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# PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE for residents of Deerfield Beach.

***Changes to POLICE and FIRE RESCUE services are underway.***

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The City of Deerfield Beach has made the decision to transition to a new public safety model and start its own police and fire departments. To date, the City has not presented any transition plan to the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO).

As a result, BSO submitted a structured transition plan to the City. Under BSO's plan, beginning on August 1, 2026, the responsible reallocation of personnel, resources and services for law enforcement will be phased out of the City. The planned transition will continue through September 30, 2027, and may affect emergency response, staffing levels and service delivery in your area.

<b>April 2025</b>	<b>Initial Budget and Compensation Review:</b> The Deerfield Beach City Manager met with BSO to review a compensation and classification study. Following the presentation, the City Manager indicated the proposed adjustments appeared warranted.
<b>April - June 2025</b>	<b>Repeated Requests to Discuss Contract Negotiations:</b> BSO made multiple attempts to meet with the City Manager to continue discussions regarding contract and compensation considerations. No meetings were granted by the City Manager.
<b>June 2025</b>	<b>Notice of Cancellation Issued:</b> BSO issued a Notice of Cancellation in accordance with contractual requirements, ensuring proper procedural compliance and operational planning for potential service adjustments.
<b>July 2025</b>	<b>Commission-Directed Engagement and Proposal Development:</b> The City Commission directed the City Manager to meet with BSO leadership. BSO presented multiple contract options, and a formal proposal outlining projected savings was delivered to the City.
<b>Aug. - Sept. 2025</b>	<b>Public Meetings and Budget Actions:</b> During public meetings, additional figures were presented by the City Manager that did not accurately reflect the proposals offered by BSO. The Commission subsequently approved continuation of funding for BSO services from the original consideration offer in May as part of the fiscal year budget.
<b>September 16, 2025</b>	<b>Notice Rescinded / Service Continuity Maintained:</b> Following the Commission's budget action, BSO offered to rescind the prior cancellation notice. The City Manager refused to accept the letter, thereby forcing the transition period to continue. BSO services continued without interruption.
<b>Nov. - Dec. 2025</b>	<b>Contract Review and Modified Proposals:</b> At the request of the City, additional contract options and staffing model adjustments were reviewed. Updated proposals were submitted by BSO; no formal advancement of alternative proposals occurred by the City.
<b>January 6, 2026</b>	<b>Feasibility Study Presented to Commission:</b> A City-commissioned feasibility study evaluating municipal police and fire services was presented to the Commission. Concerns were raised by BSO and members of the public regarding the completeness and accuracy of the analysis. Sheriff Dr. Gregory Tony offered the Commission an opportunity to extend the City's service contract by two years to allow time for the completion of a comprehensive feasibility study, which BSO agreed to pay for.
<b>January 20, 2026</b>	<b>Commission Vote to Establish Municipal Services:</b> Despite concerns regarding a lack of information and data inaccuracies, the City Commission voted to move forward with establishing its own independent police and fire services, initiating the transition away from BSO.
<b>February 24, 2026</b>	<b>Independent Study Findings Released (Pompano Beach Benchmark):</b> A separate comprehensive study in Pompano Beach estimated significantly higher costs for standalone police services compared to the City's current contract with BSO for police services <u>only</u> . These findings underscore the importance of a true feasibility study to assess such important decisions.
<b>Current Phase</b>	<b>Operational Transition Underway:</b> In response to the City's decision, BSO requested the City's transition plan. When the City failed to provide a plan, BSO presented a structured plan outlining the transition of services with the responsible reallocation of personnel, resources and services from the City.



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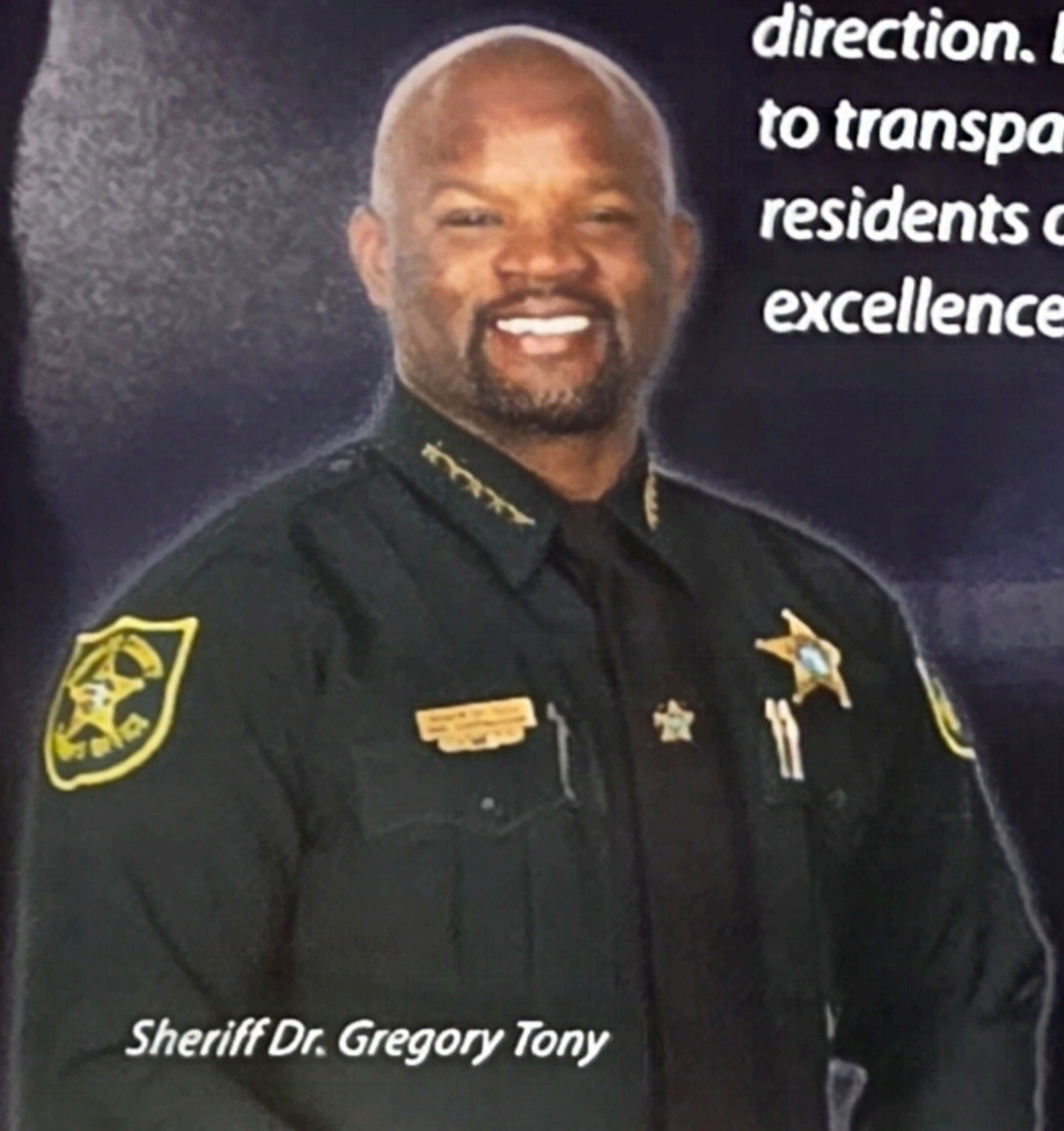
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*"Our responsibility is to ensure a professional, responsible transition that maintains public safety while allowing the City of Deerfield Beach to move forward with its chosen direction. BSO remains committed to transparency and to serving the residents of Broward County with excellence."*

*- Sheriff Dr. Gregory Tony*  
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Sheriff Dr. Gregory Tony

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