Carmine Marceno Sheriff



State of Florida County of Lee

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To whom it may concern,

As Sheriff of Lee County, I wish to express my support for Keiser University to expand its virtual simulation training systems to better prepare students for careers in law enforcement. Keiser is seeking a \$539,910 appropriation from the State of Florida, Office of Policy and Budget for the purchase of 18 virtual simulation training systems for its campuses, which offer Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, Crime Scene Investigation, Forensics, Accounting and Information Technology degrees.

These state-of-the-practice virtual simulation training systems allow instructors to put students in virtual law enforcement training scenarios to broaden traditional academic standards and practices. This enhanced learning results in better prepared deputies and civilian law enforcement employees in the workforce. In addition, Keiser University has indicated that it will make simulators available to law enforcement agencies for ongoing training purposes for sworn Law Enforcement Officers.

Thank you for considering Keiser University's request.

Sincerely,

Carmine Marceno

Lee County Sheriff

