrounding areas.

Sheriff Ashley said "the change allows for more efficient allocation of manpower and resources to specific zones that share similar type needs. It will provide for better disbursement of resources during congested periods of traffic. In addition, it improves accountability, it provides for better performance



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measurements of patrol and crime prevention strategies, and it will help segregate communications traffic on the agency's overly-congested central district primary radio channel.”

“We are extremely grateful to the people at Turnberry Associates and Destin Commons for providing this efficient workspace at no cost to Okaloosa County taxpayers,” said Sheriff Ashley. These types of community partnerships help us remain efficient during times of diminishing resources.”

Robert Perry, General Manager of Destin Commons added, “Destin Commons has always placed great emphasis on being a supportive community partner. We are very pleased to continue this effort and welcome the East District Field Office. Destin Commons thanks the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, for all that they provide this county.”

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Here is additional information provided by Destin Commons:

Award-winning Destin Commons continues to set the standard as Northwest Florida's premier open-air lifestyle center offering the finest shopping, dining, entertainment and office space. Managed by Turnberry Associates, the 56-acre center, with free WiFi access throughout, is home to Bass Pro Shops, Belk, Rave Motion Pictures 14-screen stadium style movie theatre, 75 stores and restaurants, 70,000 square feet of Class A office space, a 49-head pop fountain, and nautically themed children's soft play area.

Located at the intersection of US Highway 98 and Mid Bay Bridge Road, the center is open Monday-Thursday 10 am – 9 pm; Friday-Saturday 10 am – 9 pm; and Sunday 11 am – 7 pm. Extended hours from Memorial Day through Labor day are Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 10 pm; Sundays, 11am – 8 pm. For additional information, call (850) 337-8700, visit [www.DestinCommons.com](http://www.DestinCommons.com), or follow us on Facebook.

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