

# PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS  
UNIT

A stylized silhouette of a mountain range in shades of teal, located at the bottom right of the slide.

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# THE LIMA UNIT



# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

- ◆ ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 2001
- ◆ 7 ORIGINAL MEMBERS
- ◆ 3 FROM BROOKER CREEK UNIT
- ◆ 3 FROM MARINE UNIT
- ◆ 1 SERGEANT SUPERVISOR

# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

2001 AREAS OF CONTRACTUAL  
RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDE 3  
PRESERVES:

- ◆ BROOKER CREEK
- ◆ WEEDON ISLAND
- ◆ SHELL KEY

# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

2007 AREAS OF CONTRACTUAL  
RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDE:

- ◆ 4 PRESERVES
- ◆ 11 MANAGEMENT AREAS
- ◆ UNIT HAS GROWN TO 10 MEMBERS

# PINELLAS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS



# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

## MISSION

TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR  
PINELLAS COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL  
LANDS



# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

- ◆ 10 MAN UNIT
- ◆ 10 4X4 VEHICLES
- ◆ 5 VESSELS
- ◆ 6 ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES



# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

## DUTIES

- ◆ PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY
- ◆ ENFORCE MANAGEMENT PLANS AND PRESERVE ORDINANCES
- ◆ EDUCATE THE PUBLIC
- ◆ COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STAFF

# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

## IN MORE DETAIL:

- ◆ SECURITY CHECKS AT EDUCATION CENTERS AND STAFF OFFICES
- ◆ MAINTAIN INTEGRITY OF PRESERVE BOUNDARIES
- ◆ ASSIST PATRONS ON BOTH HORSE AND HIKING TRAILS
- ◆ IDENTIFY POTENTIAL HAZARDS
- ◆ COORDINATE AND ASSIST WITH EMERGENCY SITUATIONS SUCH AS FIRE AND LOST/INJURED HIKERS
- ◆ TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON PRESERVE ROADS

# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

- ◆ RESOURCE PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT ON FISHING PIER AND AQUATIC SECTIONS OF THE PRESERVES
- ◆ VESSEL AND FOOT PATROLS OF SHELL KEY
- ◆ CONDUCT VESSEL BOARDINGS AND SAFETY CHECKS
- ◆ PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AT SPECIAL EVENTS HELD AT THE PRESERVES



# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

## STATISTICS 2001 – 2007

- ◆ 2,596 OFFENSE/INCIDENCE REPORTS
- ◆ 1,089 FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS
- ◆ 1,163 ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS
- ◆ 1,678 BOATING CITATIONS

# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

## THE WARM AND FUZZIES

- ◆ 56,164 CITIZEN CONTACTS
- ◆ 17,430 BOAT BOARDINGS AND WARNINGS
- ◆ 2,224 CRIMINAL AND ORDINANCE WARNINGS

# ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS UNIT

## ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

- ◆ CHANGING RULES
- ◆ LIMITED  
MANPOWER
- ◆ LARGE NUMBERS  
OF VISITORS

