

On January 7, 2025, Sheriff Richard R. Delo Toro, Jr. was sworn in as the 13th Sheriff of St Lucie County.

Sheriff Del Toro is a long-time resident of St. Lucie County and has been married to his wife, Daniela, for the past 28 years and together they have two beautiful daughters. He has very strong convictions in his faith, family, and being a purpose driven public servant to our community. Building trust, a commitment to excellence, and following the “Golden Rule” define Sheriff Del Toro’s leadership style and career. He is extremely passionate about our community and making St. Lucie County the very best it can become.

Sheriff Del Toro believes that every citizen deserves to live in a safe and prosperous community and served by a law enforcement agency with the highest standards and values. As Sheriff, his top priorities and vision will be implementing a standard of performance at the Sheriff’s Office that will transform St. Lucie County into the safest county within the State of Florida and make the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office the premier law enforcement agency in the United States of America.

Sheriff Del Toro achieved 26 years of distinguished service with the Port St. Lucie Police Department and retired as the Chief of Police in November 2024. He worked in a variety of assignments throughout his career, including road patrol, the Special Investigations Division, Internal Affairs, and as the Commander of the S.W.A.T. Team. Throughout his career, the City of Port St. Lucie was continuously recognized as the “Safest Large City in the State of Florida” by having the lowest crime rate for cities with a population of over 100,000 residents and having the highest standards in the policing profession through the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

Sheriff Del Toro holds a master’s degree in public administration from Nova Southeastern University, a bachelor’s degree in professional administration from Barry University, and an associate’s degree in criminal justice technology from Indian River State College. He is also a graduate of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute and the prestigious Southern Police Institute Administrative Officer’s Course at the University of Louisville.

Sheriff Del Toro is deeply involved in the community, serving as President of the Treasure Coast Hope for the Homeless Foundation and as a Board of Directors Member and Past President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of St Lucie County. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the St Lucie Hundred Club and the St Lucie Roundtable. Previously, Sheriff Del Toro served on the Children’s Services Council of St Lucie County after being appointed by Governor Rick Scott.

Professional Affiliations:

- Florida Sheriff's Association – Member
- International Association of Chiefs of Police – Member
- Florida Police Chief's Association – Member
- Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 118 – Member
- Treasure Coast Chief's and Sheriff's Association – Member
- Port St. Lucie Downtown Lion's Club – Member
- Florida Internal Affairs Investigators Association – Past Secretary/Treasurer
- Indian River State College – Former Adjunct Faculty Member

AWARDS:

- 2023 Command Officer of the Year – Florida Police Chiefs Association
- Congressional Award in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community – Congressman Brian Mast
- 2022 Outstanding Community Partners Award – Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida, Treasure Coast
- President's Superior Community Service Award – Military Officers Association of America, Treasure Coast Chapter
- 2019 Negron Hero of Hope Award – Place of Hope Treasure Coast
- Melvin Jones Fellow Award – Lions Club International
- New Board Member of the Year – Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County
- Board Member of the Year – 211 Helpline
- Partnership Award – River of Life Fellowship Church
- Service Award – Caribbean American Cultural Group
- Life Saving Award – Port St. Lucie Police Department
- Distinguished Achievement Award – Port St. Lucie Police Department
- Civic Award – Port St. Lucie Police Department
- Commendation Award – Port St. Lucie Police Department
- Chief's Merit Award – Port St. Lucie Police Department
- Presidential Citation – Port St. Lucie Police Department