

TAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Promotion Ceremony



Lee Bercaw, Chief of Police

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**The Mission of the Tampa Police Department is to
Reduce Crime and Enhance the Quality of Life
Through a Cooperative Partnership with all Citizens.**



Message From the Chief of Police



Lee Bercaw

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the next generation of leaders at the Tampa Police Department.

In addition to recognizing our newly promoted members, we are also here to commend all those who provide them with support. Law enforcement is a difficult profession, and we'd like to thank you for sharing your loved one with us. We are honored to have you be a part of the Tampa Police Family. We understand and appreciate all the sacrifices you and your loved one have made that have led to today.

This group of leaders has demonstrated the ability to serve a noble cause and prove to be a part of something greater than themselves. They have also demonstrated an understanding of our department's four pillars: Crime Reduction, Community Engagement, Quality Assurance, and Wellness. It is because of their unwavering dedication and your support that we are able to host a promotion ceremony- the largest one in the department's history.

To our members, congratulations on your promotion and while you continue to serve and protect, remember to lead with strength, understanding, and compassion.

On behalf of the entire department, thank you again for serving on the front lines or serving as the support system for your loved one.



PROGRAM

WelcomeEddy Durkin

Pledge of Allegiance.....Eddy Durkin

Invocation.....Police Chaplain Kerry Nance

Opening RemarksChief Lee Bercaw

Mayor's RemarksMayor Jane Castor

Presentation of BadgesMayor Jane Castor
Chief Lee Bercaw

Closing RemarksEddy Durkin

Deputy Chief Ruth Cate

Deputy Chief of Investigations & Support

Ruth Cate has been employed with the Tampa Police Department since 1996. Her most recent role was serving as the Major of District One.

During her career, Deputy Chief Cate has worked a variety of assignments, including time as a patrol officer in Districts One and Three, a School Resource Officer, and Quick Uniform Attack on Drugs (QUAD) Officer. In June 2003, she was promoted to the rank of detective and assigned to the Narcotics Bureau where she sat 2nd chair in two federal jury trials. A result of her investigations led to the largest cocaine seizure to date by a female Tampa Police detective. As a detective, she also served on the Sex Crimes/Child Abuse squad and in the Internal Affairs Bureau.

In September 2012, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant, her assignments included patrol sergeant in District One and the Sex Crimes/Child Abuse sergeant in the Major Crimes Bureau. As the sex crimes sergeant, she was instrumental in implementing the first Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force at the Tampa Police Department and she also co-authored an agreement between the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay and the Tampa Police Department, which mandated a Victim's Advocate be permanently assigned to the Tampa Police Department. In June 2015, she was promoted to the rank of lieutenant where she served as the shift commander in Districts One and Two.

In the past, Deputy Chief Cate was a DEFY mentor and a member of the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team. Deputy Chief Cate has been an active member of the Tampa Police Memorial Committee since 1999, where she currently serves as the President and was the Scholarship Chairperson for 10 years, overseeing the distribution of more than \$100,000 in scholarships to the children of Tampa Police Department employees. Deputy Chief Cate is concurrently assigned as the incident commander for the Amalie Arena and successfully planned and staffed law enforcement operations for two back-to-back Stanley Cup Championships.

Deputy Chief Cate is the highest-ranking Asian-American Officer to ever serve the Tampa Police Department.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Florida State University and is currently working toward her master's degree in criminal justice from National University.

Ruth would like to thank her family, friends, and all those who have supported her in her career.

Major Kimberly Fruit

Major of Support Services Division

Kimberly Fruit began her career with Tampa Police in 2006 as a police cadet selected for the Tampa Police Recruit Scholarship Program. During her tenure, Major Fruit has worked in a variety of assignments to include an officer on the Rapid Offender Control Squad, the Training Unit, Patrol Sergeant, and the Sergeant of Personnel & Training. Her skill and expertise also led her to become a Firearms and Defensive Tactics Instructor for the department.

In her most recent role as Captain of the Support Services Bureau, she oversaw all recruiting, hiring, and retention efforts being conducted by the Tampa Police Department. She also provided supervision of the Records Units, along with Extra Duty, Fleet Maintenance, and the Supply Section.

A dedicated public servant, Major Fruit has also provided help to those in need outside the City of Tampa limits. In 2017, she deployed to Collier County to help their community recover from the devastation of Hurricane Irma. Again, in 2019, she traveled to the Florida panhandle in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, as part of a multi-agency response team.

Major Fruit serves on the City of Tampa Human Rights Board and is also an active board member for the Hillsborough House of Hope, a non-profit program that assists women who were previously incarcerated transition to a positive life outside of prison.

Major Fruit holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from the University of South Florida. She is married to Edward Fruit. They have one daughter and are expecting baby #2. Major Fruit gives all glory to God.

Major Patrick Messmer

Major of Criminal Investigations Division

Patrick Messmer was born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky. He moved to Tampa, taking the oath of a Tampa Police Officer in 2005.

During his tenure, Major Messmer has worked in numerous positions throughout the department, including all three patrol districts, the Criminal Investigations Division, and supervision of the Field Training and Evaluation Program. He is recognized as Traffic Crash Reconstructionist Expert by the Hillsborough County Courts and used his skill in this specialized field to modernize equipment and processes used by the Traffic Homicide Unit.

As a supervisor, Major Messmer has managed teams of detectives in addressing concerns of the community, from violent crime patterns to administrative investigations. He was a branch director during Super Bowl LV, helping to plan and lead personnel in handling security issues related to a large-scale event.

He is skilled in identifying areas where policies and processes can be improved to better serve the community. In his most recent assignment as Captain of the Professional Standards Bureau, he was responsible for the review of departmental policies and procedures, ensuring all personnel understood and adhered to directives. Major Messmer also coordinated with the Citizen's Review Board (CRB), assisting in their training, providing them with investigatory findings they could review in a manner that was readily understood, and acting as a direct liaison between the department and the board.

Major Messmer is a twice-honored recipient of the Award of Merit. He first received this award for his work in upgrading training materials used in the Field Training and Evaluation Program to a web-based platform, improving the ease and efficiency of documentation. He was awarded again when he developed successful solutions to addressing retail crimes negatively impacting the community, resulting in the building of strong relationships with local businesses operating in the City of Tampa.

Major Messmer holds a Bachelor of Science in Police Administration from Eastern Kentucky University, a Master of Arts in Public Administration from the University of Central Florida, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session #287. He is also a licensed pilot and avid scuba diver.

Patrick extends his appreciation and gratitude to the friends and family who have supported him throughout his career.

EXECUTIVE COMMAND STAFF

Major Alex Thiel

Major of District One

A second-generation Tampa Police Officer, Alex Thiel began his career in law enforcement in 2005. Prior to protecting and serving those in the City of Tampa, Major Thiel protected our nation, serving four years of active duty as a United States Marine.

During his tenure, Major Thiel has served in all three patrol districts and the Special Operations Division. As the lead driving instructor for the department, Major Thiel educated police officers on the best practices needed for the safe, tactical driving of police vehicles. He is also an elected Trustee with the Tampa Fire and Police Pension Fund.

Ensuring effective interoperability between law enforcement agencies during large-scale events, Major Thiel took a lead role in training members of the Tampa Police Department and assisting agencies in preparation for the Republican National Convention hosted in Tampa in 2012. He also represented the department as a member of the Tampa Police Honor Guard and served as the Assistant Team Commander for the Crowd Management Group for several years.

Major Thiel continued his education while serving the community as a Tampa Police Officer. He holds a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of South Florida. He was inducted onto the USF Department of Criminology Wall of Fame, which recognizes select alumni who have attained "the highest level of professional accomplishment while demonstrating strong personal integrity."

In addition to God, Alex would like to thank his wife, retired Tampa Police Detective Katie Thiel, and their two children for their support and the sacrifices they have made.

Captain Benjamin Brown

Benjamin Brown has been a police officer for 27 years and began his career with the Tampa Police Department in 2002. During his tenure, Captain Brown has served in all three Patrol Districts, the Criminal Investigations Division, and the Special Operations Division. He has also served on the department's SWAT team for 17 years, with the most recent accomplishment being the team's commander for the past four years.

Ben would like to thank his mentors for their guidance, leadership, and patience over the years. Most importantly, he would also like to thank his wife, Jessica, for her encouragement, love, and support.

Captain Daniel College

Daniel College is a military veteran who served in the U.S. Coast Guard for over 20 years and has been in law enforcement for 34 years. In 2007, Captain College began his career with the Tampa Police Department, where during his tenure has been assigned to a variety of areas within Patrol Operations, such as the Field Training, Street Anti-Crime, DUI Enforcement, Crowd Management, and more. His most recent assignment was serving as the Shift Commander in District Two.

Captain College earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Saint Leo University and a master's degree in criminal justice administration from the University of South Florida.

Daniel would like to thank all those who have helped him throughout his career, but is especially grateful for the unwavering support he has received from his wife Donna, and their two sons, Brendan and Aidan.

Captain Matthew Kamat

Matthew Kamat joined the Tampa Police Department in 2003. During his tenure, Captain Kamat worked in all three patrol districts where he was assigned to a variety of units including Patrol Supervisor, Community-Orientated Policing, Street Anti-Crime, and as a detective and sergeant in the District Latent Investigations Squad. His most recent assignments were serving as a field training evaluation lieutenant and school resource officer coordinator.

In addition to his previous assignments, he also served as the department's representative to the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's Juvenile Justice Board and on the Juvenile Assessment Center's Interagency Advisory Committee.

Captain Kamat earned his bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of South Florida and a master's degree in business administration from Saint Leo University. He is also the recipient of the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Association's Trilogy Award, which is awarded to supervisors who complete extensive leadership development courses.

Matthew is extremely grateful for the encouragement and guidance of his supervisors over the years and for the love and support of his family.

Captain Whitney McCormick

Whitney McCormick has been a law enforcement officer for 16 years and became a member of the Tampa Police Department in 2009. During her tenure, Captain McCormick has been assigned to a variety of units within patrol including Street Anti-Crime and Field Training. In addition to her assignments, she served six years as a Hostage Negotiator, two of which were spent as a team lead, as well as seven years on the department's Honor Guard.

Captain McCormick has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in criminal justice administration from the University of South Florida. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Homeland Security from Liberty University.

Whitney would like to thank her family and friends for all their support over the years. Additionally, she would like to thank all of those who have mentored her throughout her career and the Tampa Police Department for the opportunity to serve.

Lieutenant Carlos Houston

Carlos Houston has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2010. During his tenure, Lieutenant Houston has been assigned to all three patrol districts where he served in a variety of units, such as Community-Orientated Policing, Rapid Offender Control, and more. His most recent assignment was serving as the Sergeant of the District Latent Investigations Squad for District Three.

Lieutenant Houston earned his bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of South Florida.

Carlos would like to thank his family for all of their support over the years and is grateful to all the supervisors along the way and the Tampa Police Department for giving him this opportunity.

Lieutenant Darren Jenne

Darren Jenne has been in law enforcement for 18 years and joined the Tampa Police Department in 2012. During his tenure, Lieutenant Jenne has worked in a variety of assignments within patrol, as well as several investigative roles within the Criminal Intelligence Bureau and Violent Crimes Bureau.

Lieutenant Jenne earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice management from Union Institute & University.

Darren would like to thank God for the blessings in his life, his family, including his wife Ferrell, daughters Emilee and Brooklyn, and parents Marvin and Sally, for their love and support. Lastly, he'd also like to thank the Tampa Police Department, his supervisors, and squad mates who assisted him along the way.

Lieutenant David Michelson

David Michelson has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2005 and has spent the majority of his career assigned to patrol District Three. Lieutenant Michelson has worked in a variety of areas including Street Anti-Crime, District Latent Investigations Squad, and more. He was also assigned to the Violent Crimes Bureau where he was a member of the ATF Task Force for two years. In addition to his assignments, Lieutenant Michelson served on the Hostage Negotiator Team for 13 years, spending the last three years as a team commander. In his new assignment, he will serve as the District Three shift commander.

David is grateful for the daily support and understanding offered by his wife and newly promoted Sergeant Sarah Michelson, and daughters Erica, Brooklyn, Mackenzie and Taylor. He would also like to thank his parents for showing him that “hard work does pay off.” Lastly, he would like to thank command staff, his past supervisors, and the success of his previous squads for making this opportunity possible.

Lieutenant Robin Polk

Robin Polk has been in law enforcement for 18 years and joined the Tampa Police Department in 2010. Prior to her employment with Tampa, she was a 5-year member of the Lakeland Police Department.

During her tenure, Lieutenant Polk has worked in all three patrol districts and has been assigned to a variety of units including Field Training, the Police Athletic League, Street-Anti Crime, Violent Crimes, and many more. Because of her unwavering efforts and dedication, she was also recognized for a variety of distinctions including Tampa City Council’s Officer of the Month, Tampa Bay Lightning’s Boldest of the Bay, the Tampa Bay Business Journal’s Business of Pride Honoree, and several department awards.

Lieutenant Polk earned her bachelor’s degree in social science from Florida Southern College and shortly after, obtained her master’s degree in criminal justice from Troy University.

Robin would like to thank her wife Michele and her son, Reese, for always being understanding of the demanding career in law enforcement.

Lieutenant Edward Rojas

Edward Rojas has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2005. During his tenure, he has worked in all three patrol districts and has had a variety of assignments which include Community-Orientated Policing, Street Anti-Crime, and his assignment in the Narcotics Bureau as a detective.

Lieutenant Rojas earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from William Patterson University.

Edward would like to thank his wife Shirley and his daughters Kianna and Kailyn for all their support over the years. He is also grateful to all the supervisors and coworkers who have mentored him throughout his career.

Lieutenant Kanyon Singletary-Rodriguez

Kanyon "Kandi" Singletary-Rodriguez has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2005. During her tenure, she has worked in all three patrol districts with a variety of assignments including a supervisor in patrol, a School Resource Officer, and as a detective in Sex Crimes.

Lieutenant Singletary-Rodriguez earned her bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University, a master's degree in leadership in mental health from Springfield College and is currently working towards earning a license as a mental health counselor from Capella University.

Kandi would like to thank God for his grace and mercy in her life, her family and friends for their love and continued support through this journey, as well as the support from supervisors who have mentored her during her career. She would also like to thank the Tampa Police Department for giving her the opportunity for advancement.

Sergeant Dimitri Angelakopoulos

Dimitri Angelakopoulos has been with the Tampa Police Department since 2009. During his tenure, he has been assigned to a variety of units within patrol including Street Anti-Crime, District Latent Investigations Squad, as well as a detective in the Criminal Intelligence Bureau.

Sergeant Angelakopoulos earned a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix.

Dimitri would like to thank his wife, newly promoted Sergeant Rose Angelakopoulos, and their daughters, Elena and Nevi, for always being there to support him. He would also like to thank all of his other family members and co-workers who helped him get to where he is today.

Sergeant Rose Angelakopoulos

Rose Angelakopoulos has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2014. Prior to her career with the Tampa Police Department, she served as a detention deputy for six years with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. In addition to being a member of the department, she currently serves as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves.

During her tenure, she has served in a variety of units including the Real Time Crime Center, the District Latent Investigations Squad, the Public Information Office, and more. She currently serves as the Chief's Executive Officer and the department's Hispanic Liaison, where she will continue her assignment.

Sergeant Angelakopoulos earned her bachelor's degree in criminology and is currently working towards earning her Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University.

Rose would like to thank her husband, newly promoted Sergeant Dimitri Angelakopoulos, and their two daughters, Nevi and Elena, for supporting her through this journey. She would also like to thank her family and friends for always being there to help and extend gratitude to the Tampa Police Department for giving her this opportunity.

Sergeant Timothy Doyle

Timothy Doyle became a member of the Tampa Police Department in 2011. During his tenure, he has served in a variety of units within patrol such as Rapid Offender Control, Street Anti-Crime, Field Training, and more. In addition to his previous assignments, he has served as a Hostage Negotiator since 2017.

Sergeant Doyle earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of West Florida.

Timothy would like to thank his supervisors and squad mates who assisted him along the way, as well as his friends and family for all their love and support.

Sergeant Wendy Glaros

Wendy Glaros has been with the Tampa Police Department since 2003. She has worked in all three patrol districts in a variety of assignments, such as the District Latent Investigations Squad, Community Oriented Policing, Street Anti-Crime, and more.

Wendy would like to thank her biggest fan and supporter, her fiancé, Pete Brevi, as well as her family, including her parents and children. She'd also like to thank her current supervisors and Staff who supported her and helped make this opportunity a possibility.

Sergeant Jaron Howell

Jaron Howell joined the Tampa Police Department in 2013. During his tenure, Jaron has served in all three patrol districts and was also a Field Training Officer (FTO) in District One and District Three, as well as the Corporal for one of the FTO squads.

In his new role as a patrol sergeant, he will lead a squad of officers in District One as they protect and serve the community during the overnight hours.

Sergeant Kelvin John

Kelvin John has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2005. During his tenure, he has worked in all three patrol districts serving in Community-Orientated Policing and the District Latent Investigations Squad.

Sergeant Kelvin John earned his associate's degree in criminology from Hillsborough Community College and is currently finishing his bachelor's degree in criminology at the University of South Florida.

Kelvin would like to thank his three children- Gabby, Nick, and Matt, as well as his family for all of their support over the years. He is also grateful to the supervisors along the way and the Tampa Police Department for giving him this opportunity.

Sergeant Vincent Leto

Vincent Leto, a lifelong Tampa resident, became a member of the Tampa Police Department in 2002. During his tenure, he has been assigned to a variety of units including Quick Uniform Attack on Drugs, Rapid Offender Control, and as a detective within the Criminal Intelligence Bureau and Criminal Investigation Division.

Sergeant Leto earned his bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of Tampa.

Vincent would like to thank his wife and children who have always been there to support him, as well as his previous supervisors and squad mates for their guidance.

Sergeant Joe Lteif

Joe Lteif has been employed with the Tampa Police Department since 2014. During his tenure, Sergeant Lteif has worked in a variety of areas within the department, with his most recent assignments being an instructor for new recruits in defensive tactics and firearms. He has also been a proud member of the SWAT team since 2018.

Joe wishes to recognize his family, mentors, and squad mates for all their support.

Sergeant Sarah Michelson

Sarah Michelson began her career in public service with the Tampa Police Department as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher in 2002. After completing the police academy, she was sworn in as a police officer in 2005. During her tenure, Sergeant Michelson became a three-time recipient of the life-saving award and served in a variety of roles including Field Training, School Resource Officer, and most recently as the corporal assigned to the Personnel Unit. In her new assignment, Sergeant Michelson will continue her career in the Personnel Unit in a supervisory role.

Sarah would like to thank her biggest supporters, her husband and newly promoted Lieutenant David Michelson, and daughters- Erica, Brooklyn, Mackenzie, and Taylor. She is also grateful for the guidance and support of the Staff and her supervisors who have given her this opportunity.

Sergeant Joseph Nemeth

Joseph Nemeth has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2010. During his tenure, he has been assigned to patrol District One and District Two and has served in a variety of roles including Community-Oriented Policing, Field Training, and more.

Joseph would like to express his gratitude for the support of the Tampa Police Department, his family, and all the officers who have worked under his supervision and have helped him achieve this current position.

Sergeant Jergens Pierre

Jergens Pierre has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2013. For most of his tenure, he has been assigned to patrol District Three, where he has served in a variety of roles including Rapid Offender Control and Field Training.

Sergeant Pierre earned his bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of South Florida and his master's degree in public safety administration from Southern New Hampshire University.

Jergens would like to thank his wife and family for all the support and the sacrifices they made for his career. He'd also like to thank the many co-workers who supported and guided him.

Sergeant Joseph Sustek

Joseph Sustek has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2004. During his tenure, Sergeant Sustek has worked in patrol District One and District Two, as well as in specialty units, such as Special Victims Unit, Cold Case Investigations, and more.

Sergeant Sustek earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Saint Leo University.

Joseph would like to thank the administration for this opportunity to move forward in his career, as well as his wife and family for their love and support.

Sergeant Michael White

Michael White has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2007. During his tenure, he has worked in all three patrol districts and has served in a variety of roles including Field Training, Traffic Homicide, and the DUI Unit.

Mike would like to thank all of the officers and supervisors he has had the honor to work with, and most importantly his wife Angie and his children Adrian and Vanessa, who have always been there to support him.

Sergeant Curtis Williams

Curtis Williams has been an officer for 25 years and joined the Tampa Police Department in 2008. Prior to his law enforcement career, he served in the U.S. Army for six years.

During his tenure, Sergeant Williams has worked in all three patrol districts but is best known for his proactive Problem-Oriented Policing efforts where he played an instrumental role in devising quality-of-life improvements and crime reduction strategies within East Tampa.

Sergeant Williams earned a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of South Florida.

Curtis would like to thank his family and friends, especially his wife, Brandy, for her unwavering commitment and support.

Detective Gregory Barlaug

Gregory Barlaug has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2011. During his tenure, Detective Barlaug has worked in patrol District Two and District Three where he served in a variety of roles including Field Training. His most recent assignment has been in the DUI Squad where he's served for nearly ten years.

Detective Barlaug earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in organizational management from Warner University.

Greg would like to thank all of the officers and supervisors he has had the honor to work with, as well as his wife, Kate, who has supported him throughout his entire career.

Corporal Keith Brown

Keith Brown has been a police officer for 24 years and became a member of the Tampa Police Department in 2011 . During his tenure, he has been assigned to patrol District One and District Two. For the past seven years, Corporal Brown served in the Motor Unit, with specialty assignments as a Police Motorcycle Instructor and Traffic Crash Reconstructionist.

Keith would like to thank his wife Robin and his four children for their support throughout his entire law enforcement career. He is also grateful to his past and present supervisors who have mentored him during his career, as well as the Tampa Police Department for the opportunity.

Corporal Kelly Cruz

Kelly Cruz took her oath as a Tampa Police Officer in 2003. During her tenure, Corporal Cruz has worked in patrol District Two and District Three, with assignments in the Street-Anti Crime, Rapid Offender Control, Community Oriented Policing, and Field Training.

She was recognized twice for her role in successful Crime Reduction Initiatives, and she is also the recipient of the Life-Saving Award. In her new role, Corporal Cruz will serve in the District Two evening shift patrol squad.

Kelly would like to thank her friends and family for their continued support, as well as Staff at the Tampa Police Department for giving her this opportunity.

Corporal James Dattoma

James Dattoma has 16 years of experience in law enforcement and joined the Tampa Police Department in 2014. During his tenure, Corporal Dattoma has served in a variety of assignments including Community-Orientated Policing, Rapid Offender Control, and more.

James would like to thank his wife, children, and parents, for their support, as well as all the supervisors and officers he has had the honor to work alongside with.

Corporal Heather Donahue

Heather Donahue became a member of the Tampa Police Department in 2009 where she started as a dispatcher. Then in 2014, she began her career as an officer. During her tenure, Corporal Donahue worked in all three patrol districts and served as a Community-Orientated Policing officer and Field Training Officer. In addition to her various assignments, she has served on the department's Honor Guard since 2016.

Corporal Donahue earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of South Florida.

Heather would like to thank her husband, George, for his endless support in reaching her goals, and all her supervisors who have helped guide and mentor her throughout her career.

Corporal Mariana Goncalves

Mariana Goncalves has been a law enforcement officer for 15 years and became a member of the Tampa Police Department in 2013. During her tenure, Corporal Goncalves has been assigned to patrol District One and District Three as well as the Mounted Patrol Unit where she has served since 2016.

Mariana would like to thank her family and close friends for their support over the years. She is thankful for the opportunity to continue to serve a community she loves while working for the best agency in the country- the Tampa Police Department.

Corporal Elizabeth Hilton

Elizabeth “Beth” Hilton has been with the Tampa Police Department since 2007. Corporal Hilton served in all three patrol districts during her tenure with the greatest sense of pride stemming from her time with the Training Unit.

Corporal Hilton earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Florida State University.

Beth extends her sincere appreciation to her friends, colleagues, and most importantly, her daughter Lauren. She is also grateful to the Tampa Police Department for this opportunity.

Detective Anton Lipski

Anton “Tony” Lipski has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2013. Prior to his career in Tampa, Detective Lipski served with the Gainesville Police Department, as well as in the U.S. Army with the 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. During his tenure, he has been assigned a variety of assignments within patrol including Street Anti-Crime, as well as within the Violent Crimes Bureau, and more.

Tony is grateful for the support of his friends and family, especially his wife Jess Lipski and his children, Jacob and Olivia. He is also grateful for the support from fellow colleagues and supervisors.

Detective Victor Moreta

Victor Moreta joined the Tampa Police Department in 2015. During his tenure, he has served in a variety of units and roles, such as Field Training, Hostage Negotiator, the Training Unit, and more.

Detective Moreta earned his bachelor's degree in leadership from Southeastern University.

Victor extends his gratitude to his colleagues and acknowledges the unwavering support of his family and friends, who have been instrumental throughout his journey.

Detective Robert Norman

Robert Norman has been with the Tampa Police Department since 2014. During his tenure, Detective Norman has served in a variety of assignments including Field Training, Community-Orientated Policing, Tactical Narcotics Team, and more.

Detective Norman earned a bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida State University and a master's degree in public administration from Troy University.

Robert would like to thank his friends, family, and all the individuals who have mentored him throughout his career.

Detective Juan Ramos

Juan Ramos has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2015. Prior to continuing his law enforcement career in Tampa, he served with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and as a Military Police Officer with the U.S. Marine Corps.

During his tenure, Detective Ramos has been assigned to all three patrol districts where he has served in a variety of areas, such as Community-Orientated Policing, Street Anti-Crime, the District Latent Investigations Squad, and more.

Detective Ramos would like to thank his mother, his wife, Tampa Police Officer Alexandra Ramos, and all of the officers and supervisors who have contributed to his growth and development over the years.

Corporal Ryan Reilly

Ryan Reilly has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2011. During his tenure, he has served in a variety of units including Community-Orientated Policing, Special Events Unit, Street Anti-Crimes, Homicide, and more.

Corporal Reilly earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in legal studies from the University of Central Florida.

Ryan would like to thank his wife, children, family, and friends who have always been there to support him, as well as all the officers he has had the honor to work with.

Corporal Nyles Rice

Nyles Rice has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2009. During his tenure, Corporal Rice has worked in all three patrol districts and was also a Field Training Officer.

Corporal Rice earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix.

Nyles would like to thank all the officers he has had the honor to work with, as well as his family and friends who have always been there to support him.

Corporal William Rose

William Rose has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2013. During his tenure, Corporal Rose has worked in all three patrol districts where he served in a variety of areas such, as Rapid Offender Control and Street Anti-Crime. He has also served on the SWAT Team for seven years.

Corporal Rose earned his bachelor's degree in management information systems from Florida Atlantic University.

William would like to thank his family for all their support over the years, as well as his supervisors, squad mates, and executive staff for providing him with this opportunity.

Corporal Taylor Saunders

Taylor Saunders has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2014. During her tenure, she has been assigned to a variety of roles within patrol District Two and District Three, such as Field Training and Violent Crimes Enforcement.

Corporal Saunders earned her bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of South Florida.

Taylor would like to thank the officers she has had the honor to work with as well as her family who have been there to support her.

Detective Scott Seely

Scott Seely has been a police officer for more than 16 years and started his career with the Tampa Police Department in 2015. Prior to his career in law enforcement, Detective Seely served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

During his tenure, Detective Seely has been assigned to a variety of roles within patrol District Two and District Three, such as Field Training and the Street Anti-Crime.

Scott would like to thank all the officers and supervisors he has had the honor to work with, as well as his family and friends who have always been there to support him.

Detective Julio Tagliani

Julio Tagliani has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2014. During his tenure, he has worked in all three patrol districts and was also a Field Training Officer. In his newest assignment, Detective Tagliani will work in the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, as well as serve as a Task Force Officer with the FBI.

In addition to his new role, Detective Tagliani is working towards earning an associate's degree from St. Petersburg College.

Julio would like to thank all the officers and supervisors he has had the opportunity to learn from, and most importantly his wife who has always been there to support him.

Corporal Zachary Thompson

Zachary Thompson joined the Tampa Police Department in 2016. The recipient of two life-saving awards, Corporal Thompson has worked in a variety of assignments within District One including as a Field Training Officer. In his new role, Corporal Thompson will continue to protect and serve the neighborhoods in District One as a patrol corporal.

Zachary would like to thank his friends and family for their unwavering support.

Tricia Figueroa

Public Safety Telecommunications Manager

Tricia Figueroa has been with the Tampa Police Department Communications Bureau since 1990.

She currently manages the Communications Bureau, which receives, handles, and dispatches over one million 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls per year. Mrs. Figueroa oversees the bureau's budget, hiring, retention, and the Public Safety Telecommunicators who answer the call for those in need in the City of Tampa.

Tricia would like to thank her husband Freddie and family for their support over the years.

Richard Parsons

Public Safety Telecommunications Supervisor II

Richard Parsons has been with the Tampa Police Department Communications Bureau since 2003 and has been a supervisor since 2010.

He currently oversees the operation of the Dayshift within the bureau and is currently developing a program that will embed Mental Health Professionals from the Tampa Bay Crisis Center within the TPD 9-1-1 center to offer resources to callers experiencing a mental health crisis.

Mr. Parsons earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from USF and a master's degree in human resource management from Nova Southeastern University.

Richard would like to thank his partner and family for their support over the years. Richard is also grateful for the supervisors along the way who have helped him become a better leader.

Emily Holt

Public Safety Telecommunications Supervisor I

Emily Holt began her career of public service in 2011 as a dispatcher for the Pasco County Sheriff's Office and joined the Tampa Police Department in 2020, where she quickly rose in rank— training probationary employees and as a member of the prestigious Tactical Dispatch Team.

With her promotion to Public Safety Telecommunications Supervisor I, she will provide guidance to those who answer calls from the community and dispatch officers to calls for service. Emily is honored to play such a pivotal role within TPD Communications and cannot wait to see where the future takes her.

Bruce Jennings

Assistant Supervisor of Evidence Services

Bruce Jennings, has been a member of the Tampa Police Department since 2012. Starting out as an Evidence Technician, Bruce was promoted to Evidence Specialist in 2020 continuing to oversee the vehicle auction process for the department.

Bruce is thankful for the friends and family he has that have been supportive of him throughout the years, but he is especially thankful for the Evidence Technicians at the Tampa Police Department for their dedication and hard work that have helped not only himself but everyone in the city.

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