Thursday, January 16th, 2020 was the Leadership Brevard program session that the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office was invaluable in putting together with LEAD Brevard; special thanks to Sheriff Ivey and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) team involved in the session day.

The goals of the session included experiences to help class members better understand the societal issues that may lead to jail; Sheriff Wayne Ivey provided an overview and his philosophies about keeping our community safe. Class members were treated to a K-9 BCSO Patrol Dog Demonstration.

Lieutenant Rob Vitaliano (LB 2013), Investigative Services/Major Crimes and Critical Incident Stress Management Peer Group, Brevard County Sheriff’s Office brought awareness of cyber-crime, the dark web and the collaboration that is required to bring offenders of these type of crimes to justice; sometimes across several states.
Brevard County Sheriff’s Office Jail Complex Inmate Programs –and there are so many! Were explained by Lieutenant Yagdesh Harrypersad and Sergeant Evelyn DeNardo.

Brevard County Jail Complex Visit was part of this session; it’s an experience that many of our participants have not had before and the visit opens eyes.

Tied Together of the Space Coast’ s founder Glen Outlaw, LB 1994 was joined by volunteers Jason Hedman, LB 1999; Keith Houston, LB 1994; Steven Leatherman, LB 2017; Mark Malek; Conrado Martinez; Judge AB Majeed; Brent Peoples, LB 2007; Cordell Rolle, LB 2018; Jarvis Wash, LB 2016; Loren Wilder and Andy Ziegler who assisted all class members in learning how to tie a bow tie while sharing the work that this volunteer group does with middle school young men at schools in Brevard County.

Judge Alli ‘AB’ Majeed, County Court Judge, retired, shared his thoughts about leadership with the class to wrap up the day.

After the jail tour Jarvis Wash, LB 2016 shared his excitement for the opening of The REENTRY Center of Brevard, The Portal of Entry to Life After Incarceration.

Comments from class members at the end of the day included –

**From today’s session, what was the most valuable “take away”?**
- I think that my most valuable takeaway today was Sheriff Ivey telling us to “lead by standing around.” I thought that was very impactful.
- Overall this was a very insightful session. I realize just how dedicated and concerned our law enforcement officials are to keep our residents safe.
- Very positive image of Sheriff and BCSO. Importance of community support to protect the community. BCSO really cares about the community.
- It is our responsibility to do whatever we can to help prevent or rather promote change in perception of past offenders. It is to our benefit to try to help rehabilitate or bring people out into a positive place in society.
- The relationship between mental health, drug abuse, and crime. Leadership by standing around. Tied Together, awesome. “Know the way” specific goals make a good leader.
- Learning from today’s speakers there is a fabric/system in place which shows compassion and truly cares to reduce crime/jail population. They also have a path and we as leaders have opportunities to assist and lift our fellow Brevardians.
- Today’s session brought attention to how important it is to the community to address and help the incarcerated or at risk communities in order to help reduce recidivism and crime rate.
- The compassion of the police officers for the inmates. The compassion of Pastor Jarvis and Glen Outlaw for what they do.
- Community policing through social media. The importance of partnerships/friendships/relationships in keeping our community safe.
- The complexity of running the jail.
The So-Social networking and debriefing time was at Ryan's Pizza in Cocoa Village; the Bailout & Benefit theme raised $1,000+ in contributions toward a scholarship for Leadership Brevard next year.

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If these experiences sound like something you want to be part of (or for your employees?) enrollment for the next class (Leadership Brevard 2021) will be underway soon.

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