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The Port St. Lucie Police Department is an accredited law enforcement organization and fulfills the Standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.
Dear Citizens of Port St. Lucie,

February 14, 2018, began like any other Valentine’s Day, but as the sun set in the evening, the topic on everyone’s mind was not love. A disturbed student, with a history of both behavioral and disciplinary issues had taken an assault weapon back to the school he had been removed from in Parkland, Florida and killed 17 people; 16 fellow students and a coach, and wounded many more. In a matter of minutes, one individual had ended 17 lives that were full of promise for the future, and destroyed countless more.

Policing, education, mental health, firearms ownership, and the legal system changed forever that day. The fact that this shooter had been previously identified as having many of the warning signs and had somehow slipped through the system to purchase an assault rifle and perpetrate the deadliest school shooting in United States history not only identified a need for evaluation, but an immediate call to action. In the months to follow, investigations and evaluations of systems, processes, and laws resulted in legislation and action on the part of every stakeholder. Today, Florida, as well as the rest of the nation, is still grappling with realizations and ramifications of this tragedy.

The Port St. Lucie Police Department reacted, we have modified our tactical training, increased our communications with other law enforcement agencies and school personnel, approached mental health with increased attention to detail, and, most importantly, increased our vigilance.

Every member of this department is dedicated to providing the highest level of safety possible to the residents and visitors of this community. This is evident by our commitment to customer service and maintaining one of the lowest crime rates of cities our size in the nation. The City Council has made safety their number one goal and prioritized their support of the department’s efforts.

As we continue to maintain our low level of violent crimes, and drive down the number of property crimes, we are challenged with the traffic issues of a growing community. Cybercrimes continue to increase across the country, as well as the challenges of the latest opioid epidemic, fentanyl. The issues at hand are ever changing, and your police department is devoted to staying ahead of the trends and maintaining the high quality of life within our community.

It is my sincere hope you that you will find this annual report interesting and take as much pride in the partnership the citizens and police share in making Port St. Lucie as a safe and beautiful place to live, learn, work, and play as I do.

Stay Safe,

John A. Bolduc, Chief of Police
MISSION STATEMENT

Through Courage, Knowledge, and Integrity, the Port St. Lucie Police Department is Committed to Superior Customer Service and Remains One of America’s Safest Cities.

VALUE STATEMENT

Protecting and Preserving Constitutional Rights

The Port St. Lucie Police Department is committed to protecting and preserving the rights of individuals as guaranteed by the Constitution.

Service to Our Community

The Port St. Lucie Police Department will work together with the community towards the prevention and elimination of conditions that threaten the community’s right to be secure.

Accountability

The Port St. Lucie Police Department will hold all personnel accountable for the detection of problems and the execution of problem-solving strategies in their assigned areas.

Ethical and Moral Conduct

The Port St. Lucie Police Department will hold all members to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct, both on-duty and off-duty.

Respect for People

The Port St. Lucie Police Department believes in treating all people with respect and dignity.

Empowerment

The Port St. Lucie Police Department believes that it will achieve excellence through the active participation of its employees in the development and implementation of policies, programs and services.
The sworn total includes three Parks Officers funded by the Parks & Recreation Department.
Chief John A. Bolduc

Chief John A. Bolduc has worked as a law enforcement officer for 31 years and was appointed Chief of Police for Port St. Lucie on August 13, 2012. He joined the department in 1994 and, before his tenure with the Port St. Lucie Police Department, Chief Bolduc served as a Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer for seven years. He has worked in a variety of assignments to include Patrol and Administrative Sergeant, Patrol and Administrative Lieutenant, Acting Regional Captain, and Acting Assistant Chief.

A graduate of the University of Florida, Chief Bolduc has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and received his Master's Degree from Barry University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session #218.

Chief Bolduc currently serves on the Roundtable of St. Lucie County as the Chairman, a board member of the Children's Home Society of Florida, and a board member of the Circuit 19 Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. Chief Bolduc is a member of the Treasure Coast Chief's and Sheriff's Association (T.C.C.S.A.), Port St. Lucie Downtown Lions Club, Florida Police Chiefs Association (F.P.C.A.), and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.)
Assistant Chief Richard R. Del Toro, Jr.

Assistant Chief Richard R. Del Toro, Jr., manages the Neighborhood Policing Bureau, which consists of the Patrol and District Support Divisions. The Neighborhood Policing Bureau provides emergency uniformed police response to calls for service from our citizens and is staffed with 238 sworn and civilian staff members. Assistant Chief Del Toro was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief in August 2012, and has worked in various assignments throughout his career to include Road Patrol, Special Investigations Division, Internal Affairs, and Commander of the Professional Standards Division and S.W.A.T. Team.

He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Nova Southeastern University and is a graduate of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute and Southern Police Institute Administrative Officer's Course. In addition, Assistant Chief Del Toro is an adjunct faculty member at Indian River State College, and is an active member in the Florida Police Chiefs Association (F.P.C.A.), Treasure Coast Chief's and Sheriff's Association (T.C.C.S.A.), and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.)

Assistant Chief Del Toro proudly serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County and President of the Board of Directors for the Treasure Coast Hope for the Homeless Foundation. He is a member of the Port St. Lucie Downtown Lions Club, and, in 2013, was awarded the prestigious Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in recognition of his charitable work within the community.
Assistant Chief William B. Vega

Assistant Chief William B. Vega oversees the Support Services Bureau, which provides critical ancillary support to the organization. The Support Services Bureau includes the Criminal Investigations Division, the Special Investigations Division, Evidence and Property Section, Operational Support Services Division, and the Animal Control Division.

Assistant Chief Vega joined the police department in July 1996. He worked in various assignments, including Road Patrol, Special Investigations, a S.W.A.T. Team member, and was the immediate supervisor over the K-9 Section and the Special Investigations Division. Promoted to the status of Assistant Chief in August 2012, he is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Port St. Lucie Municipal Police Officers' Retirement Trust Fund.

Assistant Chief Vega holds a Master's Degree in Human Resource Development and Administration from Barry University and a second Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. A graduate of the Southern Police Institute, he is an active member in the Treasure Coast Chief's and Sheriff's Association (T.C.C.S.A.), Florida Police Chiefs Association (F.P.C.A.) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.)

Assistant Chief Vega established the Treasure Coast Renegades Football and Cheer Organization in 2013. This organization allows over 200 children to play and cheer in a competitive environment with experienced coaches. The organization's goal is teaching youth the importance of teamwork, discipline, responsibility, and sportsmanship. Assistant Chief Vega continues to coach the youth of our community with the hopes of molding each player into a successful student-athlete.
Public Information Office
Master Sergeant Frank Sabol
Public Information Officer

Frank A. Sabol began his law enforcement career in 1988 when he enlisted in the United States Army Military Police Corps. Sergeant Sabol served for two years in Munich, Germany as a road patrol MP and had the opportunity to work with the German Police at the famous Oktoberfest. Following his overseas tour, Sergeant Sabol transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas where he worked in the traffic unit and attended the El Paso Police Academy for advanced training in Traffic Homicide Investigations.

Sergeant Sabol joined the Port St. Lucie Police Department in 1992 after being Honorably Discharged from the Army. He became a School Resource Officer in 1995 and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1999. Sergeant Sabol has been a member of the Department’s S.W.A.T. Team, Honor Guard member and supervisor, and a member in the Treasure Coast’s Crisis Intervention Stress Management Team. Sergeant Sabol has an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor’s Degree in Professional Studies. Sergeant Sabol currently serves as the department’s Public Information Officer and is on the Florida State’s P.I.O. Deployment Team.

Did You Know?

The PSLPD has teamed up with Project Lifesaver International to provide citizens, who tend to wander, with a tool that allows Law Enforcement to locate and return them home. These citizens usually live with diagnosed medical conditions, such as Autism, Alzheimer’s, Down Syndrome, dementia, or have suffered a traumatic brain injury. Project Lifesaver International has trained and provided the PSLPD with equipment that is needed to locate these individuals when they leave and are wearing a RF transmitter. This equipment greatly enhances the chances of recovering a loved one quicker, allowing them to return home, back to their families.

- In 2018, approximately 150 formal press releases were disseminated.
- Plus, numerous posts on Facebook and Twitter
- P.I.O. attended numerous trainings to keep up-to-date on the latest trends in media.
- P.I.O. Sabol assisted with Hurricane Matthew clean up on the west coast of Florida.
Administrator Abraham Alvarez

Administrator Abraham Alvarez has been with the agency overseeing the Fiscal Management Section for over 20 years and is responsible for managing the department’s budget, grants, payroll, and off-duty details.

Budget Summary
The department is financed from four funding sources. These sources are the General Fund, Police Impact Fee Fund, Police Forfeiture Fund, and grants. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019, the operating budget was $45,671,578. Salaries and Benefits comprise about 84% and is derived mainly from the General Fund.

Operating expenses include items such as fuel, fleet maintenance, travel, communications, utilities, and various supplies needed to maintain this organization. The Capital Outlay component contains items such as vehicles, computers, and other equipment that exceed a unit cost of $5,000.

Police Forfeiture Fund
This fund monitors assets and cash seized by our department due to illegal activity. The proceeds in this fund are used to pay expenditures related to acquiring seized assets to purchase such items as special equipment required for surveillance work, crime prevention, school resource officers, grant matching funds and other law enforcement operations as specified by Florida State Statute 932.7055 (4). This fund aids in the purchase of unbudgeted police equipment that arises without drawing on property tax revenue from the citizens.

During this year, the confiscated property revenue collected was $108,665, with approved expenditures of $109,985. Unspent forfeiture revenue gets carried-forward to the next fiscal year.

Police Impact Fee Fund
The City imposes impact fees on the new expansion to help fund operating and capital costs associated with these newly hired Police personnel officers. In 2018, a total of $652,455 was received through this fund.

Payroll
Fiscal Assistant Karen White and Financial Specialist Julie Ault handle the payroll and related reports for more than 350 sworn and civilian personnel.

Off-Duty Details
Patricia Lipp, Off-Duty Coordinator, handles the accounting responsibilities of the department’s off-duty details. In 2018, there was 122 sworn personnel that participated in off-duty details. Also, this position coordinates the scheduling of overtime of all patrol officers, using the TeleStaff scheduling software. The department utilizes the TeleStaff scheduling software program, a division of Kronos.
## Port St. Lucie Police Department

### FY 13/14 - FY 17/18

#### Staffing Level

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**Budget**

**Total Budget**

$44,843,257

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**Major Subdivisions**

- **Personal Services**: 84%
- **Operating Expenses**: 12%
- **Capital Outlay**: 4%

**Grants** = $367,082

- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Includes 25% Match
- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Federal
- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FDLE State
- Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- Bullet Proof Vest Program (BVP)
Senior Lieutenant Carmine Izzo

Senior Lieutenant Carmine Izzo is responsible for commanding the day-to-day activities of the Animal Control Division. Currently, this Division employs 14.5 employees, consisting of one Division Commander, one Administrative Assistant, two Animal Control Supervisors, 10 Animal Control Officers, and one part-time Kennel Technician.

After serving six years of active duty in the United States Air Force, including service during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Senior Lieutenant Izzo joined the Port St. Lucie Police Department in July 1994.

He holds a Master's Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Florida Atlantic University and is a graduate of the 230th Session of the FBI National Academy. During his 24 years of service to the citizens of Port St. Lucie, Senior Lieutenant Izzo has also held positions as the S.W.A.T. Commander, NPB District Commander, District Support Division Commander, and Criminal Investigations Division Commander.


- Animal Control Officers responded to 7,485 calls
- 1,613 animals impounded
- Investigated 3,177 cases and conducted 2,470 follow up investigations
- 52% of animals were returned to owner
- 258 citations were issued, and 571 warning citations were written
- Investigated seven animal cruelty cases
- 349 animal bite cases were investigated
- 965 sick and/or injured animals were tended
- 6,897 telephone calls were received
- 2,751 walk-ins were assisted
- 3,373 licenses were issued
- Phase 1 of kennel project completed to include new walk-in freezer and covered outdoor kennels.
Manager John Briney

Manager John Briney oversees the Evidence and Property Section for the Port St. Lucie Police Department. He formerly served with the Berrien County, Michigan, Sheriff's Department and retired at the rank of a Detective Lieutenant after 26 years of service. Manager Briney is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 192nd Session and was an adjunct law enforcement instructor for 25 years.

The Evidence Section consists of one Manager, one Secretary, and three State and Internationally certified Evidence Technicians responsible for over 90,000 pieces of evidence. Among the responsibilities is the daily intake of evidence (over 8,600 articles in 2018), maintaining chain-of-custody, logging all pieces of evidence into the computer, and assigning a specific location to store the evidence. Among the various other duties is copying media (CD’s, DVD’s, photo lineups, etc.) for the State Attorney’s Office. This duty is increasing immensely due to the digital world in which we live.

Evidence Technicians prepare forfeiture packets for the City Attorney's Department for forfeiture proceedings. In 2018, many vehicles were seized, and numerous other miscellaneous seizures (i.e., cash, televisions, etc.) were processed for litigation.

The technicians transport several hundred items to the Indian River State College crime lab for analysis and return evidence to their rightful owners. Hundreds of pieces of evidence are signed out to officers for court proceedings, evaluation, or processing by Crime Scene Investigators.

An average of 25-95 pounds of prescription drugs is taken in from our front lobby receptacle monthly. Many improvements were completed this year on the Evidence Building.
Lieutenant Kevan Carmichael

Lieutenant Carmichael has been with the Department for over 28 years. For 14 of those years, he has served as a Detective, Detective Sergeant, and, most recently, as Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. Lieutenant Carmichael possesses a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Professional Administration and a Master of Public Administration Degree from Barry University, as well as being a graduate of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Leadership Academy and the FBI-LEEDA 128th Executive Leadership Institute.

The C.I.D. Division is divided into three sections depending upon the type of offense, which are Property Crimes, Persons Crimes, and Support. The Division currently has 23 full-time sworn investigators, five supervisors, and four full-time civilian Crime Scene Technicians.

- The Criminal Investigations Division had a productive year, with 1,609 cases assigned to the division and an overall clearance rate of 65%.
- The Crime Scene Unit is doing an outstanding job, and a significant factor in solving crime, but this unit is significantly understaffed. A comparison are to other similar agencies suggested adding four additional technicians to the CSI Unit. A request for additional technicians is planned for the upcoming budget.
- Upgrades to the Crime Scene Investigator's lab are ongoing.
- Continuous developments in the Technology Crimes Unit to keep up with the technology advancements.
- Created a new Internet-based shared supervisor case tracking spreadsheet.
- Began assigning and tracking all ICAC child pornography tips.
- Hosted two Advanced Training Seminars (Economic and Technology).
In 2018, Criminal Investigation Division Detectives assigned to the South Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (I.C.A.C.) Task Force investigated the transmission and possession of known child pornography images at home on S.E. Harbor View Drive. Upon execution of a search warrant, detectives located media pornography involving young children between two and ten years of age. The 67-year-old male suspect was arrested on 18 counts of Possession of Child Pornography, and 18 counts of transmission of Child Pornography with a $480,000 bond.

On September 11, 2018 at 7:43 p.m., Port St Lucie Police arrested 31-year-old Curtis Patrick Johnson for attempted murder, possession of Marijuana under 20 grams, and culpable negligence after he shot the victim in a neighbor's driveway. The investigation revealed that the victim, a 69-year-old male, who lives on S.W. Butler Avenue, was visiting a friend who lives next to Johnson, also in the 500 block of S.W. Butler Avenue. The victim and his friend were talking in the driveway, Johnson came out of his house, went toward the victim and shot him several times, then went back to his house telling his family that the victim was trying to take his soul. St. Lucie County Fire/Rescue transported the victim to a nearby hospital where he is being treated for several gunshot wounds. The victim is in critical but stable condition. During the investigation, police could find no apparent motive for the shooting and revealed that Johnson, unprovoked, approached the victim who was in Johnson's neighbor's driveway, and shot him several times. Police recovered a .45 caliber Taurus used in the shooting at Johnson's home. He was arrested and taken to the St. Lucie County Jail for booking.

On Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 2 a.m., the Port St. Lucie Police Department responded to a road rage incident. The event started at the intersection of S.E. Floresta Drive and S.E. Prima Vista Boulevard. The vehicles were traveling southbound on S.E. Floresta Drive and turned onto S.E. Bywood Avenue. The shooting took place in the 1000 block of S.E. Bywood Avenue. A three-year-old passenger in one vehicle was struck in the head. The child was airlifted to St. Mary's Hospital and was in critical condition. The suspect vehicle is a black, newer model, four-door sedan. The driver is possibly a Hispanic or light skinned black male. The case remains unsolved. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-8477.
In 2018, the Special Investigations Division accomplished the following:

- Conducted 47 search warrants.
- Initiated 50 controlled buys.
- Performed eight buy-busts.
- Made 149 arrests.

Lieutenant Scott Beck

Lieutenant Scott Beck began his law enforcement career in 1988 at the Tallahassee Police Department, and, in 1992, he joined the Port St. Lucie Police Department. He was promoted to the ranks of Sergeant in 1996 and Lieutenant in 2005.

Lieutenant Beck holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Barry University and a Master's Degree from Liberty University. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute and is a past recipient of the Palm Beach Post "Treasure Coast Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" Award. Lieutenant Beck has previously served as a supervisor in the Neighborhood Policing Bureau and the Criminal Investigations Division.

The Special Investigations Division is a specialized division that is responsible for a variety of investigations that include narcotics, gangs, vice crimes, and homeland security. This division consists of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, ten Detectives, and one Administrative Assistant.
In July 2018, Special Investigation Division Detectives conducted a "knock and talk" at a home on S.E. Royal Green Circle while investigating a narcotics complaint. Detectives were given consent to search the residence by the suspect and homeowner, and located approximately 287 grams of Marijuana, 91.5 grams of liquid THC oil and Xanax pills. In an interview, the suspect stated he had roughly $10,000 in US Currency in a safety deposit box at a local bank. The suspect further noted the money was recovered from illegal narcotics sales. S.I.D. Detectives worked with the Criminal Investigations Division to place a hold on the suspect's accounts and later executed a search warrant of the safety deposit box which contained $21,000 in U.S. Currency, which was seized based upon the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

On September 13, 2018, Special Investigation Division Detectives conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of S.W. Tulip Boulevard on a known narcotics dealer which they had probable cause for narcotics sales. While Detectives initiated the traffic stop, the passenger of the vehicle threw two plastic bags out of the window before the vehicle stopped. Detectives placed the driver under arrest for prior narcotics sales, and the passenger was placed in custody after the recovery of the plastic bags that were thrown from the window, both tested positive for Cocaine. The passenger was arrested and charged with Cocaine Possession and Tampering with Evidence. During the search of the driver and his vehicle, detectives located 33.5 grams of Crack/Cocaine, and one loaded firearm. The driver was arrested for trafficking in Cocaine, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Sale and Possession of Cocaine, and Illegal Use of a Two-Way Communication Device. Upon completion of the traffic stop, detectives conducted a search warrant at the drivers' residence on S.W. Cherryhill Road. Inside the house, detectives located three additional loaded firearms, 21 grams of Molly, 1.5 grams of Crack/Cocaine and approximately $2,500 in U.S. currency. The drivers' two vehicles were also seized as they were used in the transportation and distribution of drugs. The driver was additionally charged with Trafficking in MDMA, Possession of Cocaine and three counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.
Administrator Bill May, Operational Support Services

Administrator William T. May, a 29-year veteran of the agency, oversees the Operational Support Services Division. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Finance. Sections under his directive include Facilities, Police Service Aides, Purchasing, Records, Volunteer Program, and Information Technology Liaison.

Administrator May functions as a liaison with the City's Information Technology Department and the Police Department regarding any computer-related issues. This includes acquisition of technology products and equipment, “helpdesk” issues, maintenance and testing. The Port St. Lucie Police Department has been regularly recognized as a technology leader in the public safety forum.

Additionally, Administrator May manages multiple new projects, often having our department act as the testing agency (pilot). This allows us to be at the forefront of innovations in policing while reducing costs.

Supervisor Kim Reisinger, Police Service Aide Section

Police Service Aide Supervisor Kim Reisinger, a 23-year veteran of the department, is responsible for this section. This sub-division provides 24-hour coverage with a staff of nine employees.

During 2018, Florida Department Law Enforcement (F.D.L.E.) conducted their Technical Audit on September 19, 2018, and the Port St. Lucie Police Department was found to be in compliance.

- Police Service Aides wrote 840 reports.
- 115,495 telephone calls were answered.
- 26,391 walk-in requests for assistance were managed.
- 151 parking tickets were entered into the computer.
- 610 fingerprints were completed.
- 31 Firearm Eligibility System (F.E.S.) were processed to release firearms.
- FCIC Coordinator validated 708 active reports.
Supervisor Lisa Smith, Purchasing Section Supervisor

Supervisor Lisa Smith has been with the agency for over 13 years. She has managed the Purchasing Section for two years and is responsible for several aspects of purchasing for the agency. This involves sourcing materials, contract management, budget control, managing inventory, assisting in building facility repairs and projects, and supervising one Buyer.

Colleen Bakels, Buyer, has been with the agency for over 10 years and has worked in the Purchasing Section for two years. Ms. Bakels coordinates and controls purchasing functions, equips new hires, and maintains the inventory of police equipment and supplies for the agency. Purchasing’s mission is to continue providing timely, cost-effective acquisitions and distributions of materials and services essential for the Department and its organizational components to meet their objectives.

- New roof was installed on Police Building.
- Third floor front restrooms renovated to be in compliance with ADA and the HVAC was replaced.
- Second floor common area and conference room renovated.
- Requisition and delivery of 60 Vehicles, six Harley Motorcycles and one golf cart was accomplished.
- Equipped 30 new employees.
- Processed 2,124 Visa transactions, totaling $1901,963.09. Using Visa as the preferred method of payment, the City received a rebate in the amount of $23,013.75, which has saved the city $148,680.

Linda Cole
Supervisor of Records Section

Supervisor Linda Cole, with 14 years of experience at the police department, directs the Records Section, along with seven Records Specialists. This section is responsible for processing all police reports and assisting the public, as well as overseeing the False Alarms Reduction program and departmental Public Records Requests.

Court Liaison Janet Monroe oversees the subpoena process for the department. She ensures all subpoenas are handled appropriately and in a prompt manner.

- 26,472 reports were processed.
- 9,538 citations were entered into the computer system.
- Completed 9,425 Public Records Requests.
- Assisted 7,067 individuals at the counter and answered 10,039 phone calls.
- The False Alarm project has collected $221,413.00 year to date.
- The records storage project is ongoing, with all the records in order and properly labeled.
- 7,952 subpoenas were issued.
The Port St. Lucie Volunteer Program is overseen by Volunteer Coordinator Thomas Andrew, a law enforcement veteran with over 30 years of experience.

Volunteer service hours included assistance with parking enforcement, courier service, park patrol, radar speed trailer deployment, chaplain responses, lobby reception, Criminal Investigations Division assistance, office assistance, crime watch patrols, community patrols, and the Volunteer Response Team.

### Volunteer Hours

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<td>Volunteer Park Patrol: Parks patrolled by community patrol and crime watch patrols.</td>
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<td>Volunteer Response Team: One call out; 4.5 VRT hours; 28 individuals</td>
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<td>Criminal Investigations Division</td>
<td>CID Volunteer: 471 hours; 335 cases assigned; 27 elimination fingerprints taken; 484 checks of pawn stores</td>
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### Did You Know?

The Port St. Lucie Police Department, with the assistance of Tom Andrew, held Memorial Services throughout the year for Officer Timothy Sanders, K-9 Officer Tom Eisert, Sergeant Donald Mahan, Officer Lee Rehm, Records Specialist Mary Jean Davis, Records Specialist Stephanie Meservey, PSA Melvin Armstrong, Administrative Assistant Eileen Fitzgerald, and PSA Linda Smith. These folks are gone but are never forgotten.
NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING BUREAU
DISTRICT 1

Lieutenant Kacey Donnell

Lieutenant Kacey Donnell manages District 1, as well as acts as the Off Duty Details Commander, TeleStaff System Administrator, Sharepoint Systems Administrator, and Reserve Officers Unit for the department. He has worked for the agency for over 20 years.

During that time, Lieutenant Donnell obtained his Master's Degree in Public Administration. He is also a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy Class 262 (Executive Command School), Florida Leadership Academy Class #3, and Leadership St. Lucie Class #32.

Lieutenant Donnell held many positions within the department such as Field Training Officer, Public Information Officer, Traffic Homicide Investigations Supervisor, District Support Commander, Juvenile Restorative Program Commander, Field Training Officer Commander, Crime Prevention Specialist/Commander, Traffic/Motor Unit Commander, School Resource Officer Commander, Parks Officer Commander, Special Events Coordinator, Emergency Management Commander, Fleet/Radio Maintenance Commander, and Explorer Commander.

Reserve Police Officer Unit

The Reserve Police Officer Unit allows the Port St. Lucie Police Department to expand routine and emergency police service capabilities and increase citizen participation in department activities. Presently, six Reserve Officers provide additional manpower to meet the demands created by emergencies such as riots, natural disasters, and other exceptional conditions.

PSLPD School Safety Officer and Reserve Officer Jack White was awarded the EPIC IMPACT Award. IMPACT is a community concert and awards show designed to uplift and inspire through the spirit of unity and service. IMPACT award nominees are recommended via a public community poll posted on Facebook. The top 10 are then reviewed by the EPIC committee with five of the top 10 receiving an award as a small token representing the community's appreciation for their work and labor of love. Congratulations Jack!
Lieutenant Leo Niemczyk

Lieutenant Leo Niemczyk has worked for the Port St. Lucie Police Department for 16 years and commands District 2. He oversees the Patrol, Marine Unit, and Crisis Negotiation Team. Lieutenant Niemczyk holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York at Empire State College, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Barry University and is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute’s 137th Administrative Officer's Course at the graduate level.

Formerly with the City of New York Police Department, Lieutenant Niemczyk moved to Florida in 2002 and joined the agency. His previous job assignments consist of Patrol Officer and Road Patrol Sergeant in the Neighborhood Policing Bureau and a Detective and Detective Sergeant for many years before becoming a Lieutenant.

District 2 boundaries are east of the St. Lucie River; west of the Florida Turnpike, north of Midway Road and south through Becker Road.

Marine Unit

The Marine Unit was established to ensure boater safety through voluntary compliance with Florida State laws and city ordinances regarding vessel registration and operation within the City of Port St. Lucie. Officers educate the boating public and establish a police presence on the waterways to maintain safety on the channels. Presently, there are eight individuals that make up the Unit.

- In 2018, the Marine Unit participated in two waterway clean-ups, “Operation Safe Passage” and “Marine Industries 11th Annual Treasure Coast Waterways Clean-up” which focused on removing logs, hazards and litter from canals.
- In October 2018, Officers Peto and Jackson attended the Trash Free Tourism meeting along with Georgette Beck from Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful to represent the interests of the City and the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.
- In November and December 2018, the Unit responded to the seawall at the Botanical Gardens to remove large logs that posed a hazard navigation.
- The Marine Unit has received 10 complaints from residents regarding boat speeding. Issued 38 citations and rescued six sinking vessels.
Lieutenant Michelle Steele

Lieutenant Michelle Steele is assigned as the District 3 Commander within the Neighborhood Policing Bureau and serves as the agency's Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) Coordinator and Uniform Crime Scene Investigation (U.C.I.) Commander.

Lieutenant Steele attended the University of Central Florida, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and obtained her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Boston University. She enlisted in the United States Air Force as a Korean Crypto-linguist and served an overseas tour in South Korea.

Uniform Crime Scene Investigation

The Uniform Crime Scene Investigative Unit's goal is to provide advanced technical skills for the identification, preservation, and collection of evidence at crime scenes by law enforcement officers. This unit is made up of 32 U.C.I.'s and is supervised by one Sergeant.

U.C.I. is utilized on crime scenes that do not require the expertise or equipment of the Criminal Investigations Division. However, the U.C.I. may assist the Criminal Investigation Division on major crime scenes.

In March 2018, an investigation showed a 29-year-old Port St. Lucie man was driving his truck eastbound on S.W. Gatlin Boulevard. His passenger, a 36-year-old female resident of Port St. Lucie, recognized they were being followed by her 55-year-old husband. The driver of the truck turned south onto S.W. Savona Boulevard and then east onto S.W. Fletcher Lane. The male victim then stopped his truck in a driveway. The husband walked to the driver side of the truck and shot the 29-year-old male. His truck accelerated into the side of a home on S.W. Fletcher Lane. The husband then shot himself. Investigators recovered the revolver at the scene and two spent shell casings.

District 3 encompasses the southwest section of the city. It is bordered by the Florida Turnpike on the east, Glades Cut-off and Range Line Road on the west, C-24 Canal to the north and the Martin County line on the south.
Lieutenant Michael Swanchak holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a double minor in Legal Studies and Management. He also has a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Policing.

Before working for the Port St. Lucie Police Department, Lieutenant Swanchak interned with the Seymour Police Department and was a Seasonal Marine Patrol Officer with Lake Housatonic Authority, which led him to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Lieutenant Swanchak held the positions of Police Officer within the Neighborhood Policing Bureau, Uniformed Crime Scene Investigator, K-9 Officer, N.P.B. Sergeant, K-9 Sergeant, K-9 Lieutenant, and was a Detective Sergeant in the Special Investigations Division.

Except for the Reserve Country Club and a few unincorporated parcels along its western border, District 4 includes the northwest section of the City. It is bordered by the Florida Turnpike on the east, Shinn Road to the west, Midway Road to the north and the C-24 canal to the north.

K-9 Unit

The Port St. Lucie Police K-9 team is a valuable law enforcement tool for use in the apprehension of criminals, locating lost persons, evidence recovery, narcotics, currency, and explosives detection, protecting police officers, as well as other persons, crime prevention, and for promoting favorable public relations.

A K-9 team is made up of a partnership which includes a highly trained canine that has been taught a wide variety of police-related duties, such as tracking, building searches, etc., and a K-9 Officer, who is specially trained in the care, handling, and utilization of a police canine. The Port St. Lucie Police Department currently has five K-9 Teams, four patrols, and narcotics detection teams and one explosive ordinance detection team.

- The K-9 Unit was utilized 519 times, with 33 Patrol Apprehensions.
- The K-9 Unit was utilized on 150 controlled-substance searches.
- Tactical assistance for N.P.B., S.I.D., C.I.D., and S.W.A.T. were requested 80 times.
- The K-9 Unit responded to 26 callouts and searched 40 buildings.
- 22 K-9 demonstrations were conducted.
In 2018, the Team benefited from the consistent and robust leadership of Master Sergeant Steven Helseth as S.W.A.T. Team Commander, Senior Officer Robert Loupe as the S.W.A.T. Team Leader, Sergeant Keith Boham as the Assistant Team Leader, Senior Officer Carl Durbin as the Sniper Team Leader, Lieutenant Leo Niemczyk as the C.N.T. Team Commander, Sergeant Joseph Norkus as the C.N.T. Team Leader, and Sergeant Brian Kenny and Scott Johnson as the C.N.T. Assistant Team Leaders.

S.W.A.T. is an acronym for the "Special Weapons and Tactics" Team. The S.W.A.T. Team is a highly trained law enforcement team whose members are recruited, selected, trained, equipped and assigned to resolve any critical incidents. These incidents are hostage situations, barricaded subjects, sniper situations, high risk search/arrest warrants, dignitary protection, natural or manmade disasters, rescue operations or any other critical incidents involving a threat to public safety which would otherwise exceed the capabilities of traditional law enforcement first responders and/or investigative units. The S.W.A.T. Team consists of three elements, which are the Entry Team, Sniper Team and Crisis Negotiation Team (C.N.T.).

The Entry Team Element consists of officers who are trained in the use of special weapons and tactics utilized in various capacities such as, criminal activities dealing with hostage situations, barricaded suspects, sniper activity or high-risk situations. The Sniper Team Element are specially trained marksmen, who are each equipped with a target grade rifle and high power optics. A sniper employs stealth and field craft to observe or engage targets in support of S.W.A.T. operations.

The Crisis Negotiation Team Element is a highly trained law enforcement team whose members are recruited, selected, trained, equipped and assigned to use proven intervention techniques to defuse situations involving suicidal or barricaded individuals or those persons who may hold hostages. C.N.T. uses negotiation skills to assist in the resolution of critical incidents involving a threat to public safety, which would otherwise exceed the capabilities of traditional law enforcement first responders and investigative units.

- The S.W.A.T. Team assisted with four barricaded suspects, one search warrant, and one joint agency armed robbery detail.
- The S.W.A.T. Team took part in 10 public demonstrations throughout the City of P.S.L.
- In 2018, S.W.A.T. members attended 10 training classes to enhance their skills.
- C.N.T. was called out three times and conducted one active negotiation.
- C.N.T. attended two trainings and conferences.
- Various pieces of equipment were updated during 2018.
In 2018, the Port St. Lucie Police Honor Guard was led by Lieutenant Carmine Izzo, Team Commander, as well as a Team Leader, Assistant Team Leader, and 12 Team Members. The Honor Guard represents the department at ceremonies, funerals, and parades. The Honor Guard serves with distinction and pride while preserving the tradition of honor and respect.

During 2018, the Honor Guard represented the Police Department during the annual Port St. Lucie Police Department Memorial Service, St. Lucie County Memorial Service, as well as the Statewide Memorial Service in Tallahassee, to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Honor Guard also attended the annual Blue Mass event. The Honor Guard represents PSLPD at funeral services for officers lost in the line of duty and at funeral services for retired police officers.

On April 28-30, 2018, members of the Port St. Lucie Police Department Honor Guard attended the 2018 State of Florida Law Enforcement Memorial Services in Tallahassee to honor over 800 police officers that have died in the line of duty in Florida’s 173-year history.

Did You Know?
Every year, Port St. Lucie resident, Carol, solicits donations during Police Memorial Week to purchase a cake for the Port St. Lucie Police Department to show her appreciation for the department. Accepting her donation on behalf of the PSLPD is Detective Sergeant Norkus and Lieutenant Niemczyk.
Lieutenant John Scott


Lieutenant Scott has served this organization since February 1994. He has worked in the roles of Police Officer, Traffic Officer and Sergeant, District Support Field Sergeant, Field Training Program Supervisor, and Neighborhood Policing Bureau Sergeant.

Lieutenant Scott is originally from Queens, New York. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from St. Leo University.

Crime Prevention

Thomas Reuther, Crime Prevention Specialist, is a part-time civilian who works on various crime prevention programs to educate and inform the community. As such, the specialist has attended multiple Home Owner's Association Meetings to discuss crime deterrence tools that can be utilized to remain safe.

In 2018, the Crime Prevention Specialist position became a full-time position.

Operation StopLifting was implemented in 2015, and as a result, shoplifting has decreased throughout the City by 30.5%.

Partner's Against Crime focuses on strengthening partnerships between the community and Law Enforcement by visiting area businesses and transmitting notifications via email throughout the City. In 2018, apartment complexes and Home Owner's Associations were included in the program.

Throughout the year, crime prevention booths are set up at events such as Summer of Safety, Hurricane Expo, National Bike to School Day, National Night Out, Special Olympics, and many more special occasions.

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Team, which is an ancillary duty, consists of one Sergeant and one Officer. These individuals are mandated to keep current on FEMA guidelines and the All Hazards Plan. This is accomplished via year-round trainings in all facets of an emergency.

Field Training Officers

Field Training Officers and Sergeants is an ancillary assignment and provide new Officers and Sergeants with a full grasp of the workings of a law enforcement agency. Currently, there are 23 Officers and two Sergeants assigned to this division. In 2018, approximately 13 Officers were trained, and two Officers were reintegrated from C.I.D. to N.P.B.

Fleet and Radio Coordinator

Roberto Mann, Coordinator for Fleet and Radios, is tasked with ordering new vehicles and radios, in conjunction with the City's budgeting personnel, as well as ensuring the proper maintenance is being conducted on department vehicles. Also, this division is responsible for auctioning vehicles that are no longer in use by the agency, as well as coordinating repairs to damaged City vehicles.
Explorers

The Port St. Lucie Police Department's Explorer Post is comprised of both youth and adults looking to empower the next generation and offer insight into the world of law enforcement for those juveniles who are interested in a future career in policing. The Explorer's lead advisor is one of the four School Resource Officers.

In 2018, the Explorer Program was overseen by a School Resource Officer. Under his advisement, several Explorers participated in a week-long Boot Camp at the Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, where Congressman Mast gave the graduation speech.

Police Athletic League (P.A.L.)

The District Support Section maintains the department's Police Athletic League programs. The program offers youth in the community positive influences and role models. These positive influences and role models help strengthen and build the character of our community's youth. P.A.L. is responsible for several inspiring programs geared towards keeping children engaged and involved.

P.A.L. programs offered include RAD Kids Self Defense and Empowerment class, karate, boxing, P.A.L. leadership classes, Drum Line, P.A.L. Voices Choir, the Junior Police Academy, free fishing clinics and many more programs geared toward enriching the lives of youth. In 2018, our P.A.L. Director, Officer Richard Wilson, retired, thereby creating a vacancy. The position was changed from a sworn rank to a civilian role, and long-time employee David Hentz assumed the P.A.L. Director position.

Also, on July 28, 2018, at First Data Field, Spencer Wilding, whose acting credits include Star Wars Rogue One - Darth Vader, Game of Thrones, Harry Potter, Guardians of the Galaxy, aided in raising money to support the Port St. Lucie P.A.L.
Juvenile Restorative Justice Initiative

Tracee Diaz, M.S.W., leads the Juvenile Restorative Justice Initiative (J.R.J.I.) for first-time juvenile misdemeanants in the City of Port St. Lucie. This prevention-based program, which utilizes the Restorative Justice Model, includes three options for youthful offenders. The three options are Youth Court, Peer Review, and short-term counseling.

Ms. Diaz serves on youth-focused committees, such as St. Lucie Department of Juvenile Justice, where she serves as Secretary, the RED/DMC Committee, and Civil Citation Committee.

Since 2002, the program has provided roughly 2,200 juveniles with the opportunity of diversion. The program maintains a high success rate of youths that complete the program and has a recidivism rate of approximately two percent.

This program allows cases to be diverted away from the judicial system and provides an immediate response to the juvenile's delinquent behavior. Youth are provided consequences for their delinquent behavior along with appropriate referrals to address their specific needs.

The referrals will address issues such as mental health, substance abuse, educational needs, and family management issues. With successful completion of the program, the juvenile will not have a criminal record that could potentially limit their future goals.

School Crossing Guard Unit

The School Crossing Guard Unit has one full-time School Crossing Guard Supervisor and 45 seasonal part-time School Crossing Guards that are assigned to 56 posts. Eighteen schools in the City are provided crossing guard services. Crossing guards assist students daily to safely cross streets and intersections near school campuses.

School Resource Officers (S.R.O.)

The School Resource Officer Unit (S.R.O.) consists of four School Resource Officers, offering law enforcement coverage to the four high schools within the city limits of Port St. Lucie. Officers mentor and encourage students, through education and role modeling, to create a secure environment within the school campuses.

Officers participated in Youth Court, fire drills, football games, and various other special events. Officers also conducted several student/parent conferences throughout the year.

In 2018, the S.R.O.'s presented "StopLifting" lectures at each of their schools during a freshman class assembly. In addition to the presentation, their participation and commitment to educating juveniles on retail theft were shown to decrease juvenile retail theft in the community significantly.

In 2018, a School Safety Officer, who is a retired Law Enforcement Officer, was implemented after the Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act and replaced the Secure Our Schools Coordinator. This individual has law enforcement authority on the school campuses.
The Traffic Unit responds on a rotating, daily basis to Resident Request Based Enforcement, concentrating on Chronic Traffic Complaint locations, determined by District Lieutenants. Additional goals have been added, wherein the unit would be expanded by the addition of one Officer and the replacement of our aging fleet of motorcycles.

The Motor Unit participates in mostly ceremonial, display, and escort functions. However, we are increasing their use as an enforcement tool. There are currently three Motor Officers assigned full-time to the Traffic Unit and three Motor Officers assigned to N.P.B. and Training. With the assistance of the Parks & Recreation Department, monthly motor training has resumed on a large paved area located at a park that is scheduled for development approximately two years from now.

In 2018, 13,673 citations and written warnings were issued by the department. A total of 420 traffic complaints were received. Thus, the deployment of traffic personnel was assigned to chronic traffic locations for traffic enforcement efforts and education.
Citywide Traffic Crashes and Fatalities

Traffic Crashes 2008-2018

Traffic Fatalities 2008-2018
Lieutenant Marc DiMeo

Lieutenant Marc DiMeo became a member of the Port St. Lucie Police Department in March 1995 as a P.S.A. and was promoted to a Police Officer that same year. During his tenure with the department, he served as a Road Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, School Resource Officer, and Crime Scene Investigator. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2003 and a Lieutenant in November 2012.

Lieutenant DiMeo received his Bachelor's Degree from Barry University and Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lynn University. He is a graduate of class #131 from the Southern Police Institute Administrative Officer's Course.

As Commander of the Professional Standards Division, Lieutenant DiMeo is responsible for the Accountability and Analysis Section, Internal Affairs, and Staff Services. The division staff consists of one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, one Detective, four Police Officers, and six Civilian employees.

The Professional Standards Division Lieutenant, who reports directly to the Chief of Police, is responsible for ensuring that the department is operating within the boundaries and established guidelines of public trust and confidence. This division manages the investigation of complaints against department employees, volunteers, and, on occasion, other city employees, as well as the verification of compliance of required accreditation standards and inspections, the training of all police personnel, and the recruitment and hiring within the department.

Accountability and Analysis

The Accountability and Analysis Section is staffed with one Sergeant, one Officer, and four Civilians.

The Sergeant is responsible for Accreditation, Staff Inspections, Crime and Intelligence Analysis, and Accountability Meetings.

Accreditation Section

In 1991, the Port St. Lucie Police Department was the 193rd law enforcement agency in the United States, and the first in St. Lucie County, to become nationally accredited through Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (C.A.L.E.A.) The agency has successfully been awarded reaccreditation seven times with the most recent award being received in 2016 for "Advanced Meritorious Accreditation."

In 1997, the agency was awarded state accredited status through Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (C.F.A.) Since then the department has been reaccredited an additional six times with the most recent award received in 2016 for "Excelsior" status.

Staff Inspections

The Accreditation Manager conducts staff inspections to ensure that the department operation and administration functions are correctly executed. This section routinely assesses the department's efficiency and effectiveness, as well as provides information for current and future planning. Staff inspections are organized in a systematic, fair, and objective manner when examining office facilities, property, equipment, personnel, administration, and operational activities outside the routine supervisory and line inspection procedures.
Crime and Intelligence Analysis

Four Civilian personnel comprise the Crime and Intelligence Analysis Unit. The Unit conducts an advanced level of technical work involving the identification of patterns, trends, common characteristics and the underlying causes of crime to assist in the development of law enforcement responses and to improve the effectiveness of criminal apprehension and crime prevention.

The analysts perform crime research and examination for the enhancement and direction of proactive law enforcement operations, utilizing manual and automated methods of research and analysis. Reports and crime bulletins are prepared daily, weekly, and monthly to disseminate crime statistics, suspect information and crime patterns.

The analysts conduct research, gather and compile information, and analyze data to identify crime patterns and trends in the City and surrounding areas; share relevant information with other agencies; compile and evaluate information; select essential elements and correlate new information with existing information; and provide analytical support to all law enforcement personnel regarding special requests.

Crime and Intelligence Analysts prepare maps, graphs, charts, tables and other illustrative devices for visual presentation of data; create intelligence reports and statistical analysis; and conduct link analysis, event flow analysis, and activity charting. They also receive, prepare, and disseminate intelligence information about criminal activity and officer safety matters via bulletins, case reports, or memoranda. The analysts may provide recommendations for strategies concerning crime prevention or apprehension of criminals, such as directed patrol recommendations, surveillance, or stakeouts. They develop and maintain criminal intelligence sources, establish, maintain, and coordinate contacts with various local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to facilitate a productive information exchange network.

Stratified Policing

The Port St. Lucie Police Department employs Stratified Policing (an organizational model of problem-solving, analysis and accountability) as an approach to crime reduction that seeks to overcome the weakness of current policing methods, while at the same time incorporates evidence-based practices. The Stratified Model distinguishes among different types of problems for which crime reduction strategies are implemented and designates responsibility based on the kind of problem and resources necessary to address the issue. By separating and distinguishing the types of concerns, different analyses, responses, and accountability mechanisms are carried out by various personnel within the agency which "stratifies" the workload and responsibility for problem-solving and crime reduction. The word "problem" is used in its most general sense, as a problem could be a significant incident, a repeat call for service location, a crime pattern, hot spot, community quality of life issue, a traffic problem, and habitual offender, etc.
The Internal Affairs Section of the Port St. Lucie Police Department is responsible for the investigation of complaints against department employees, volunteers, and on occasion, other city employees. This section is also responsible for maintaining employee complaints and disciplinary records.

During the year 2018, 98 total complaints were received by the Internal Affairs Section. These complaints are separated into categories to include Administrative, Supervisor's Administrative, and Investigative Review. There was a total of 10 Administrative Complaints, which are formal Internal Affairs Investigations. There was a total of 53 Supervisor's Administrative Complaints, which are supervisor-initiated complaints. Investigative Reviews comprised a total of 35, which are complaints that did not require a formal investigation.

**Administrative, Supervisor Administrative, and Investigative Review Dispositions**

During 2018, 98 Complaints were assigned by Internal Affairs. The dispositions in those investigations were determined to be as follows:
- Five Unfounded
- 57 Sustained
- Four Partially Sustained
- One Not Sustained
- Four Exonerated/Not Sustained
- Two Exonerated/Unfounded
- 17 Exonerated
- One Policy Issue
- Six Report Purposes
- One case that remains open.
In 2018, 96 Supervisor Conferences and 11 Employee Discipline Notices were issued. The Employee Discipline Notices include Written Reprimands, Suspensions, and Dismissal.

### Employee Discipline Notices

- **Written Reprimand**: 8
- **1-3 Day Suspension**: 17
- **Dismissal**: 18

### Supervisor Conferences

- **Preventable Vehicle Accidents**: 5
- **Inefficiency of Duties**: 18
- **Failed to respond to subpoena**: 37
- **Lost Equipment**: 7
- **Negligent Discharge of Taser**: 3

### Definition of Case Findings

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Recruitment Section

The Recruitment Section provides an essential function to the department; hiring an applicant that is the most qualified. Therefore, much effort and scrutiny is required for this process. The Recruitment Specialist works in conjunction with the Human Resources Department to process candidates through the application process. Extensive background investigations and professional testing are conducted preceding employment.

Training Section

Two full-time Officers, along with Officers who perform ancillary training duties, comprise the Training Section. This section coordinates the department’s training needs and maintains training records. Working in synchrony with the Indian River State College Criminal Justice Center, they design mandatory and specialized retraining courses. The Training Section also coordinates the delivery of those courses and specialized in-service training to members of the department.

- Thirteen Officers were hired/sworn in during the year of 2018, out of 264 applications processed.
- Nineteen Civilian positions were hired, out of 541 Civilian applications processed. These positions include 12 School Crossing Guards, one Police Service Aide, one Evidence Technician, one Secretary, one Records Specialist, one Crime Scene Technician, and two Animal Control Officers.
- Attended Public Service Career Fair at Indian River State College Public Safety Complex, the Orlando Hiring Expo, and two job fairs at Keiser University.
- Attended monthly Regional Background Investigators Meetings.
- A representative from Recruiting participated in all Law Enforcement graduation ceremonies at Indian River State College.
- Attended National Night Out event at PSLPD.
- In 2018, the Training Unit and supplemental instructors conducted in-service training on 10 topics, that totaled 480 group hours, equivalent to 13,972 hours.
- The unit also assisted other departments by conducting 20 different sessions for 230 Civilians and 178 non-department Civilians.
Annual Uniform Crime Report Update
Years 2000 - 2018
CRIME STATISTICS

Combined Yearly Auto - Residential Burglaries
Data Comparison
2017 and 2018

PART 1 UCR OFFENSE
Jan 1, 2018 - Dec 31, 2018

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Crime Totals
January - December 2018
THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE
ONE OF AMERICA'S SAFEST CITIES

Lowest Crime Rate in Florida for Cities with a Population Over 75,000
1998 - 2004

Lowest Crime Rate in Florida for Cities with a Population Over 100,000
2010 - 2017
AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

Officer of the Year
Officer Scott Marreel

Detective of the Year
Detective Richard Giaccone

Civilian of the Year
Tracee Diaz, Juvenile Coordinator

Volunteer of the Year
Clive Niles

Promotions

Detective Sergeant Brinton Black to Lieutenant
Acting Sergeant Joseph Alves to Sergeant
K-9 Officer Colin Duncombe to Sergeant
Acting Sergeant Jason Vega to Sergeant
AWARDS

**Officer of the Quarter**
- 1st Quarter: Officer Scott Marreel
- 2nd Quarter: Officer Nicholas Lovechier
- 3rd Quarter: Officer Joseph Trevisol
- 4th Quarter: Officer Jesse McInerney

**Detective of the Quarter**
- 1st Quarter: Detective Robert O’Hara
- 2nd Quarter: Detective Christopher Bentley
- 3rd Quarter: Detective Christopher Fulcher
- 4th Quarter: Detective Joshua Saffomilla

**Civilian of the Quarter**
- 1st Quarter: Thomas Reuther, Crime Prevention Specialist
- 2nd Quarter: Karen White, Fiscal Assistant
- 3rd Quarter: David Hentz, P.A.L. Director
- 4th Quarter: Thomas Andrew, Volunteer Coordinator

**Volunteer of the Quarter**
- 1st Quarter: Allan Rokaw
- 2nd Quarter: Kay Smith
- 3rd Quarter: Dan Smozanek
- 4th Quarter: Aranka Smith

**Brian E. Reuther Award**
- 3rd Quarter: Lieutenant John Scott
- 4th Quarter: Detective Sergeant Aaron Martin
This award was started in 2012 to recognize our employees for their efforts in assigned Hot Spots, Sprees, and Series as part of our crime reduction strategy to reinforce our number one priority, which is to "Do Your Job." Everyone’s priority in the organization is to do their job, and their second priority is to facilitate others in doing their jobs.

The award is a mini football helmet with the department patch located on the side of the helmet. Football helmets were chosen to symbolize the TEAM concept. As you may or may not know, a football team is made up of eleven players on both offense and defense and every player has a job to do, i.e., the linemen block, quarterbacks throw, etc. They can’t worry about what the other players are doing; they need to focus on their assignment and do the best job they can do in executing their specific roles and responsibilities. Our Police Department is no different. We are a TEAM, and everyone has a role and responsibility.

"Do Your Job" awards are all about the process, and as an agency, we need to continue focusing on the processes that make us successful. Our operations do not focus on the desired results, but what it takes to get the results. This is accomplished by focusing on the objectives necessary to reach our goals.
Ofc. Frank Borges
1999-2018

Ofc. John Brazas
1990-2018

Ofc. Tony Cecala
1993-2018

William Corbett
2000-2018

Samantha Faiella
2014-2018

Ofc. Jed Cotterman
2003-2018

Ofc. Erika Curry
2005-2018

Ofc. Gary Grenier
1993-2018

June Harkins
1997-2018

Ofc. Wagner Leite
1999-2018

Liset Lowe
2014-2018

Sgt. Tim Petronico
2004-2018

Ofc. Jerry Roberts
1998-2018

Ofc. Ryan Trudeau
2015-2018

Sgt. Freddie Williams
1991-2018
COMMUNITY CONNECTION