

## Keiser University, law enforcement team up for degree programs

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DAYTONA BEACH — Keiser University has teamed up with the Daytona Beach Police Department and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office to offer on-site bachelor's degree programs in criminal justice, homeland security and public safety administration.

Keiser faculty go to the Daytona Beach Police Department and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office to conduct classes.

"Forging this partnership with Keiser University has proven to be tremendously beneficial to law enforcement officers in Volusia County who wanted the opportunity to pursue a degree in the Criminal Justice field," Daytona Beach Police Deputy Chief Stephen Beres said in prepared release.

He added that "having on-site classes at the Daytona Beach Police Department assists the officers who have to juggle work and personal schedules."

Officers and dispatchers from St. John's County Sheriff's Office, Volusia County Sheriff's Office, Daytona Beach Police Department, Ormond Beach Police Department, Deland Police Department, Orange City Police Department and the Volusia County Department of Corrections are participating in the program. For the convenience of the law enforcement professionals the classes are tailored around their shift schedules and offered in an online and on-site hybrid format.

Shane Strum, associate vice chancellor of business development for Keiser University, said Beres, who earned his master's degree in criminal justice from Keiser, and Sgt. Lou Marino from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, who is currently a student, have been instrumental in helping to start the program. Currently, 44 students are enrolled in the partnership from agencies in Volusia and Flagler counties.