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CHIEF BRIAN DUGAN

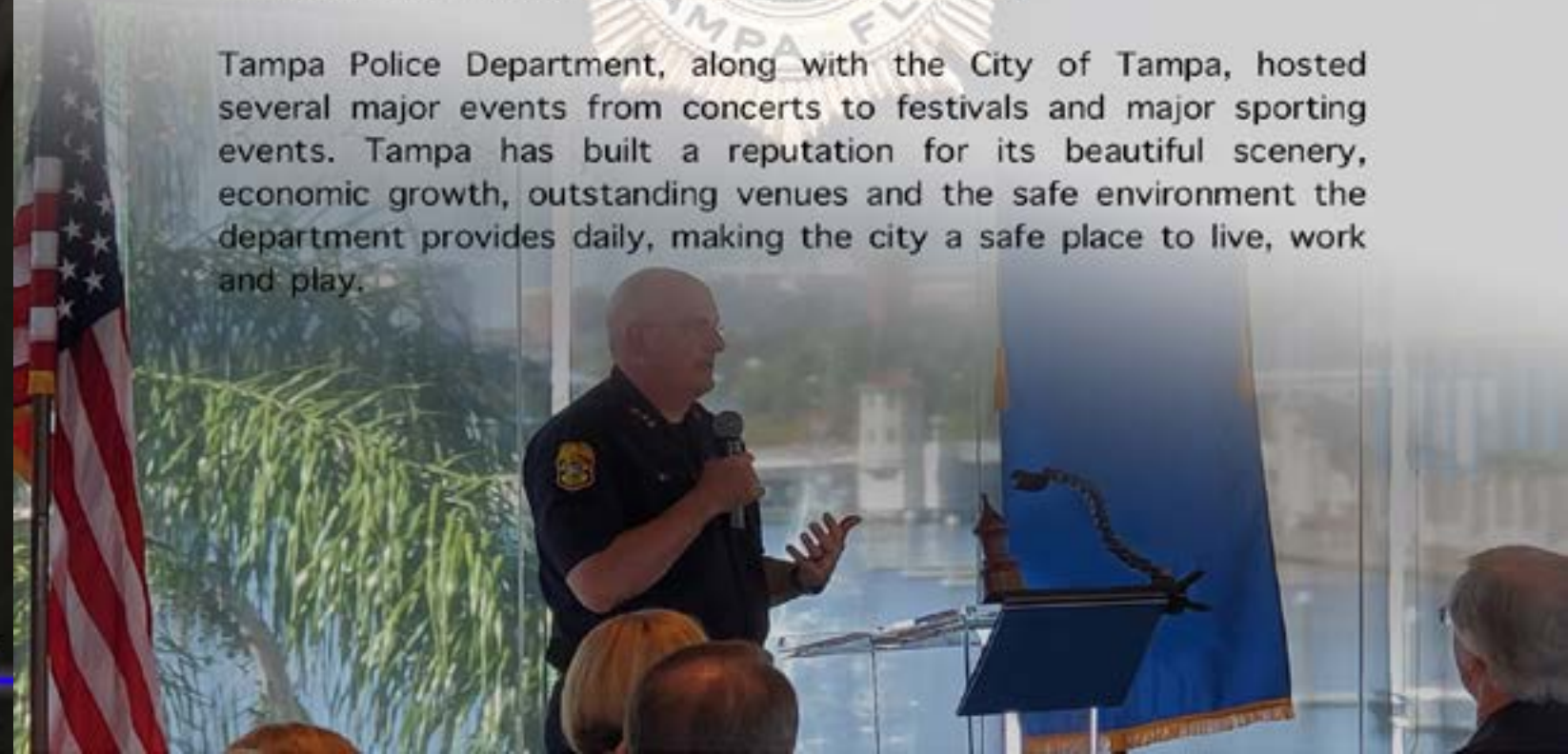
Looking back in 2019, the department used various techniques to reach citizens in our community to improve the quality of life and help reduce crime. With the help of social media, innovative technology and good old fashion policing, Tampa police officers had an enormous outreach to make residents aware of the efforts that were made across Tampa. We continue to progress in an upward mobility to better serve and as Chief of Police, I'm proud of the positive impact our department displayed throughout the year to highlight our many initiatives.

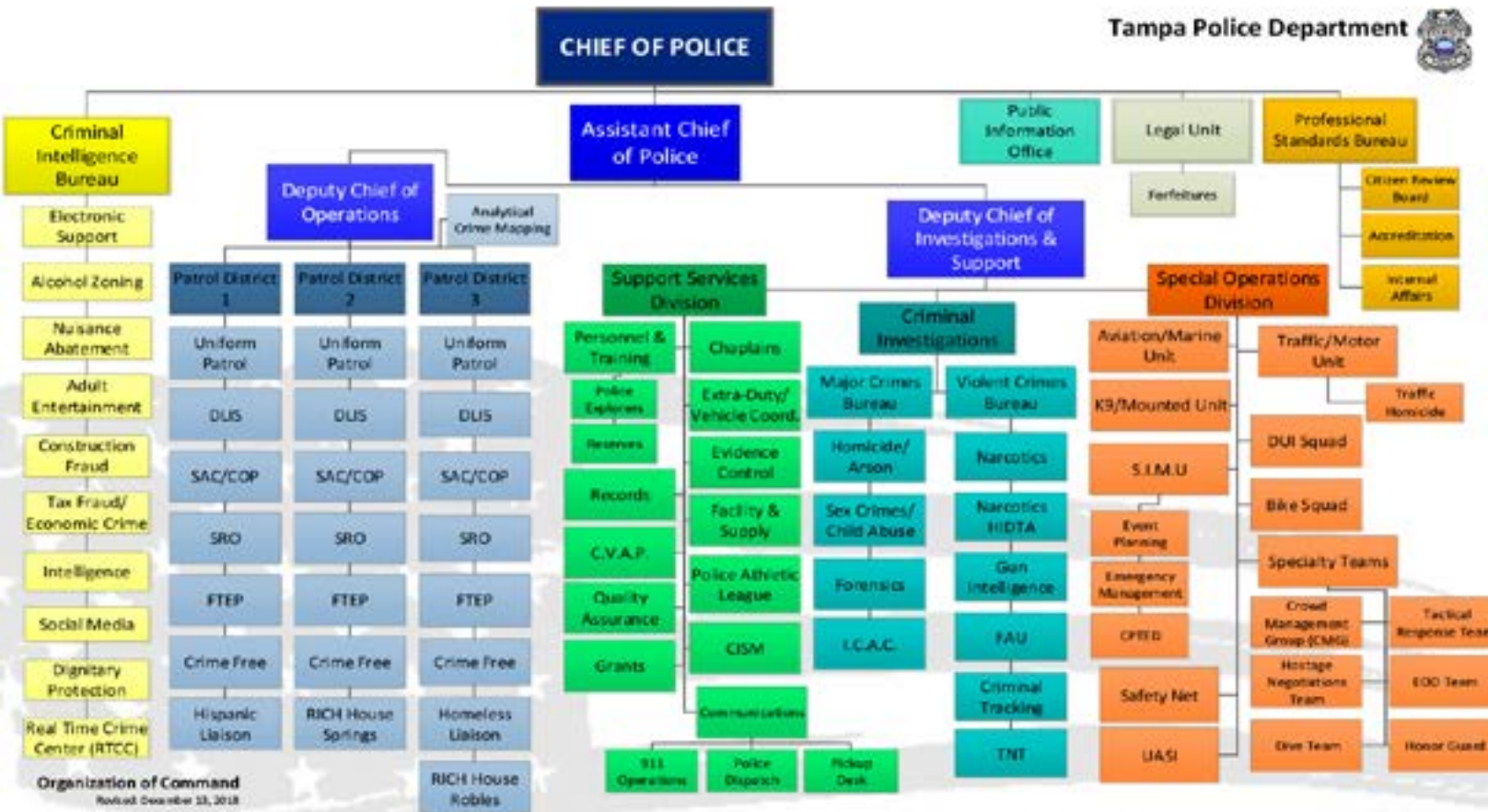
Last year, Tampa Police rolled out the department's first ever podcast, "Role Call with Chief Brian Dugan" which included guest from various backgrounds and entrepreneurs from around the city. The informative podcasts reached thousands of citizens on the department's social media sites we use, such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Listeners stayed informed and up to date on economic, social and neighborhood events in their districts.

Tampa Police also pioneered a partnership with Jacobs Engineering Firm to educate students. Volunteers worked on a STEM transportation initiative with the department's RICH House after school program. The educational series included science, technology, engineering and math.

Part one crimes were down in 2019 by 0.4%

Tampa Police Department, along with the City of Tampa, hosted several major events from concerts to festivals and major sporting events. Tampa has built a reputation for its beautiful scenery, economic growth, outstanding venues and the safe environment the department provides daily, making the city a safe place to live, work and play.





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2019



CHIEF OF POLICE BRIAN DUGAN



ASSISTANT CHIEF ELIAS VAZQUEZ



DEPUTY CHIEF RUBEN DELGADO



DEPUTY CHIEF LEE BERCAU



**DISTRICT 1
MAJOR CARLOS RODRIGUEZ**



**DISTRICT 2
MAJOR MICHAEL BAUMAISTER**



**DISTRICT 3
MAJOR CALVIN JOHNSON**



**SUPPORT SERVICES
MAJOR MARTIN GONZALEZ**



**SPECIAL OPERATIONS
MAJOR YVETTE FLYNN**



**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
MAJOR MICHAEL HUTNER**





WEST TAMPA, SOUTH TAMPA, WEST SHORE AREA AND DAVIS ISLAND

Throughout the year we have implemented numerous operations targeting various crimes and complaints from the community, including the targeting of commercial burglaries. In March 2019 we experienced a spree involving a subject shattering the front doors to closed businesses. An operational plan was implemented involving patrol officers and Street Anti Crime officers. We ultimately arrested the suspect, a repeat offender that had just been released from prison for a similar crime spree two years earlier. His arrest stopped the burglary pattern. Proactive patrols of both Ben T. Davis Beach and the Courtney Campbell Causeway were conducted over Easter weekend. The beaches are extremely busy during the holiday weekend. SAC officers were reassigned to assist with traffic flow and the safety of patrons. As a result, no injuries were reported.

Citizen complaints for vehicles racing is a regular occurrence along Hillsborough Ave. We implemented an operation to displace racers from gathering at local businesses. Nearly all businesses along Hillsborough Ave westbound from Lois Ave signed trespass affidavits allowing TPD to remove the vehicles and occupants from their properties during the night. We were able to curb the problem and displace the gatherings.

Operation Summer Heat was devised to monitor hot spots throughout the summer. Cypress Point Park, Ben T. Davis and Whiskey Joe's are heavily attended during the warm summer months. Patrol officers, Community Oriented police, OP, SAC, School Resource Officers, and Marine Units were deployed to show a presence at these locations to prevent fights and auto burglaries, while improving quality of life for nearby residents. This plan also called for a presence in West Tampa along the Main Street corridor, Columbus Court and Oakhurst Square apartment complexes. Resources were deployed to local entertainment districts such as SoHo and Davis Islands in an effort to thwart bicycle thefts and auto burglaries.

During the month of September we focused efforts on the homeless population, connecting with these individuals to inform them of services available to them and participating in a county-wide Community Homeless Outreach Event.



NORTH TAMPA AND NEW TAMPA

2019 saw the rebirth of the Resources In the Community House (R.I.C.H.) house in Sulphur Springs. The original duplex was the result of an asset forfeiture in the late 1980's of a notorious crack house in the Sulphur Springs Community. Officers of that era used their own skills to remodel the house the best that they could which then served for over two decades as a safe place for children to go after school to do their homework, interact with Tampa Police Officers in a positive manner, play games and safely do activities in one of the highest crimes neighborhoods.

Over the years the program expanded to include a summer camp type experience and help the adults of the families that the R.I.C.H. served with food and other essentials when they were in need. While the program thrived, and even expanded to a second location in the Robles Park Neighborhood, time took a toll on the physical structure and by 2019 the building was in need of significant upgrades and repairs, of walls, HVAC, windows, doors, electric as well as the things needed to come into compliance with A.D.A. requirements. A team of volunteers from a wide variety of Local Tampa Businesses pitched in both financially as well as through their individual business talents, and went to work re-imagining the R.I.C.H.

house into a vibrant, and completely remodeled structure that will serve not only the youth of our community but also their families in the Sulphur Springs community for years to come.





A bicycle registration initiative was implemented with over 200 bikes registered to assist in returning stolen property to the rightful owners. Between July and September, D3 conducted an initiative to reduce auto burglaries in which citizens had left unlocked (nearly 70%) We conducted a community wide tag it operation to educate vehicle owners to lock their doors and to not leave valuables in their cars for thieves to steal. Over 500 vehicles were tagged, and we utilized patrol, plain clothes SAC squads and COP officers to focus on areas hit the hardest by stolen vehicles and vehicle break-ins and to focus on known offenders that were actively committing auto burglaries. This resulted in a 20% decrease in auto burglaries from Quarter 2 to Quarter 3. During September, we began to see an increase in stolen vehicles in which owners had left keys inside the vehicle OR left their vehicle running and walked off. We continued the above initiative and saw a 46% decrease from the third quarter to the fourth quarter. Operation Affidavit Alley was created to obtain trespass affidavits from business owners along the Nebraska Ave, Hillsborough Ave, Columbus Dr and Ybor City corridors in an effort to assist police in enforcing loitering on closed business property to prevent individuals from engaging in narcotics and prostitution activity. Over 160 business completed trespass authorizations for TPD.

District Three conducted an initiative in East Tampa with the Environmental Crimes detective to clean up blighted properties and abandoned buildings to improve the neighboring area



STATISTICAL DATA FOR 2019

VIOLENT OFFENSES

MURDER	31
RAPE	120
ROBBERY	285
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,186
VIOLENT CRIME RATE	-1.6%

PROPERTY OFFENSES

BURGLARY	1,022
LARCENY	4,978
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	523
PROPERTY OFFENSE TOTAL	6,523
PROPERTY CRIME RATE	-3.8%

-1.6%



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MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU

The Tampa Police Department has investigators assigned to the HIDTA Colombian / South American Initiative in the Criminal Investigations Division. HIDTA stands for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and it is a drug enforcement program under the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy. The HIDTA squad is responsible for identifying drug trafficking organizations (DTO) with the goal of disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking organizations operating within the City of Tampa.

In 2019:

- DTO's disrupted: 5
- DTO's dismantled: 2
- Arrests:**
- 81- Federal
- 12- State
- Cash Seized: \$291,513.00
- THC: 82,038 gm
- Cocaine: 59,673.72 gm
- Heroin: 2081.7 gm
- Marijuana: 385,229.60 gm
- MDMA: 40.69 gm
- Meth: 65,088.5 gm
- Opioid Pills: 1711.9 gm
- Fentanyl: .9 du (pills)
- Spice: 4550.7 gm
- No Vehicles: 7
- No Weapons: 18

OPERATION POLLO GORDO September 2019

Pollo Gordo is a federal Title III OCDETF investigation that began in the City of Tampa and led to the identification of a Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO) with connections to a Mexican cartel responsible for supplying multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine and fentanyl to the Tampa Bay area. The operation was a joint TPD-Federal case that resulted in the execution of three local search warrants and yielded the seizure of over 30 kilograms of cocaine, 2.5 kilograms of fentanyl, and 796 grams of fentanyl (5,535 pills of fentanyl/oxycodone), two vehicles and \$236,405 of U.S. currency. The TCO members have been indicted in the Middle District of Florida for charges of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS



SOCIAL MEDIA

A LOOK INTO 2019



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 tampapd Bittersweet moment Corporal Verble's Little Brother, a Seminole Heights Elementary student, doesn't want him to retire. Corporal Verble supervised school security officers to ensure students at 10 local campuses were safe. #SaferTogether #FridayFeeling



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 #FridayFeeling #Mood #CommunityPolicing



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Tampa Police Department
 December 25, 2019 at 10:46 PM · 📍

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 Another heartwarming story of officers spreading cheer in the community on Christmas. Corporal Margo Ferguson and Officer Nicole Sousa-Paraliticci met a... See More



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 tampapd When a dispatcher finds out that Pike not only wanted the treat but ALL the crumbs to go with it
 #ntw #dispatcher #npstw2019 #mountedpatrol



Tampa Police Department is at Ybor City Historic District.
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 Tampa Police needed to take a quick break for an impromptu jam session with Ybor musicians.

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 Liked by **jakecalleofficial** and **217 others**
 tampapd #HAPPENINGNOW Debbie Rotolo (L) and Mary Hernandez (R), 2 of our former employees stopped by our Exec. Staff meeting this a.m. Mary presented Asst. Chief Vazquez with this beautiful wreath she made in honor of our officers.



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tampapd Members of our department and their families joined Chief Brian Dugan for the 2019 Tampa Pride Diversity Parade. We had such a great time celebrating diversity, equality and inclusion in our city.



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tampapd @cristadelamater North Nebraska



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#PAWTROLCHIEF
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OFFICER OF THE YEAR



DETECTIVE MCNAMARA

Detective McNamara was monitoring social media accounts of known violent offenders when he observed a "live story" showing a recently released convicted felon, and his associates, firing guns. Coordinating with FDLE, he was able to verify the offender and his brother, also a convicted felon, had both been shooting at the range. With warrants approved, all the offenders were arrested for Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Det. McNamara did not stop there. Through shell casings he recovered, he connected the suspect to the drive by shooting of a 17 year old. Det. McNamara, listening to hours of jail calls, was able to document incriminating statements, culminating with the charging of two felons with Attempted Murder.

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RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR
M.D SMITH



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
PASTOR KEN WHITTEN



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
BRITTANY JACKSON



COMMUNITY POLICE
CPL. SEAN KRUGER



COMMUNICATIONS TECH
WILL HOHN



CVAP OF THE YEAR
KATHY BELMONTE



BELL/ CHILDERS AWARD
ASA AMANDA OJEDA



MAJOR DAVID FAIRBANKS
MEMORIAL AWARD
DET. JAMES BRYANT



BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN



OFFICER DAVID CURTIS	JUNE 29, 2010
OFFICER JEFFREY KOCAB	JUNE 29, 2010
CORPORAL MICHAEL ROBERTS	AUGUST 19, 2009
DETECTIVE JUAN SERRANO	FEBRUARY 25, 2006
MASTER POLICE OFFICER LOIS MARRERO	JULY 6, 2001
DETECTIVE RANDY BELL	MAY 19, 1998
DETECTIVE RICKY CHILDERS	MAY 19, 1998
OFFICER NORRIS EPPS, JR.	JANUARY 18, 1995
OFFICER PORFIRIO SOTO, JR.	DECEMBER 30, 1988
SERGEANT GARY S. PRICHER	NOVEMBER 4, 1983
DETECTIVE GERALD A. RAUFT	JULY 24, 1981
OFFICER ANTHONY W. WILLIAMS	NOVEMBER 3, 1975
SERGEANT RICHARD LEE CLOUD	OCTOBER 23, 1975
DETECTIVE KENNETH D. BERLIN, JR.	SEPTEMBER 27, 1975
CORPORAL JOHN R. COLLIER	DECEMBER 5, 1970
OFFICER WILLIAM D. KRIKAVA	JANUARY 1, 1965
OFFICER ROLLA L. STANAU	NOVEMBER 29, 1963
OFFICER CARL F. CHASTAIN	FEBRUARY 12, 1958
OFFICER MORRIS D. LOPEZ	JULY 9, 1949
OFFICER RICHARD S. BOOTH	NOVEMBER 28, 1943
DETECTIVE LESTER H. HENLEY	APRIL 11, 1941
VICE CHIEF ARTHUR L. BERRY	JANUARY 31, 1941
DETECTIVE JOE NANCE	OCTOBER 1, 1939
DETECTIVE THOMAS M. CHEVIS	APRIL 7, 1938
OFFICER BRYAN A. REESE	AUGUST 29, 1935
OFFICER HENRY R. LETT	SEPTEMBER 24, 1922
PATROLMAN JUAN NALES	JULY 18, 1920
OFFICER JAMES RONCO	MAY 27, 1916
MARSHAL JOSEPH WALKER	SEPTEMBER 25, 1915
CAPTAIN SAMUEL J. CARTER	JUNE 2, 1905
OFFICER JOHN (JACK) MCCORMICK	SEPTEMBER 26, 1895

**"IT IS NOT HOW THESE OFFICERS DIED THAT MADE THEM HEROES, IT IS HOW THEY LIVED."
VIVIAN ENY CROSS, SURVIVOR**