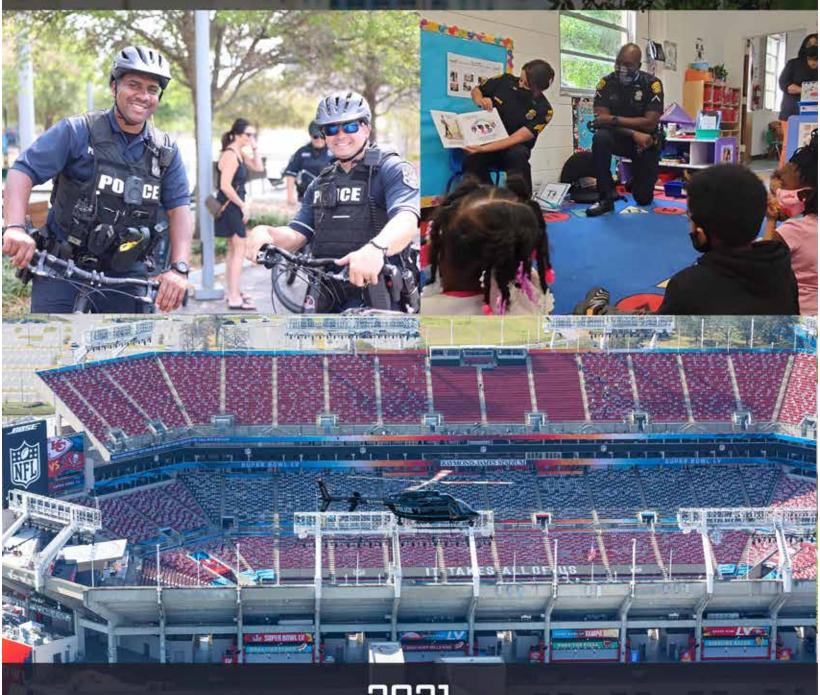


# TAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT



2021 Annual Report



# **TAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **Mission**

The mission of the Tampa Police Department is to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life through a cooperative partnership with all citizens.

# **Core Values**

**T**ransparency

Using innovative technology to enhance efficiency and transparency

Respect

Treating everyone with dignity and compassion

Understanding

A mutual understanding of community goals and values

Safety

Improving officer and citizen safety through education and training

**T**eamwork

Partnering with the community to solve and prevent crime

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# **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**



Mayor Jane Castor

I am honored to be included in the Tampa Police Department's 2021 Annual Report. This report serves to showcase the accomplishments, efforts and contributions of America's best police department.

I'd first like to take this time to thank all the members of the Tampa Police Department for the selfless jobs they do each day. From long nights and late shifts, to missing weekends and holidays with loved ones, they are the boots on the ground that keep our city safe. It was an especially challenging year, as we grappled year two of the COVID pandemic as well as a nationwide spike in the violent crime rate, and I am so grateful for the leadership shown by former Police Chief Brian Dugan and Interim Police Chief Ruben Delgado.

TPD's dedication to community was clear in 2021 as officers navigated a pandemic while preparing for one of the biggest events a city can ever host: The Super Bowl.

When the Tampa Bay Buccaneers became the first NFL team to win a Super Bowl in its home stadium, it was a time of celebration. But for the Tampa Police, it was a showcase of this department's ability to plan large-scale events and partner with federal, state and local agencies, all while mitigating potential threats with teams of security officers across the city to keep fans safe. They followed up with a Stanley Cup Boat Parade that wowed America.

Additionally, TPD officers stepped up this year by showing proof of COVID-19 vaccination or antibodies. While I've always said this is simply the right thing to do, I also want you to know that this had direct impact in keeping the police force out of the hospital, out of quarantine, teams fully staffed and the community we serve safe. For that, I thank you.

In 2022, we will continue working hand in hand with the community and TPD employees, improving the quality of life in every neighborhood of Tampa. This department is second to none, and it will never stop striving to be better.

# **MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF**



In 2021, the Tampa Police Department's focus was to reconnect with the community after many events were put on the back burner due to the coronavirus in 2020.

Tampa Bay stood resilient in the face of adversity and quickly bounced back.

As the Interim Chief of Police, I revamped old initiatives, such as the Laundry Project and Coffee with a Cop and implemented new squads and outreach programs.

Not only did we get back to community policing, but we also went back to hosting and planning for big events in the city. We kicked off 2021 with Super Bowl LV at Raymond James Stadium where The Tampa Bay Buccaneers took on the Kansas City Chiefs and won.

Throughout the year we hosted two boat parades, several marathons, community forums, neighborhood clean ups and celebrated major achievements within the department.

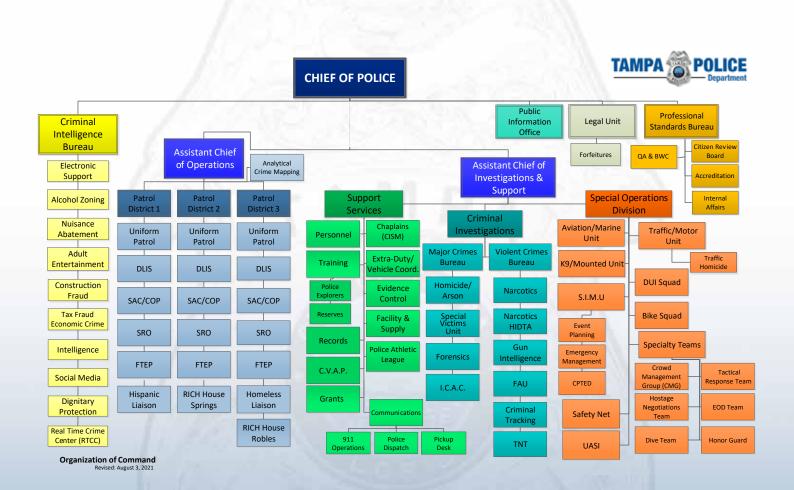
2021 did not come without its challenges.

MPO Jesse Masden was killed in the early hours of March 9, 2021, when his police vehicle was struck by a wrong way driver on Interstate 275. We honor Madsen and all our fallen officers everyday by going out in the community and doing our jobs with honor. May They Never Be Forgotten.

New initiatives and added resources will help us better serve and protect our communities.

We look forward to the future as we continue to build community partnerships and provide our citizens with the best quality of life.

# **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



# **CHIEF'S EXECUTIVE STAFF**



Brian Dugan
Chief of Police
(retired in September 2021)



Ruben Delgado
Interim Chief/
Assistant Chief



Lee Bercaw Assistant Chief

Mrs. Ida Walker Sr. Executive Aide Mrs. Ashley Rankin Executive Aide **Cpl. Derek Lang** Chief's Executive Officer

## **CHIEF'S BUREAUS**

#### **CRIMINAL INTERLLIGENCE BUREAU**

The Criminal Intelligence Bureau is comprised of three separate units: The Criminal Intelligence Unit, the Electronic Support Unit, and the Fraud Unit.

#### **Criminal Intelligence Unit**

This unit functions as a staff support service to the Tampa Police Department, and the law enforcement community in both tactical and strategic intelligence. The unit is responsible for gathering and analyzing information of any formally structured group involved in criminal activity and disseminating this information to the proper enforcement unit. They also oversee adult use issues, tracking these issues and work in conjunction with city licensing on adult entertainment and businesses that serve alcohol and provide assistance for the formulation of city ordinances that affect these businesses. The Intelligence Unit also assists in the protection of dignitaries visiting the City of Tampa as well as providing investigative and liaison services to the Executive Branch of the City of Tampa.

#### **Electronic Unit**

The Electronic Unit is responsible for making available to the investigator, highly technical and sophisticated state of the art electronic surveillance components. The unit provides an experienced technician trained to effectively obtain quality evidentiary audio and video recordings desired to successfully prosecute and convict criminal law violators. Additionally, this unit is responsible for the new CCTV system installed for the Republican National Convention, cell phones and the maintenance of building security at One Police Center, the three district offices and the communications center.

#### **Fraud Unit**

The Fraud unit is responsible for all long term fraud related cases. These include Identity Theft, Exploitation of the Elderly, Scams, Counterfeit Currency, Extortion and all member of the team work with the IRS to combat the ever growing Tax Fraud issue.



# **CHIEF'S BUREAUS**

### **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU**

The Professional Standards Bureau combines the department's crime reduction mission with accountability to the community.

#### **LEGAL BUREAU**

The Legal Bureau handles all legal matters concerning the administration and operation of the police department and responds to all requests for legal opinions. The Forfeiture Unit reports directly to the assistant city attorney, who serves as police legal advisor. Deterring criminal activity by depriving criminals of property used in or acquired through illegal activities is the primary responsibility of the Forfeiture Unit. The Legal Unit also files petitions for Risk Protection Orders for firearms.

### **MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE**

The mission of the Media Relations Office is to ensure the media and citizens have access to information and records from the Tampa Police Department. By ensuring this free flow of information, the department educates the public on how officers are working to reduce crime and improve the citizens' quality of life.









# 2021 COMMAND STAFF



Major Eric DeFelice
District 1



Major Mike Stout District 2



**Major Calvin Johnson**District 3



**Major Mike Hutner** Criminal Investigations



Major Anna Richardson-Griffin Support Services



**Major Richard Mills**Special Operations

# **DISTRICT ONE**

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

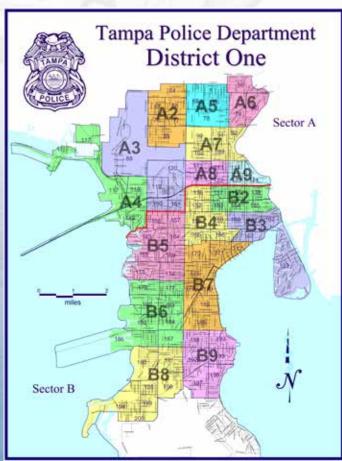
## HIGHLIGHT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mayor Jane Castor established the Mayor's Community Task Force on Policing for local leaders, activists, and subject-matter experts to have important conversations and collaborate about improving the Tampa Police Department and strengthening its relationship with the community. University of South Florida Associate Criminology Professor, Dr. Bryanna Fox, led the group meetings that focused on the future of policing in Tampa. The group used five pillars of the 21st Century Policing as their framework and identified 17 key findings to enhance the Tampa Police Department. One of the recommendations was to "hire trained mental health experts and social workers to co-respond to mental health-related or social welfare calls."

Immediately, the Tampa Police Department went to work to research and create a Behavioral Health Unit. Each team consist of a sworn law enforcement officer and a licensed mental health professional. The mental health professional and the law enforcement officer will respond together to behavioral health related calls. While the officer and the mental health professional will work together as a team, the mental health professional will take the lead role on behavioral health related calls.

The major goals of the program are to reduce the number of calls for service that our patrol officers respond to related to behavioral health, reduce recidivism of Baker Acts, prevent unnecessary incarceration and/or hospitalization of individuals in crisis and to reduce deadly force encounters with individuals that are experiencing a behavioral health crisis.





## **DISTRICT TWO**

## BUSCH GARDENS AREA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA AND NEW TAMPA

## HIGHLIGHT: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT SQUAD

The Tampa Police Department Community Partnership and Engagement (C.P.E.) Squad was implemented in 2021 to enhance the relationship between the agency and the community they serve. This squad works to establish partnerships between community members, neighborhood leaders and local businesses to improve the community.

The C.P.E. Squad currently operates out of the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) building, located in District Two at 1924 E. Diana St. The squad engages the community and provides helpful information such as crime prevention, how to establish and maintain a neighborhood watch program, and provides demonstrations on how to install child car seats. C.P.E. is also active with Big Brothers Big Sisters programs, P.A.L. youth sports activities, Tampa Night Out and other special events to address the needs of the community we serve.

The squad also hosts numerous community events with the help of community partners.





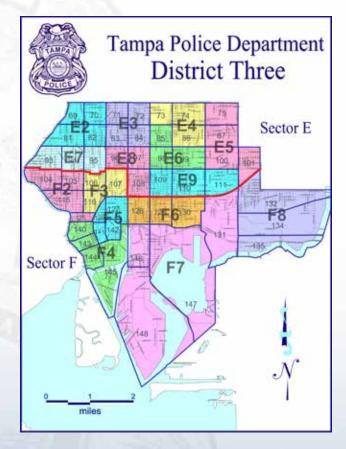
# **DISTRICT THREE**

## EAST TAMPA, THE YBOR CITY AREA AND PORT OF TAMPA

## HIGHLIGHT: THE LAUNDRY PROJECT

The Tampa Police Department has partnered with Current Initiatives, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, on their Laundry Project initiative for several years. In 2021, District Three officers made it a mission to host the event once a month, at various laundromats. With the help of Rise Tampa, Our Police Foundation, enough funds were raised to help families wash clothes for free.

The Laundry Project assists lower-income families with meeting a basic need to wash clothes and linens, by turning laundromats into community centers of hope. Laundry fees are paid for while volunteers assist with laundry services, entertain children, and create a caring space.





## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION - MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU**

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

The Criminal Investigations Division oversees all long term, latent investigations allowing uniform patrol officers to focus on day-to-day operations. It is comprised of the Major Crimes Bureau and the Violent Crimes Bureau.

**The Major Crimes Bureau** investigates Homicides, Sex Crimes, Child Abuse, Internet Crimes Against Children, and Fugitive Apprehension. The bureau also handles forensic investigations.

The Cyber Crimes Squad is part of the Major Crimes Bureau, and investigates Internet Crimes Against Children as part of the ICAC Task Force. ICAC investigators use specialized equipment and training to investigate and prevent the online exploitation of children.

Detectives with the Major Crimes Bureau are also responsible for conducting long-term investigations and operations aimed at combatting Human Trafficking, a form of modern-day slavery.

The **Violent Crimes Bureau** is responsible for Narcotic and Gang Enforcement, Undercover Operations, and Firearm Investigations.





## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION - MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU**

# Tampa police have been quietly cracking unsolved crimes

A new team devoted exclusively to the unsolved has identified suspects in a dozen cases.













Tampa police established what's known as the unsolved major crimes unit, whose task is to review hundreds of unresolved sex crimes, homicides and other violent offenses. In the last two years, they've cleared 12 cases. [ ARIELLE BADER | Times ]

#### By Dan Sullivan

Published Jul. 2, 2021

 ${
m TAMPA-The\ cops\ don't\ call\ them\ cold\ cases.}$  The official label is "unsolved major crimes."

But in the annals of the unsolved, these, like so many, seemed frozen:

A woman walking alone one night in 1998 was picked up by a man in a truck, who raped her a knifepoint.

# **SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**

#### SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The **Support Services Division** includes Personnel, Police Reserves, Training, Evidence Control, Supply, Records, Extra Duty Office, Fleet Management, Honor Guard, Chaplains, Police Explorers & Police Athletic League.

The Support Services Division also includes the **Communications Bureau** which is central to the police function. Every call for police service must be received, recorded, dispatched and concluded by this area. The bureau is the vital link between citizens requiring police services, and the officers who respond to the event.

### **CITIZEN'S ACADEMY**



TPD held a Citizen's Academy on Dec 14, 2021. We had 12 citizens attend and graduate the academy. This was the first academy since 2019 as the 2020 academy was cancelled due to COVID-19.

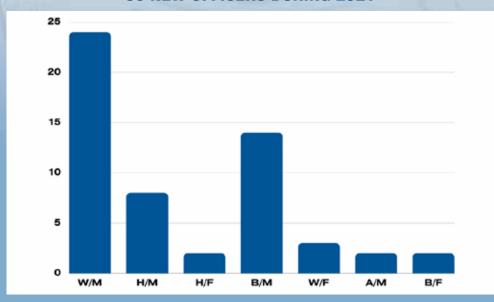
# **SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**

### RECRUITMENT

54 SWORN OFFICERS IN 2021



# THE TAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRED 55 NEW OFFICERS DURING 2021



# **SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION**

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The Special Operations Division augments the patrol function with personnel strength associated with special event planning and special team deployment necessary to completely serve the varying needs of our community.

This division which includes operations of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team; Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT); Explosives Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Team; Underwater Search and Recovery Team; Crowd Management Group; Bicycle Operations and Response Unit; Canine Unit; Mounted Patrol Unit; Traffic Unit; Traffic Homicide; DUI Unit; Aviation Unit; Marine Unit; Honor Guard; Special Incident Management Unit (SIMU); Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI), and Homeland Security functions.





Master Patrol Officer Bridget Coyman and K9 Jagger have been working together for 6 years. MPO Coyman and the 7-year-old Belgian Malinois and German Shepherd mix breed make a great team. During the month of November 2021, K9 Jagger and MPO Coyman attended a K-9 detection seminar in Daytona Beach. There were 126 K-9 detection teams in attendance from all over the United States. The 3-day seminar consisted of training for narcotics and explosives in different areas throughout the city and county. Each day different training scenarios were set up by nationally recognized K-9 trainers. All the K-9 teams were evaluated daily by the trainers on their detection skills, and their ability to work together as a K-9 team. At the conclusion of the seminar, the trainers selected the top K-9 teams. K-9 Jagger and MPO Coyman placed 2nd overall.

The mission of the Tampa Police Department's Horsemanship program is to have a positive impact on relationships between police and the community. The program aims to give children in the community an opportunity to be exposed to and work with horses while helping to build positive relationships with police.



# **JANUARY**



# NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

Thank you to all the women and men in law enforcement across the country that protect and serve our communities daily. Sworn and Civilian, you are all greatly appreciated!

### **RISE UP FOR PEACE WALK**

Rise Up For Peace is a local not-forprofit organization established to provide emotional support to families who have lost loved ones to senseless violence. Tampa Police joined Rise Up For Peace for their first community peace walk on January 17th, to advocate against gun violence in the community. Tampa Police Department walked with group organizers and community members, from C. Blythe Andrews Library to the Jackson Heights NFL YET Center.



# **FEBRUARY**

## SUPERBOWL LV TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS VS KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



Super Bowl LV was hosted at Raymond James Stadium in the City of Tampa. The NFL and the City of Tampa held many pre-game activities across the city at various venues before the game on February 7th, 2021. There were many out of state visitors as well as residents attending these events. The City of Tampa Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Tampa Police Department Joint Operations Center (JOC) were activated to coordinate department activity and share intelligence throughout all events surrounding the Super Bowl LV.

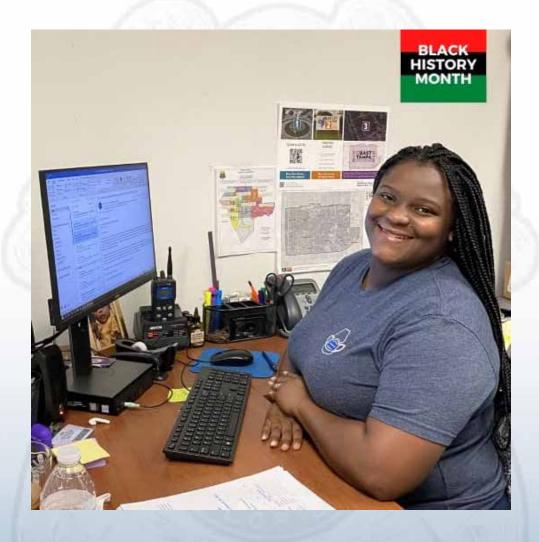
### **BUCS WIN SUPERBOWL LV 31-9**





# **FEBRUARY**

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



Meet Neighborhood Affairs Liaison in District 3, Zalavia Harley. Harley investigates elderly affairs complaints, coordinates neighborhood watch groups, and helps bridge the gap between the community and the police department. She also makes code enforcement referrals and participates in meetings to obtain updates on new programs and more!

Harley is a proud member of the first graduating class of the Mayor's Youth Corps in 2004, became a Neighborhood Affairs Liaison in 2016, and is a Tampa native.

# **MARCH**

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



Brave women paved the way at the Tampa Police Department, so younger generations of leaders would have more opportunities.

Women's History Month means celebrating women's accomplishments and the contributions that they have made to make life better for others. Most women history makers equip, empower, and encourage not only women, but men and the community to believe they can achieve.

# **APRIL**

### **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**



Officer Lisa Bunn raises awareness during Autism Awareness Month. Every year, she hosts a seminar called "Keeping Our Kids Safe" which informs citizens and caregivers on how to help people with special needs.

## S.M.A.R.T. MOTORCYCLE CLASS

Members of the Patriot Guard Riders recognized the Tampa Police Department's Motor Unit for instructing them as a group during the Tampa S.M.A.R.T. motorcycle course last February. The group had 17 members graduate the course. The Patriot Guard Riders is a 100% Volunteer, Federally registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which ensures dignity and respect at memorial services honoring Fallen Military Heroes, First Responders and honorably discharged Veterans. Their main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family.



# **APRIL**

## **FEARLESS FOUR MONUMENT UNVEILING**



In 1974, Officers Frank Gray, Rufus Lewis, James Dukes, and Clarence Nathan - who collectively came to be known as the "Fearless Four" - played a pivotal role in the advancement of many deserving black officers when they filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) against the Tampa Police Department for discrimination.



# MAY

## **FEEDING TAMPA BAY**

Every year, the Tampa Police Department proudly supports 10 Tampa Bay and Feeding Tampa Bay's Cereal for Summer initiative to collect cereal boxes for kids in need in our community.

One in four children in Tampa Bay don't know where their next meal is coming from. Food insecurity increases in the summer because kids aren't receiving meals at school. Officers were able to deliver hundreds of cereal boxes in 2021.





# **JUNE**

## **OFFICER JESSE MADSEN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**



MPO Jesse Madsen was killed on March 9th after he steered his vehicle into the path of a wrong way driver. Governor Ron DeSantis signed SB 1716 in June, which allowed a portion of I-275 to be named as "Officer Jesse Madsen Memorial Highway."



## **PRIDE MONTH**

Officer William Mechler has been a police officer since 2008. He joined the Tampa Police Department in 2012. During his time, Officer Mechler has been assigned to District One and Two, serving as patrol officer and a Field Training Officer. For three years, Officer Mechler worked on the Ybor City squad where he also served as an LGBT Liaison for the department.

# JULY

## **RALLY FOR CUBA**



TPD worked with organizers for a safe and secure march Saturday morning during a Cuban demonstration.

# **JULY**

## **BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONS - BOLTS BEAT THE MONTREAL CANADIENS**





Back to back wins for the Tampa Bay Lightning!! Ours officers are keeping the crowd safe at Julian B. Lane following the boat parade. #GoBolts

## "ON THE ROAD WITH ROY" DEBUTS



Motorcycle Patrol Officer Roy Paz interviews officers from various units around the department.

# **AUGUST**

## **BACKPACK GIVEAWAY AND HAIRCUTS**







These kids are ready for the first day of school! Thank you Safe & Sound Hillsborough Community Violence Prevention Collaborative for partnering with us to provide these FREE haircuts and styles before the first day of school.

# **SEPTEMBER**

## **CHIEF BRIAN DUGAN RETIRES**



After serving 31 years with the Tampa Police Department, Chief Brian Dugan retired on September 9th.

## **SUNI BELL HOMICIDE ARRESTS**



Multiple arrests were made in the murder of 4-year-old Suni Bell. Five were charged and indicted by a grand jury in connection to her death.

# **SEPTEMBER**

### **NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK**



We say thank you to the men and women who work in the Forensic Investigation Unit.

#### **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

Meet Officer Humberto Navarro. Officer Navarro has been with the Tampa Police Department since 2020 and came to us with more than seven (7) years of law enforcement experience. Prior to joining TPD, Officer Navarro was a narcotics detective.

Officer Navarro said he excited to be a Hispanic Officer as it provides him opportunities to communicate with the Hispanic population. He is a proud Hispanic Tampa Police Officer who aspires to potentially be a supervisor in the future.



# **OCTOBER**

## **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk -Tampa Police Department participated in the annual walk, supporting breast cancer survivors and remembering those who lost their lives battling the disease.

## NATIONAL PAN HELLENIC COUNCIL FORUM WITH TPD



The Kappa lota chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and the Upsilon Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, invited us to engage in a transparent and thought provoking discussion about police and community interactions.

# **OCTOBER**

## **NATIONAL HERO DAY**



On #NationalHeroDay we'd like to highlight our aviation unit who recently won a LIFESAVER Award from Teledyne FLIR; the company which manufactures the thermal camera used by our department's helicopters. Pilot Chris Milana and Tactical Flight Officer Ryan Zenko recount the night they assisted Florida FWC with the rescue of two jet skiers stranded in Tampa Bay after their jet ski became disabled.

## **HALLOWEEN IN DISTRICT 3**



# **NOVEMBER**

### **POP UP PARTNERSHIP JOB FAIR**



The Tampa Police Department hosted a Pop-up Job Fair in partnership with Tampa's Downtown, Ybor City Chamber of Commerce, City of Tampa Ybor City Development Council, and Feeding Ministries Global. Officers assigned as Homeless Affairs Liaisons were able to successfully connect 42 citizens for job interviews, with many hired on the spot.

## **GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN**



Officers enjoyed visiting dozens of school across the City of Tampa for the annual Great American Teach-In.

# **NOVEMBER**

## **THANKSGIVING**



Sulphur Springs and Robles R.I.C.H House students got together for their annual Thanksgiving celebration.





# **DECEMBER**

### **FOOD DRIVE**



Our Police Explorers were out and about this weekend lending a hand with a Food Drive at the Hillsborough County Community College Dale Mabry campus with Metropolitan Ministries!

## **ON BIKES**



Our Bicycle Operations and Response Unit was on hand at Santa's Bike Shop at Amalie Arena to help OnBikes assemble hundreds of bicycles for those in need this Christmas! "Building healthy, sustainable communities one bike at a time" is the mission of OnBikes, and we are proud to continue our partnership in helping them realize that goal.

# **DECEMBER**

### **SHOP WITH A COP**

With the help of Rise Tampa, Our Police Foundation, we were able to shop for dozens of children for Christmas during our annual Shop with a Cop program. A big thank you to ALL the donors that made the day a huge success!







## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

The Tampa Police Department hosted it's first community forum on Dec. 28th in East Tampa.

Residents living in the area were able to join the open discussion on solutions to addressing gun violence in the community. Interim Chief Delgado addressed what the department is doing and new initiatives he put in place to help combat the problem.

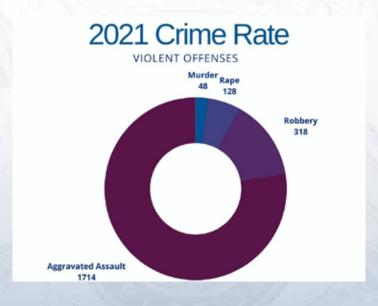


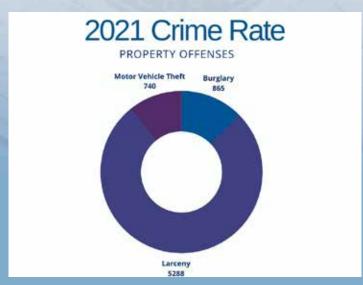
## **NIBRS**

#### NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

NIBRS-In accordance with state and federal mandates, the Tampa Police Department, has changed the way it reports crime to the State of Florida and the FBI. The Tampa Police Department, along with all agencies across the state and country, has shifted its Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) methodology from Summary Reporting System (SRS) to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) in 2021.

NIBRS captures many additional details on each single crime incident, as well as on separate offenses within the same incident. Unlike SRS which was an aggregate monthly tally of crimes NIBRS goes much deeper into each incident and provides more information about those crimes. While the Tampa Police Department is excited about the new methodology, which provides additional details and transparency to the public, it unfortunately does not directly compare to crime data previously captured.





# CALLS FOR SERVICE/ RESPONSE TIMES

## **CALLS FOR SERVICE**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	DISPATCHED	% CHANGE	SELF- INITIATED	% CHANGE	TOTAL CFS
2019	223,548	-3.6%	376,448	7.1%	599,996
2020	213,268	-4.8%	302,447	-24.5%	515,715
2021	230,595	+8.12%	258,774	-14.4%	489,369

## **RESPONSE TIMES**

PRIORITY	AVG RESPONSE TIME	GOAL
1	4.7 MINS	8 MINS
2	8 MINS	12 MINS
3	10.9 MINS	60 MINS









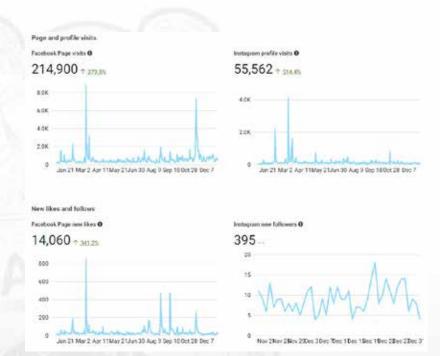
# **SOCIAL MEDIA**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA REACH**

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115,302 1118.1%



### **TOP THREE POSTS OF 2021**

## 80th Birthday Surprise



729,643 Likes 25,776 Comments 63,465 Shares

## Papa John's Kids Coupons



227,885 Likes 10,306 Comments 33,816 Shares

## Papa John's Pizza Citation



81,767 Likes1,223 Comments3,450 Shares

## IN REMEMBRANCE

#### **MASTER PATROL OFFICER JESSE MADSEN**



Master Police Officer Jesse Madsen was killed in the early hours of March 9, 2021, when his police vehicle was struck by a wrong way driver on Interstate 275.

Just before 1:00 AM on Tuesday morning, Tampa Police began receiving calls about a white vehicle driving southbound in the northbound lanes of I275 at a high rate of speed and swerving through the lanes. Within one minute of the original call, the white sedan crashed into Officer Madsen's police vehicle between the Hillsborough and Sligh Avenue exits. The impact killed both Jesse and the driver of the white sedan. Jesse moved his police vehicle into the path of the wrong-way driver to save the lives of others.

Jesse Madsen, 45, has a wife and three children: a 16-year-old son, a 12-year-old son, and a 10-year-old daughter. He dedicated his life to the safety and service of others – as a United States Marine combat veteran, as a Police Officer in Lyndhurst, Ohio, and as a Police Officer in Shaker Heights, Ohio. For 16 and a half years, Jesse served proudly as a Tampa Police Officer and is an eight-time recipient of the Tampa Police Department's Life-Saving Award.

Jesse's badge, number 507, is retired and his name is etched for eternity into the Tampa Police Fallen Officers Memorial. He is the 32nd Tampa Police Officer to make the ultimate sacrifice. He will never be forgotten.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

#### KIRBY RAINSBERGER



Chief Assistant City Attorney, Mr. Kirby C. Rainsberger passed away January 13, 2021. Kirby was a police officer in Florida and Colorado prior to attending law school. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminology from Florida State University in 1975. He graduated from University of Florida Law School with High Honors in 1986. Kirby served the City of Tampa community, offering his legal guidance, since October 1991.

During his tenure, Kirby provided interpretation and advice on established law to six police chiefs, beginning with Chief Eddie Gonzalez in 1992. His legal bulletins were renowned for their thoroughness and often shared with other law enforcement agencies. Kirby was surrounded by loved ones when he died of complications from cancer. He was 66 years old. Kirby will never be forgotten.

#### **OFFICER MATTHEW COLEMAN**



Matthew S. Coleman Officer Coleman passed away following complications from COVID-19 on September 15. He was 37 years old.

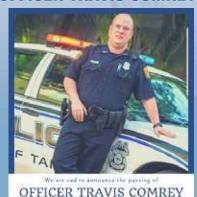
Ofc. Coleman joined The Tampa Police Department on 9/30/2014 and was assigned as a Field Training Officer in District II. Prior to joining TPD, Ofc. Coleman worked at the Polk County Sheriff's Office from June 2008- September 2014.

Ofc. Coleman is survived by his wife and children. He was a valued mentor and a friend to many.

Officer Travis Comrey passed away the morning of Sunday July 18 in his home.

Officer Comrey joined The Tampa Police Department in 2015 and supervised our

#### OFFICER TRAVIS COMREY



Prior to joining TPD Officer Comrey himself was an Explorer for 8 years. He was a valued mentor and a friend to many. Officer Comrey will be greatly missed. May he never be forgotten.

Police Explorer program.

# **IN REMEMBRANCE**

Citizen of the Year – Patricia Brown

Business Partner of the Year – Walking with Warriors Foundation

Business of the Year – Blount and Curry Funeral Home

CVAP Volunteer of the Year – Daisy Noto

Communications Bureau Employee of the Year – Fred Gennille

Employee of the Year – Michele Mansour

Officer of the Year – Detective Dan McClure

Chief's Community Policing Officer of the Year – MPO James Ng Tang

Reserve Officer of the Year - Mark Delage

Jesse Madsen Lifesaving Award – Officer Gig Brown

Major David Fairbanks Memorial Award – Detective John Gustafson

Bell/Childers Memorial Award – Deputy Chief Pizarro

