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## **LCDF Announces Correctional Officer Sponsorships**

The Leon County Detention Facility and The Florida Public Safety Institute announce a partnership for correctional officer sponsorship training. Traditionally, correctional officers serve as authority, and ensure the care and custody of inmates. Correctional officers also de-escalate violent confrontations, and work to rehabilitate inmates. Being such an essential partner of law enforcement, correctional officers represent one of the most important components of the criminal justice system.

With the evolving landscape of society in mind, and the advent of new rehabilitation methods, correctional officers are emerging as frontline professionals in the criminal justice field. The LCDF is looking to appeal to today's professional workforce by offering training sponsorships to motivate individuals interested in law enforcement and corrections.

Candidates will embark on a 13-week training academy at the Florida Public Safety Institute as correctional officer recruits. As a recruit, they will receive approved training and state instruction as part of the State of Florida Criminal Justice and Standards Training Commission guidelines. Also, as part of a minimum two-year employment contract with the LCDF, recruits who attend the academy will receive a salary during their training and learn agency policy and procedures as set forth by the Leon County Sheriff's Office. Upon successful completion of the academy and passing of the state examination, recruits will be raised to the starting pay of an LCDF correctional officer.





