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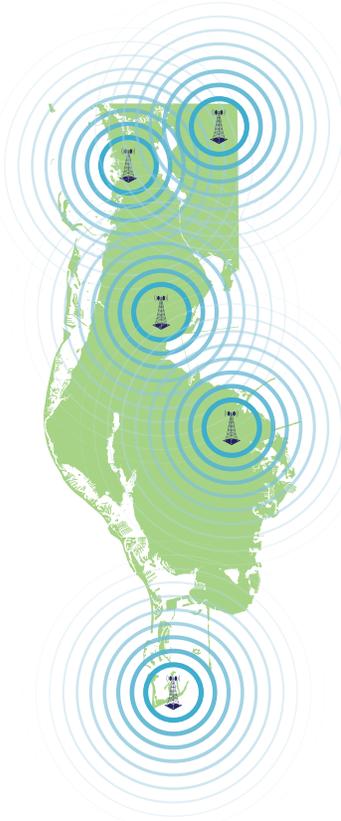
PENNY FOR PINELLAS When you call 911, you expect a prompt response. Radio towers facilitate communication between the Regional 911 Center and first responders so they can more quickly assist you. To ensure reliable communication among local fire departments, ambulances and law enforcement agencies, we constructed or replaced radio towers at five locations. There are 10 radio towers throughout the County.

Helping to keep our roads safe, we updated an ordinance to prevent the towing of vehicles from a property licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. This change gives intoxicated drivers an alternative to the risk of driving under the influence.

To help protect existing and potential victims of human trafficking, we adopted a public awareness sign ordinance requiring certain businesses to alert employees and the public about how to identify and report suspected human trafficking.

PENNY FOR PINELLAS After years of planning in partnership with the City of Largo, City of Belleair Bluffs and Town of Belleair, a ground breaking ceremony took place for the new Fire Station No. 43. Located in Belleair Bluffs, the centralized station will allow for even better first response to Citizens during emergencies.

Did You Know?

Alert Pinellas is a free program that keeps residents informed during emergency situations via phone call, text messaging and email. Sign up today at *PinellasCounty.org/AlertPinellas*.

Caring for Our Animals

Supporting our belief that **With Partners We Can Do More**, we developed strong partnerships to improve animal welfare:

- A partnership with the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Tampa Bay will help return as many animals as possible to their owners. SPCA Tampa Bay will accept owner-surrendered animals and Animal Services will accept strays.

- After-hours care to sick and injured stray animals brought to Animal Services will be serviced by the Animal Emergency Clinic of St. Petersburg. This partnership provides law enforcement officials responding to animal-involved incidents a secondary animal drop-off location that may be closer to their response area.

Animal Services adopts out an average of one animal per hour for every hour the adoption center is open. In 2016, our staff adopted out almost 3,800 cats and dogs, and accepted more than 2 tons in pet food donations. To adopt a pet or donate, visit *PinellasCounty.org/AnimalServices*.