

PC and Phone Replacement Policies

Personal Computers:

Personal Computers are eligible for replacement after four years of use in all elements of the organization with the exception of 911/Dispatch where the demands of the operation require a three year replacement period.

Upon reaching the end of the warranty period, the management of the business unit using the equipment is offered the opportunity to replace the equipment, or have it removed from service.

Computers identified as no longer meeting the standards of Sarasota County operations are sent to the County's Capital Asset Management, where they are first offered to other government agencies, then local non-profit agencies, for continued usage with less demanding software applications.

Telephones:

Traditional (wired) telephone equipment is replaced when it no longer functions. Telephone Service providers are changed at the discretion of the CIO and CFO whenever a significant new offering provides substantially enhanced capabilities and / or reduced costs.

When a significant advance in technology offers substantially enhanced capabilities and / or reduced costs the Board of County Commissioners make the decision to switch systems.

Cellular phones:

Mobile (wireless) telephones are replaced when they no longer function.

When a significant advance in technology or product offering provides for substantially enhanced capabilities and / or reduced costs, the CIO and CFO make the decision to change systems contingent on the new carrier providing service cost offsets or price reductions to cover the costs of any necessary equipment replacement.

