

RISO Snapshot of Success

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Located on Florida's Gulf, just south of Tampa, is Florida's Manatee County. The Manatee County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to providing the highest standard of service to its residents and visitors. They believe that community involvement is vital to the success of the Sheriff's Office.

The goal of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office is to provide for the safety and security of its citizens and visitors of Manatee County. Part of attaining that goal lies in administering information and education programs that will aid in the prevention of crime. RISO is a big part of providing the tools that support these programs.

Implemented in 1999, the project has given the state a model for reducing its dropout rate.

- **The Junior Cadet Program:** In 1997, the Sheriff's office implemented a Junior Cadet Program. The program is comprised of youths ranging from age 11 to 13 years old and teaches cadets responsibility, teamwork and self esteem. The program was started to help youths in the community have a positive interaction with law enforcement and to steer them in a positive direction in life.

Some of Manatee County's many programs include:

- **The Child Lures Prevention Program:** Since the program was implemented in 2000, the Child Lures Prevention program has been presented to thousands of adults and children throughout Manatee County.
- **The Manatee County Compulsory Attendance Project:** The dropout prevention plan keeps kids in school, gives them a better chance at graduation, and has had encouraging results.

Effective communication is a big part of the success of programs like these. Program materials, booklets, brochures, flyers, manuals, promotional materials, and mailers are just a few examples of the communication pieces needed to support these valuable efforts.



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Fifteen years ago, the Sheriff's office outsourced all of its printed documents. This all changed when Sidney Ettetdgui joined the Sheriff's office where he heads up the Document Development Unit. Responsible for all phases of document creation, beginning with graphic design through output, Ettetdgui's unit now produces 98% of all the printed

documents used by the Sheriff's office.

A longtime RISO user, the MZ790 2-color digital duplicator is his 4th RISO purchase. The MZ replaced a GR series digital duplicator with over six million prints. Ettetdgui uses the MZ to print what he terms high-cost outsourced materials, such as envelopes, multi-part forms,

business cards, door hangers and odd size papers. Indeed, many long-run projects are directed to the MZ.

Ettetdgui estimates that over his tenure, the RISO Digital Duplicators have saved the Sheriff's office hundreds of thousands of dollars in outside printing costs. "RISO is a life-saver, a cost saver to any agency."
