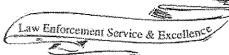


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OCSO REORGANIZATION STEPS

Interim Okaloosa County Sheriff Ed Spooner today announced several reorganization actions designed to maintain efficient operations while also reducing costs at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.

Two positions, Chief of Staff and Assistant Director of Administrative Services, have been eliminated as part of the streamlining move.

Administration and Finance are now under the supervision of Major Larry Ashley. Support Services and Field Services supervisory duties are assigned to Major Larry Donaldson. Major Mark Schniepp (shneep) is in charge of the Criminal Investigations Division, Special Response Team, and Crisis Negotiations Unit.

In consultation with Okaloosa County officials, Sheriff Spooner has requested an expanded fiscal audit for 2007/2008, to be conducted by a CPA firm selected by County Administrator Jim Curry.

Under the current situation, as part of a standard operating procedure, the Sheriff's Office has also asked the F-D-L-E to conduct an audit of the agency's evidence room. There is no indication any items are missing. The action is simply a request for an independent review to establish the evidence room's ongoing credibility.

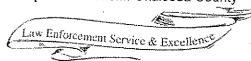
In addition, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is in the process of locating an independent, interim Certified Public Accountant to help ensure the continuance of routine financial operations while the expanded audit is underway.

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Sheriff



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Mary Rominger Human Resource Manager Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. Rominger,

As of Monday March 4, 2009 the position currently held by Randall Holcombe shall be discontinued.

Randall has been advised that his services are no longer needed for that position as it has been eliminated in order to streamline operations and reduce costs. His pay and benefits shall terminate as of Saturday March 7, 2009.

Randal was instructed that he may apply for any open or future positions with-in the agency as they become available.

Edward M. Spooner

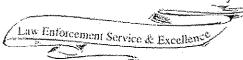
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Mary Rominger Human Resource Manager Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. Rominger,

As of Monday March 2, 2009 the position currently held by Sabra Thornton shall be discontinued due to the lack of current needs of the agency.

Sabra has been advised that her services are no longer needed for that position as it has been discontinued in order to streamline operations and reduce costs. Her pay and benefits shall terminate as of Saturday March 7, 2009.

Mrs. Thornton was instructed that she may apply for any open or future positions with-in the agency as they become available.

Edward M. Spooner

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