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Your Stand on the Issue Support

I understand that Sheriff Gaultieri is defending his department from requests to redirect funds from policing to social services. First, I think the Sheriff and his Deputies do an outstanding job. In fact, I favor more funding so that, for example, there can be more of a police presence on our often chaotic highways. I do understand some communities in Pinellas would prefer to reallocate local funding from policing their communities to social services. So long as that does not impact policing in the rest of the county, then that seems fine. For my part, I would greatly appreciate a somewhat greater Sheriff presence on Tierra Verde. First, and for many years previously, we were well informed of public safety issues by our Deputy but that relationship seems to be diminished possibly because of retirements and reassignments. Second, the Tierra Verde bridge and round-about will soon come into play. I think it is vital to have vigorous enforcement of traffic laws and speed limits for the next several cycles of tourism as I don't believe people heading to and from Fort DeSoto will be aware of safely descending the bridge and transiting the circle. Again, I think the Sheriff's Department does an outstanding job and deserves a careful consideration of funding increases as county budgets permit.

Comments
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