THE DEPARTMENT

The Lee County Port Authority Police Department provides law enforcement at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers, Florida. The purpose of the department is to safeguard the traveling public and provide immediate support to the Department of Homeland Security.

The Lee County Port Authority Police Department strives to provide state-of-the-art training, utilizing our own gun range and training facilities. We excel in balancing our law enforcement responsibilities with exceptional customer service.

An equal opportunity employer, the agency consists of more than 60 sworn and non-sworn personnel with sound values and high moral standards. Superior training and equipment are an outstanding feature of the department.

The Lee County Port Authority Police Department is organized into two different divisions falling under the command of the Chief of Police.

DEPARTMENT BENEFITS

The Lee County Port Authority Police Department offers a generous benefits package:

- Competitive salary
- Overtime pay
- Paid holidays/birthday
- Bereavement leave
- Paid time off (vacation/sick)
- Florida Retirement System Plan
- Health, life, optical, dental and long-term disability insurance
- Military leave
- College tuition reimbursement
- Promotional exams
- Educational incentives
- Specialized trainings

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to faithfully serve all people we encounter with empathy and compassion. We will strive to provide the safest environment in the aviation industry, by proactively detecting and deterring crime and terrorism. We will keep in clear sight that it is a privilege and honor to wear our badge and serve the community.
FROM THE CHIEF

At the Lee County Port Authority Police Department, we pride ourselves on meeting extraordinary standards of professionalism. We are driven to be a model agency focused on serving the current and future law enforcement needs of the traveling public. Our policies and procedures are effective, responsive and fair and employees are treated as valued team members. Officers receive exceptional benefits, including ongoing educational opportunities and special training. If you have chosen a career in law enforcement, you will be challenged and rewarded as a member of the Lee County Port Authority Police Department.

Sincerely,

Shawn Chamberlain
Chief of Police

PATROL OPERATIONS

This division comprises the uniformed patrol division, the bike team, field force unit and security agents. Some of the daily responsibilities include enforcing federal and state laws, traffic and pedestrian curb enforcement, community policing, dignitary protection and crowd control.

SUPPORT SERVICES

This division includes training, internal affairs, crime analysis and criminal investigations. Some of the daily responsibilities include scheduling and updating the department on current training topics, analyzing trends in airport crimes and conducting supplemental investigations. The division also consists of the Hazardous Device Squad and Explosives Detection Canines, whose responsibilities include investigating suspicious items and cargo.

EMPLOYEE REQUIREMENTS

To join the department, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Must be at least 19 years old
- High school diploma/GED
- A citizen of the United States
- Must be able to successfully pass a physical exam
- Must be able to successfully pass a psychological assessment
- Must possess a desire to be part of an organization that values service, people, integrity and teamwork
- Must successfully pass a written exam, oral exam and drug screening
- Must pass a background investigation
- Must be fingerprinted by agency
- Must not have been convicted of any felony
- Must not have been convicted of any misdemeanor, involving perjury or false statements
- Must not have received a dishonorable discharge from any of the armed forces of the United States
- Must have a valid Florida driver’s license upon employment
- Must be of good moral character