

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS



Fishin' in Florida

The Polk County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) and MCSA Immediate Past President Sheriff Grady Judd hosted the sixth-annual Fishin' with Judd on June 30, 2020 in Winter Haven, Florida and we're not sure who had more fun -- the kids, or the deputies?

The event is sponsored by Polk Sheriff's Charities, Inc., Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC), and local businesses. Participating boys and girls are chosen by deputies from a variety of communities and may otherwise never get to experience fishing.

"To see the smile on the children's faces when they catch the first fish is pretty special," said Sheriff Judd. "It is special to me; quite frankly, at the end of the day, I believe we get more out of it than the children do."

After a few hours of fishing where everyone caught at least one fish, the kids got to eat hotdogs and burgers, and each one went home with toys and games donated by a local merchant.

"We are blessed that FWC partners with us to make it happen. We are excited because these children will fish and have food and snacks. And then we have partners in our community that have donated toys, *lots of toys*. At the end of the day, all of these children will go home with a toy. It is the way life is in Polk County," Sheriff Judd said.

It most certainly is the way life is in the heart of Florida, as this is just one of the *many* community events PCSO organizes throughout the year -- proving Community Oriented Policing is alive and well in Polk County, Florida.

