3-07/260.00 - Information Technology - Policies, Standards, and Security

Information Technology has become a core component within the Sheriff's Department, to enhance the Department's crime fighting mission, to share vital information among Units and among various criminal justice agencies, and to improve efficiency in administrative duties.

Hereafter, in this policy, standards shall include Information Technology policies, standards, guidelines, and procedures.

Establishing standards in both equipment and procedures will enable the Department to:

- Share information within the Department, with other criminal justice agencies, and with anti-terrorism task forces;
- Efficiently operate the Department's growing Information Technology infrastructure by ensuring individual implementations are the best suited for our mission and compatible throughout the Department;
- Allow technical personnel to become proficient in standard technologies;
- Improve migration to new technologies through an ability to coordinate a migration throughout the Department; and
- Improve security by creating an environment wherein an effective multi-layered security system can be implemented.

Security has also become a vital part of Information Technology. As criminal justice agencies have expanded their use of technology, intrusion attempts have also increased. It is critically important to integrate multi-layered security in the entire Information Technology infrastructure.