

Port St. Lucie Police Department



2015 Annual Report

John A. Bolduc

Chief of Police



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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.

Mission Statement

Through Courage, Knowledge, and Integrity,
the Port St. Lucie Police Department
is committed to superior Customer Service
and remaining one of America's
Safest Cities.



Value Statements

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.

City Council and Management

City Council Members



Linda Bartz
Vice Mayor,
District 1



Michelle Lee Berger
Councilwoman,
District 2



Gregory J. Oravec
Mayor



Shannon Martin
Councilwoman,
District 3



Ron Bowen
Councilman,
District 4

City Management

Jeffrey Bremer
City Manager

Daniel Holbrook
Assistant City Manager/
Community Development Director

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City Engineer

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"A City for All Ages"



Chief of Police's Message

John A. Bolduc



In my nearly 29 years in law enforcement, I cannot remember a more controversial time to be a police officer. Daily, I am approached by members of this community reacting to what they see and read in the media and on social media. But the message is very different than you might think. Contrary to the rhetoric being printed, my experience, being the most visible police officer in our community, is overwhelmingly positive. This is truly a great community, and I have the honor to be the spokesperson for a group of highly talented, highly motivated and dedicated professionals who embrace the opportunity to serve their neighbors, friends, and family each and every day.

In 2015, the crime rate continued to drop in Port St. Lucie, and the population continued to increase. As the ninth largest city in the State of Florida, we consistently maintain the lowest crime rate of any city in the state with a population of more than 100,000. And currently, this community is experiencing the lowest crime rate in the past 25 years. But a very wise person once told me, "It takes more than a low crime rate to have a truly successful community." In 2015, WalletHub named Port St. Lucie one of the "Best Cities to Retire in the Country, and Forbes' magazine listed us in *"The 10 Best Places for Job Growth."* This is, beyond any doubt, *"A City for All Ages."*

Our community embraces growth and improvement. And without the partnerships we have with the citizens and businesses, we would not be nearly as successful as we have been over the past years. Community Policing was a new strategy when I began my career, but today, it is at the very core of what makes this community such a safe place to live, learn, work and play.

Your police department also embraces growth and improvement. As we look forward to 2016 and beyond, rest assured we will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you, the community, to provide the very best quality of life and public safety possible for all of our families. We will continue to emphasize the strategies which have proven to be successful in the past, while always embracing new technology and research to improve our service to the community while respecting everyone's civil rights and liberties.

In conclusion, I share the 2015 Annual Report with you and it is my hope that you enjoy reading about the highlights of the past year.

Sincerely,

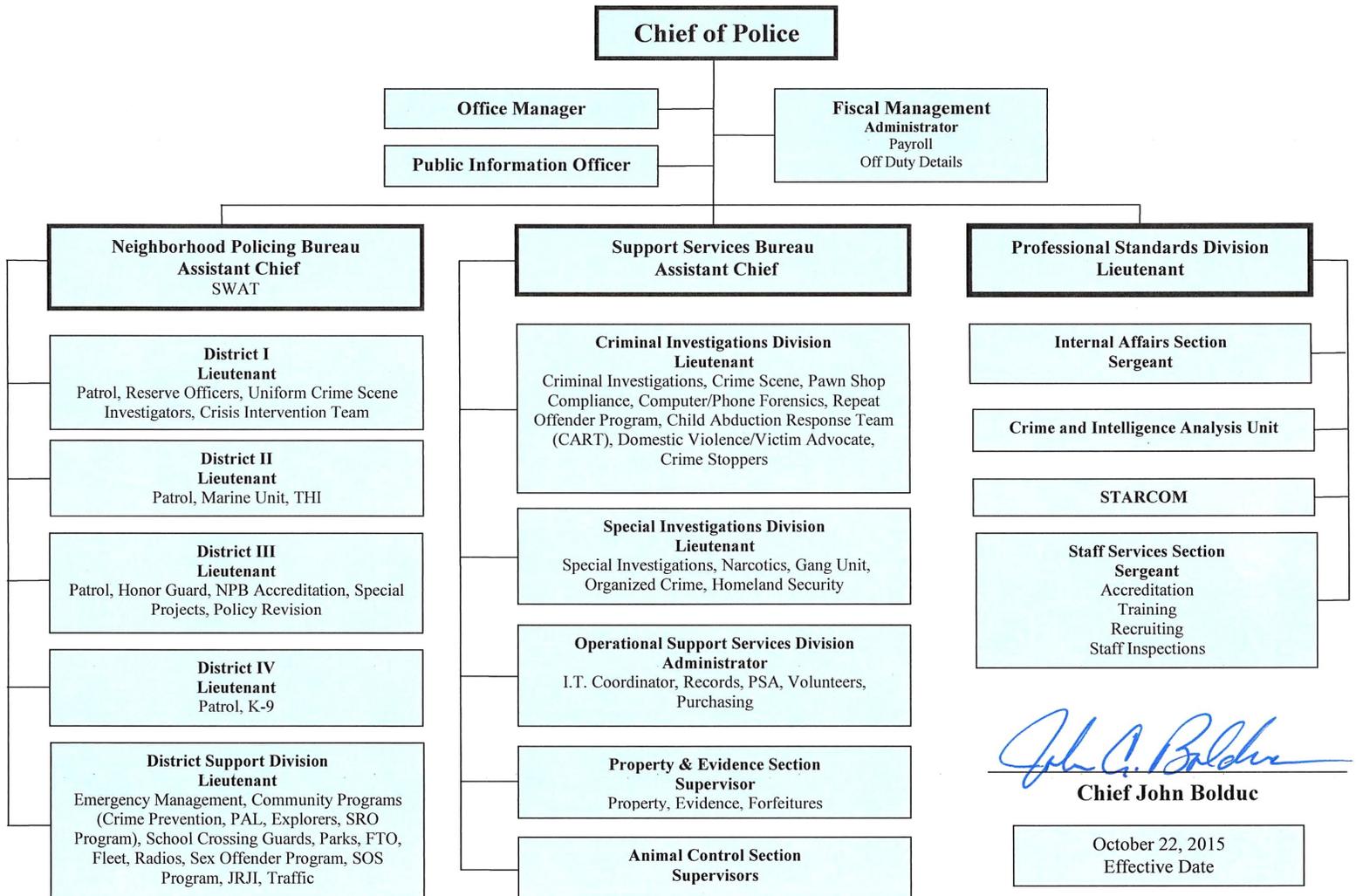
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Bolduc".

John A. Bolduc

Chief of Police

Port St. Lucie Police Department Organizational Chart

**Port Saint Lucie Police Department
Organizational Structure
2015**



Administration

Chief John Bolduc



Chief John A. Bolduc has been a police officer for 28 years and was appointed Chief of Police for Port St. Lucie on August 13, 2012. He oversees 285 sworn and non-sworn employees, 220 volunteers, and a budget of over \$38 million.

Chief Bolduc joined the department in 1994 and served as Patrol and Administrative Sergeant, 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 Department of Juvenile Justice Board for the 19th Judicial Circuit in the capacity of Chairman. He is also Vice-Chairman of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County and a board member of the Children's Home Society of Florida. Chief Bolduc is a member of the Port St. Lucie Downtown Lions Club, Florida Police Chiefs Association (F.P.C.A.) and International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.)

Prior to his tenure with the Port St. Lucie Police Department, Chief Bolduc served as a Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer for seven years.



Assistant Chief Richard R. Del Toro, Jr.

Assistant Chief Richard R. Del Toro, Jr., manages 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 Del Toro began his career with the Port St. Lucie Police Department in January, 1999 and was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief in August, 2012. Assistant Chief Del Toro was charged with overseeing the Neighborhood Policing Bureau until October of 2015 where he works as the Assistant Chief of the Support Services Bureau today. He has worked in Road Patrol, Special Investigations, Internal Affairs, and as 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. An adjunct faculty member at Indian River State College, Assistant Chief Del Toro is an active member in the Florida Police Chief's Association (F.P.C.A.) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.)

Assistant Chief Del Toro proudly serves as the Vice-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.

Administration Continued

Assistant Chief William B. Vega



Assistant Chief William B. Vega oversees 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.

He joined the police department in July, 1996. Assistant Chief Vega 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 rank 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 & 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 Florida Police Chiefs Association (F.P.C.A.) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.)

Master Sergeant Frank A. 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 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 SWAT Team, Honor Guard member and supervisor, and a member in the Treasure Coast's Crisis Intervention Stress Management Team. He 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. During the year, approximately 138 formal press releases were disseminated.



Assistant Chief Del Toro with members of the department and residents at the National Night Out Block Party



Assistant Chief Vega, Lieutenant Donnell and Assistant Chief Del Toro

Port St. Lucie Police Department By the Numbers 2015



Sworn Officers	229
Civilian Personnel	53
Animal Control Officers	11
Crossing Guards	46
Volunteers	220
Average Years of Service	11.5
Average Age of Sworn Personnel	41
Budget	\$38,360,299
Patrol Vehicles	190
Administration Vehicles	59
CID Vehicles	41
SID Vehicles	23
Armored Personnel Carriers	3
Canines	6
S.W.A.T. Members	30
Marine Patrol	7
Reports Only	441
Self Initiative	60,359
Calls for Service	56,012

Fiscal Management

Fiscal Management

Administrator Abraham Alvarez



Administrator Abraham Alvarez has been with the agency overseeing the Fiscal Management Section for over 18 years and is responsible for managing the department's budget, grants, payroll, and off-duty details.

Budget Summary

The Port St. Lucie Police 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 2014-2015, the Police Department's operating budget was \$38,360,299. Salaries and Benefits is the greatest component of the General Fund. Operating expenses include items such as fleet maintenance, travel, communications, utilities, and various supplies needed to maintain this organization. The Capital Outlay component is primarily for vehicle purchases.

Police Impact Fee Fund

The City imposes impact fees on new expansion in order to help fund capital costs associated with these newly hired officers. During Fiscal Year 2014-2015, a total of, \$227,590 was received through these fees.

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/or other law enforcement operations as specified by Florida State Statute 932.7055 (4).

This fund aids in the purchase of un-budgeted police equipment that arise during the fiscal year

without drawing on property tax revenues from the citizens. During FY 2014-2015, confiscated property revenue collected was \$111,965, with approved expenditures of \$65,836.

Grants

In 2015, the Port St. Lucie Police Department was awarded four grants totaling \$215,421. This helps to minimize the impact to the budget while enhancing equipment and personnel staffing needs, such as, a Victim's Advocate Coordinator and Victim Assistant.

The grants received are as follows:

- VOCA Grant - \$109,560
- JAG Byrne/DOJ - \$24,468
- JAG (FDLE) - \$31,363
- FIND Marine Unit Grant - \$50,000

Payroll

Fiscal Assistant Karen White, with over 20 years of experience with the City, and Financial Specialist Patty Lipp handle the payroll and related reports for more than 300 sworn and civilian personnel.

Off-Duty Details

The Off-Duty Coordinator handles the accounting responsibilities of the Police Department's off-duty details. In 2015, there were 149 sworn personnel that participated in off-duty details. In addition, 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. TeleStaff is designed to meet the complex staffing needs of public safety, corrections and municipalities. This scheduling program is more efficient by incorporating complex organizational policies and collective bargaining into the solution for fair and accurate staffing including filling overtime positions and scheduling time off.

Support Services Bureau

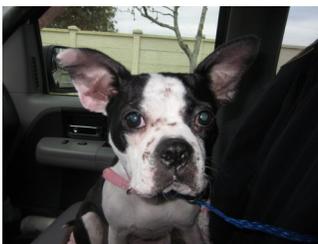
Animal Control Division Supervisor Bryan Lloyd and Supervisor Todd Wallace



Supervisors Bryan Lloyd and Todd Wallace are responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Animal Control division. Currently, this section employs 10 full-time employees.

- Animal Control Officers responded to 6,929 calls for service, with 3,833 cases entered
- 1,452 animals were impounded
- 496 animals were returned to their owners
- 764 citations were issued
- Nine animal cruelty cases were investigated
- 266 bite cases were handled
- 876 injured or sick animals were tended
- 11,695 telephone calls were answered
- 3,338 walk-ins were assisted
- 7,647 letters were generated
- 6,233 licenses were issued

Lost pet? Visit our website www.cityofpsl.com/animal-control



Animal Control Staff Members

Significant cases in 2015 include:

- Animal Control responded to a dog caught in a trap on S.W. Kabot Avenue. After finding a microchip in the dog, the officer was able to track down the owner who had lost his dog 10 months earlier.
- Animal Control responded to a loose dog on N.W. Sharpe Street. After finding a microchip, the officer found the owner who lives in Georgia. The dog owner advised that she had lost the dog in Miami while visiting relatives two years earlier. The owner came down from Georgia and was reunited with her dog.
- Animal Control responded to N.W. Alsace Avenue regarding two dogs from this address that attacked a neighbor. Both dogs were declared as dangerous. The Animal Control Section determination was upheld on appeal to the Special Magistrate.



Support Services Bureau

Criminal Investigations Division 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, 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. He has previously served as a supervisor in the Neighborhood Policing Bureau and in the Special Investigations Division.

The Criminal Investigations Division had an extremely productive year. With the promotion and transfer of several detectives, three new detectives were added to C.I.D. Detective Peter Chunn, Detective Julio Borrás and Detective Matthew Cuba started in our Property section. Sergeant Charles Lumpkin and Sergeant Terry Henkel also joined our team and they have acclimated and performed very well. We also expanded our Crime Scene Investigations Unit by adding Ashley Perkins. After graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree in Forensic Science, Ashley joined our team in February, 2015. She has successfully completed her training and is now a fully operational Crime Scene Investigator. Crime Scene investigators Danitza Byrd and Samantha Faiella became Court Certified Expert Witnesses in crime scene investigations and latent print examinations.

From a training perspective, each detective attended at least one advanced training class in 2015. Our agency hosted seven investigative

training schools, with participants from as far away as Montana and Minnesota attending. We also hosted the International Fraud Awareness Week events for the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. This hosting included a conference, with 95 attendees from around the United States, a fraud awareness open house for the public, and a public “shred” event in which we shredded over 12,000 pounds of documents for approximately 300 citizens. These events were well received by the community and requests for additional events are already being received for 2016.



*Detectives within the
Criminal Investigations Division*

The Criminal Investigations Division investigated 2,265 criminal investigations and had an overall clearance rate of 52.54%. Our detectives investigated six homicides in which all were successfully resolved. Several other notable cases were investigated including the attempted murder of a bar employee who was intentionally set on fire. After an extensive manhunt, this case was also brought to a successful conclusion. Another notable investigation involved a young man being abducted and robbed at gunpoint from his home in Stuart was brought to Port St. Lucie, where he was shot, execution-style. Fortunately, the victim survived. Due to an extensive investigation, the suspects were identified and brought to justice.

Support Services Bureau

Evidence and Property Section Manager John Briney



Manager John Briney oversees 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 he was an adjunct law enforcement instructor for 25 years.

The Evidence Section consists of one manager and three certified evidence technicians responsible for over 90,000 pieces of evidence. Among the responsibilities is the daily intake of evidence (over 9,000 pieces in 2015), maintaining chain-of-custody, logging all pieces of evidence into the computer, and assigning a specific location in order 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 we live in.

Evidence Technicians also prepare forfeiture packets for the City's Legal Department for forfeiture proceedings. In 2015, numerous 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 back to their rightful owners. Hundreds of pieces of evidence are signed out to officers for court proceedings, evaluation, or processing by Crime Scene Investigators.

Several improvements have been completed in the evidence building including new shelves, and portable computers on wheels. This helps streamline the evidence process and saves valuable time and space.



*Manager Briney and
Evidence Technician Lowe*

Exterior of the Evidence Building

Support Services Bureau

Operational Support Services Division Administrator Bill May



Administrator William T. May, a 25-year veteran of the agency, oversees Operational Support Services Division. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Finance. Sections under his directive include Facilities, Information Technology Liaison,

Payroll, Police Service Aides, Purchasing, Records and the Volunteer Program.

Administrator May functions as a liaison with the City's Management Information Systems 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.

The following items were accomplished by Operational Support Services:

- Operational Support Services year-end PowerPoint prepared
- Desktop replacement bids and purchases completed
- Implemented use of online impound log. This replaces the impound book, allowing officers to obtain impound data while on scene
- Braille signage completed as part of the ADA compliance initiative
- An additional 10 mobile fingerprint units were ordered and received a \$2,089 discount off the State Contract price
- Laser fiche contract was processed and a \$2,250 savings was recognized

- An additional 50 vehicle printers and various laptops were ordered for Neighborhood Policing Bureau. The Havis docking stations for the laptops were delivered.
- ECivis accounts were set up for other departments within the City.
- Switchover from First Call to Code Red emergency notification system was completed.

Police Service Aide Section

Police Service Aide Supervisor Kim Reisinger, an 19-year veteran of the department, is responsible for this section. This sub-division provides 24-hour coverage with a staff of nine employees.

- Police Service Aides wrote 1,057 reports
- 174,997 telephone calls were answered
- 18,820 walk-in requests for assistance were managed
- 236 parking tickets were entered into the computer
- 1,034 fingerprints were completed
- The FDLE Audit was completed



*Police Service Aide Section
Staff Members*

Support Services Bureau

Records Section

Supervisor Linda Cole, with 10 years experience at the police department, manages the Records Section. This section is responsible for providing police reports to the public.

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

With the assistance of seven Records Specialists, the following items were accomplished in 2015:

- Records Specialists processed 27,612 reports
- 6,478 citations were entered into the computer system
- Uniform Crime Report for calendar year 2014 for FDLE was completed



Records Section Staff Members and Administrator May

Purchasing Section

Supervisor Mary Beth Lee and Buyer Lisa Smith are responsible for the coordination of all departmental purchases, the reconciliation of all Visa transactions, assist in building repairs, and issues or collects all department equipment.

Notable projects for 2015:

- Four new work stations added to C.I.D.
- The exterior of the Police Administration building was painted for \$35,500

- Ordered 34 new police cars for \$808,031 and equipment totaling \$123,917 for the new cars
- Converted old Police Inventory files over to OSSI Quartermaster system
- 235 new, smaller LED flashlights ordered for the officers in the amount of \$15,587
- Legal Retirement Agreement developed for three retired canines. Two new K-9's were purchased for \$1,123
- Security Awareness rule from FDLE in process for all contractors and volunteers
- Wheelabrator Incinerators contract in place for Evidence disposals
- All door handles in the police administration building were converted to comply with ADA requirements
- I-Phones were upgraded
- All security cameras were upgraded and the building was re-keyed
- The new K-9 Field will be located at McCarty Ranch Preserve and will house a shed, carport structure with an enclosure and a dog kennel. Donated fill dirt by the Public Works was installed. The construction contract was awarded to Gordian Group for \$66,732 and the fencing contract was awarded to A Great Fence for \$19,850. Nature's Keeper will install the sod in the amount of \$3,078. This project would not have taken place without a donation received in the amount of \$100,000.



*Supervisor Lee and Buyer Smith
Purchasing Section*

Support Services Bureau

Volunteer Program

The Port St. Lucie Police 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, child car seat installations, park patrol, volunteer response team, radar speed trailer deployment, chaplain responses, lobby reception, C.I.D. assistance, office assistance, crime watch patrol and community patrols.

The Volunteer Program is proud to have received an Honorable Mention from the International Association of Chiefs of Police two years in a row. This highly prestigious accolade for our volunteer program is a fine example of our dedicated volunteers and Volunteer Coordinator.

- The volunteer program has 213 volunteers and have volunteered 12,832 hours
- The Community Patrol has put in 5,111 hours of patrolling throughout the city. This unit patrolled parks as part of their assigned tasks.
- Within the Parking Enforcement unit, volunteers issued 11 citations as they worked approximately 36 volunteer hours
- The Volunteer Response Team assisted with call outs, called residents, distributed information to residences in the community and residential home checks
- A total of 257 City ID's were produced

- The volunteer in the Criminal Investigations Division worked 418.5 hours with 581 cases assigned, 581 elimination fingerprints taken and 1,330 checks of pawn stores.
- Crime Watch Patrol volunteers watched 287 total houses in 2015 as they patrolled 1,090 hours. Through the website, we received 195 requests, 87 requests came from the closed house forms and the remainder of requests were received by mail and telephone. This division also assisted with patrolling area parks to ensure safety.
- Volunteers deployed radar speed trailers to 53 locations

Chaplaincy Program

The Chaplain Unit is comprised of local community ministers of various faiths and of diversified cultures. The purpose of the Chaplain is to effectively attend to the spiritual needs of the police personnel while respecting their personal beliefs. The Chaplains voluntarily give their personal time to provide counseling, build trust, friendships through ride-alongs, attend briefings, assist officers in giving death notifications, lead police memorial services, and provide crisis interventions. Each Chaplain is "on call" three to four times a year, for two week increments, 24 hours a day, in order to provide their services to those affected by a tragic event.

In 2015, the Chaplain Unit had eight active members, all of whom volunteered over 636 hours.



City Manager Bremer speaking at the Volunteer Luncheon



Coordinator Andrew, Volunteers Carol and Ray Treacy, and Chief Bolduc



Officer Tim Sanders Memorial Service

Support Services Bureau

Special Investigations Division Lieutenant Roberto Santos



Prior to joining the Police Department in 1994, Lieutenant Roberto Santos served for four years in the United States Marine Corps. Currently, he commands the Special Investigations Division. Lieutenant Santos has commanded the Criminal Investigations and Special

Investigations Divisions and spent numerous years in the Neighborhood Policing Bureau as an officer, sergeant, and lieutenant. He also served on the S.W.A.T. Team and as the Crisis Negotiation's Team Leader. Lieutenant Santos served as the Professional Standards Lieutenant for several years and recently made the transition from Professional Standards to the Special 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, 10 detectives, two sergeants and one administrative assistant.

Lieutenant Santos has co-created a crime reduction policing approach called "Stratified Policing" that standardizes crime analysis, the problem-solving process, and accountability within a police department. The goal of "Stratified Policing" is to provide the means for a police organization to systematize implementation and sustain evidence-based practices and takes "what works" and "make it work" in the police organization. In 2014, he was inducted into the Evidence-Based Policing Hall of Fame at George Mason University's Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy, in recognition for his creation and implementation of crime reduction practices in policing. Lieutenant Santos also serves as a board member on two local charitable

causes: Harvest Food and Outreach Center and LifeBuilders of the Treasure Coast.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, received a Master's of Science Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Florida Atlantic University, and earned his Doctorate of Philosophy in Criminal Justice from Nova Southeastern University.

In 2015, S.I.D. detectives received 353 complaints and tips from various sources. The detectives conducted 248 self-initiated investigations and closed 186 cases by arrest due to their outstanding investigative skills.

Seized Items (Year-to-Date)

Description	Total Amount Seized
Cocaine	216 grams
Crack Cocaine	23.5 grams
Flakka	1 gram
Heroin	68 capsules
HGH	21 bottles
Lidocaine	37 grams
Marijuana	39.5 pounds
MDMA	163 grams
Meth	5 grams
Pills	1,090

Neighborhood Policing Bureau

Assistant Chief William Vega manages the Neighborhood Policing Bureau. This bureau is divided into four districts to best serve the needs of our community and adequately provide emergency assistance to the citizens of Port St. Lucie. Each district has a Division Lieutenant who is ultimately responsible for all police activity and assigned personnel. In 2015, there were 25 sergeants, 131 police officers, 10 reserve officers, and 10 civilians assigned to the Neighborhood Policing Bureau.

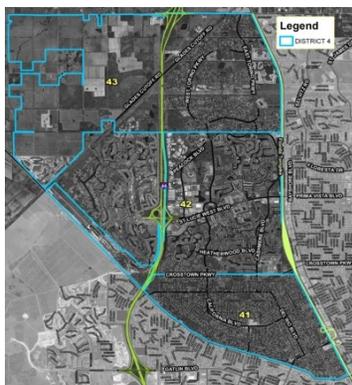
Neighborhood Policing Bureau, District 1 Lieutenant Kevan Carmichael



Lieutenant Kevan Carmichael commands District 1. He is also responsible for Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.), Uniform Crime Investigators (U.C.I.), and the Reserve Police Officer Unit.

Lieutenant Carmichael has been with the Department for over 24 years, 12 of which were served as a Detective and Detective Sergeant in 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.

District 1 boundaries are located in the eastern region of the city, south of Village Green Drive, north of Port St. Lucie Boulevard, east of Veteran's Memorial Parkway and west of Green River Parkway



Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.)

The Crisis Intervention Team is a group of volunteer officers who are specially trained to handle situations that involve the mentally ill in crisis. However, Crisis Intervention Team members only handle those incidents that do not rise to a level of high-risk incident.

Uniform Crime Scene Investigation (U.C.I.)

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 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.



Port St. Lucie Police Department Staff

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. Reserve Officers provide additional manpower to meet the demands created by emergencies such as riots, natural disasters, and other exceptional conditions.

Neighborhood Policing Bureau

Neighborhood Policing Bureau, District 2 Lieutenant Leon Niemczyk

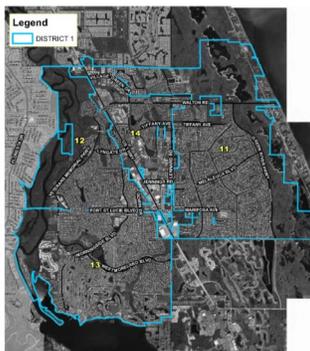


Lieutenant Leo Niemczyk has worked for the Port St. Lucie Police Department for 13 years and commands District 2. He oversees the Patrol, Marine Unit, Crisis Negotiation Team, and Traffic Homicide Investigations (T.H.I.). Lieutenant

Niemczyk holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Empire State College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Barry University.

Formerly with the City of New York Police Department, Lieutenant Niemczyk moved to Florida in 2002 and joined the agency. His previous job assignments consisted of road patrol sergeant in the Neighborhood Policing Bureau and a detective sergeant for many years prior to 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.



Crisis Negotiation Team (C.N.T.)

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/or investigative units.

Marine Unit

This unit was established to ensure boater safety through voluntary compliance of Florida State laws and city ordinances regarding vessel registration and operation within the City of Port St. Lucie. Officers will educate the boating public and establish a police presence on the waterways in order to maintain safety on the waterways.

In 2015, regular patrols were implemented and all members of the unit received boater safety and enforcement training. Operation Safe Passage, a river clean-up, was organized this year and debris was removed from the waterways.

The Marine Patrol Unit handled 27 citizen concerns, issued 33 citations and made one Boating Under the Influence arrest.



Members of the Marine Unit

Traffic Homicide Investigations (T.H.I.)

A T.H.I. responds to and conducts the investigation of fatal, and potentially fatal traffic crashes within the city. The investigator will be deployed to the traffic crash with a second investigator and both will work the fatality as a team. One investigator will be deemed the primary investigator and the second to assist him/her. At least one of the Traffic Homicide Investigators will have attended and completed a nationally recognized Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation course.

Neighborhood Policing Bureau

Neighborhood Policing Bureau, District 3 Lieutenant Carmine Izzo



Senior Lieutenant Carmine Izzo is currently assigned as the District 3 Commander within the Neighborhood Policing Bureau and serves as the agency's Honor Guard Commander. After serving six years 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 21 years of service to the citizens of Port St. Lucie, Senior Lieutenant Izzo has also held positions as the SWAT Commander, District Support Division Commander, and Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D.) Commander.



District 3 encompasses the southwest section of the city. It is bordered by the Florida Turnpike on the east, Glades Cutoff and Range Line Road on the west, C-24 Canal to the north and the Martin County line on the south.

Honor Guard

The Port St. Lucie Police Honor Guard consists of a Team Commander, 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 2015, the Honor Guard provided their services and 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, to pay tribute to those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Honor Guard was also in attendance at the Sept. 11 Remembrance Service held at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, and were present at funeral services for retired officers.



Chief Bolduc and Don Mahan, Sr. at the Annual Memorial Service



Members of the Honor Guard

Neighborhood Policing Bureau

Neighborhood Policing Bureau, District 4 Lieutenant John Scott



Lieutenant John Scott, commander of District 4 and the K-9 Unit, is our newest Lieutenant, appointed to this position in August, 2015.

Lieutenant Scott served this organization since February, 1994. He has worked in the roles of Police Officer, Traffic

Officer and Sergeant, District Support Field Sergeant, Training Program Supervisor and Neighborhood Policing Bureau Sergeant.

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

With the exception of the Reserve Country Club and a few unincorporated parcels along the western border, District 4 includes the north-west 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 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 effectiveness of a K-9 team depends largely on the cooperation of other officers in the Department, especially in the areas of burglaries and tracking assignments. Aside from the K-9's value as a crime deterrent, the distinctive attributes of a canine are its keen sense of smell and its ability to alert his handler to a dangerous situation, such as an elusive suspect.

The K-9 Unit has a budget of \$30,000, which includes the cost of an emergency K-9 replacement.

- The K-9 Unit had 107 Patrol Apprehensions
- The K-9 Unit was utilized on 166 controlled-substance searches
- Of the searches during 2015, 97 arrests were made
- 220 requests for the patrol division assistance were received
- 14 requests were made to assist other agencies
- 28 callouts
- 20 K-9 demonstrations were delivered



*K-9 Officers and
their K-9 partners*

Neighborhood Policing Bureau

S.W.A.T. Team

Master Sergeant Steve Helseth is the S.W.A.T. Commander and is responsible for administrative S.W.A.T. functions and deployments. The S.W.A.T. Commander is the tactical commander during all S.W.A.T. deployments and assists the Incident Commander in the resolution of the high-risk incidents. The S.W.A.T. Team consists of the Entry Team Element, the Sniper Team Element, and the Crisis Negotiation Team Element.

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 to include, but not limited to, 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 Entry Team Element consists of 13 officers who are trained in the use of special weapons and tactics utilized in various capacities which

include, but are not limited to, criminal activities dealing with hostage situations, barricaded suspects, sniper activity or high-risk situations.

The Sniper Team Element consists of four officers who 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 S.W.A.T. Team trains at least two days a month, which is the equivalent of 20 hours per month. Snipers and Explosive Breachers train an additional 10 hours per month.

The S.W.A.T. Team’s accomplishments during 2015:

- Assisted with seven high-risk search warrants
- The S.W.A.T. took part in three public demonstrations at the Mets Baseball Training, National Night Out and the “Summer of Safety” Event
- Officer Derrico is the first female officer to be selected to the Port. St. Lucie Police Department’s S.W.A.T. Team



*Port St. Lucie Police Department
S.W.A.T. Team Members*



*Port St. Lucie Police Department
S.W.A.T. Member and child*

District Support

District Support Lieutenant Kacey Donnell



Lieutenant Kacey Donnell manages the District Support division while responsible for Crime Prevention, Juvenile Restorative Justice Initiative, Emergency Management, Field Training Officers, Fleet and Radio, School Crossing Guards, School Resource

Officers (S.R.O.), Secure Our Schools (S.O.S.) Coordinator, Sex Offender Coordinator, Explorers and the Police Athletic League. He has served the organization for over 18 years.

During that time, Lieutenant Donnell obtained his Master's Degree in Public Administration and was the supervisor of the Public Information Office, Community Oriented Policing Unit, Eastern Regional Traffic Unit, Civilian Community Patrol and Civilian Crossing Guards.

Crime Prevention

Crime Prevention Specialist Stacy Paton was hired in 2014 and immediately went to work on educating our community on crime prevention initiatives benefiting our citizens.

Ms. Paton developed a "STOPlifting" presentation to inform juveniles on the adverse effects of shoplifting. She works closely with retailers and the community regarding their security needs. Ms. Paton also assists with Special Events.

Ms. Paton has implemented a new program "Partners Against Crime" (PAC). This program focuses on strengthening partnerships between the community and the Police Department through increased communication and interactions with our local businesses.

Juvenile Restorative Justice Initiative

Tracee Diaz, M.S.W, manages 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.

Since 2002, the program has provided approximately 2,000 juveniles with the opportunity of diversion. The program maintains over an 85% success rate with 2% recidivism. In 2015, the J.R.J.I. program was able to successfully provide diversion for 121 juveniles.

Parks Officers

Officers Steve Camara, Fred Knaggs, Justin Kerns and Frankie Borges provide law enforcement services to the City's Parks & Recreation locations. Parks officers, along with the Parks & Recreation Department staff, work together to ensure the safety and welfare of visitors to all Parks & Recreation facilities.

Citizens are more comfortable bringing their families to parks and facilities that are patrolled, as activities remain peaceful, thus creating a welcoming environment.

Police Athletic League (P.A.L.)/Explorers

Officer Rich Wilson assumes the role of P.A.L. Director, managing the daily activities and league instructors.

P.A.L. offers boxing, karate, wrestling, baseball, football skills camp, fishing clinics, RadKids, hot-shot/free throw basketball at Minsky Gym, Voices Choir and Drum Line. The current P.A.L. building houses the agency's Explorer Program.

Currently, there are 25 Explorer members and seven advisors. The Explorers assist in parking details and Honor Guard.

P.A.L. applied for \$200,000 in CDBG funds in order to renovate their building. Repairs and various upgrades were made. The bylaws were revised and were submitted to the Board of Directors for adoption.

District Support

School Crossing Guards

During the school year, Crossing Guard Supervisors Karen Herzog and Jennie Salema supervised 54 crossing guards, servicing 17 schools. The crossing guards assist over 1,500 students daily in safely crossing busy intersections near school campuses.

In 2015, approximately 18 school crossing guard positions were reduced from positions that were vacant. This enabled financial stability and employee manageability.



*School Crossing Guard of the Year
Liduvina O'Neil*

School Resource Officers (S.R.O.)

Officers Victor Garcia, Raphael Lushbaugh, Andrew Lawler, and Nate Penney ensure the safety and welfare of students and faculty at four local high schools within the City of Port St. Lucie. Officers mentor and encourage students, through education and role modeling, in order 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.

School Resource Officers acted as instructors for the Junior Police Academy and they were able to teach children what it takes to be a po-

lice officer. The students participated in ride-alongs, during the day, learning law enforcement skills that officers utilize in their day-to day operations.

Secure Our Schools (S.O.S.) Coordinator

S.O.S. Coordinator and Reserve Police Officer Jack White assists local schools that do not have an assigned School Resource Officer on their campuses. Coordinator White acts as a liaison for the agency with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department's School Resource Deputy Program and the St. Lucie County School District's School Security Unit.

Our agency was one of two municipalities in the State of Florida awarded a grant for this position. The primary function of the S.O.S. Coordinator is to complete a comprehensive school safety assessment and conduct "Code Red" drills at schools within the city, in accordance with St. Lucie County School policy.

During 2015, Coordinator White mentored students in area schools and counseled troubled youth that caused disturbances during school. He created a presentation for middle school students regarding their concerns with law enforcement.



S.O.S. Coordinator White, Officer Garcia, Lt. Donnell, Officer Lawler and Officer Lushbaugh

District Support

Vehicle Fleet and Radios

Fleet and Radios Coordinator Roberto Mann is responsible for the maintenance of the vehicle fleet and the upkeep and programming of all police radios.

The agency has 190 patrol vehicles, 59 administration, volunteer and crime-scene investigation vehicles, 41 Criminal Investigation vehicles, 23 Special Investigations vehicles and three armored personnel carriers.

During 2015, the Fleet Coordinator successfully accomplished the following:

- Purchased 41 vehicles for various divisions
- A total of 30 “dead-lined” or surplus vehicles were auctioned
- Performed annual inventory of 1,033 assigned equipment and updated any necessary information as directed by FL LESO. Equipment included two Peacekeeper APC’s and one MRAP.
- Conducted an annual Neighborhood Policing Bureau vehicle assessment, which allows the analysis of necessary information to gauge future requirements for vehicle purchases and the assignment of new vehicles
- Coordinated the test and evaluation of numerous pieces of equipment to plan future purchases such as, in car video systems, body-worn video systems, various styles of prisoner transport, communication equipment (radios and hand microphones) and SIU GPS monitoring devices
- Removed 70 outdated radio models, no longer in service, from the county radio system.
- Performed annual inventory for 2015 to include all radios and speed measuring devices in the department and all vehicles in the Neighborhood Policing Bureau. Responsible for the inventory of over 1,800 items.
- Fielded 150 docking stations that were received from the computer upgrade plan
- Hired a new vehicle equipment vendor for the installation of equipment. This allowed new vehicles to be assigned to staff in a timely manner



District Support

Traffic Unit

Sergeant Robert McGhee has been assigned to the Traffic Unit and Motor Unit in late 2015. Officers were deployed in three phases. The first phase is random patrol enforcement, which is witnessing an infraction while conducting routine work. The second phase is resident request based. The last phase is the reimplementation of the Traffic Unit where each officer is assigned a district and concentrate their enforcement on chronic traffic problem locations.

During 2015, there were 7,147 uniformed traffic citations issued department-wide , which is down 3,678 citations from last year. In 2005, 25,374 citations were issued, which is a decrease of 72% from today's citations issued.

2015 Traffic Accident Locations

2015 Top Traffic Accident Intersections/Locations	
Intersections/Locations	Reported Incidents
S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard / S.W. Bayshore Boulevard	53
S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard / S.E. Westmoreland Boulevard	41
S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard / S.E. Floresta Drive	39
S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard / S.W. Gatlin Boulevard	39
S.W. Bayshore Boulevard / S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard	31
S.E. Port St. Lucie Boulevard / S.E. Veterans Memorial Parkway	29
S. U.S. Highway 1 / S.E. Lennard Road	28
S.W. Gatlin Boulevard / S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard	27
N.W. St. Lucie West Boulevard / S.W. California Boulevard	25
N.W. St. Lucie West Boulevard / N.W. Peacock Boulevard	25
S. U.S. Highway 1 / S.E. Lennard Road	21
S.W. Gatlin Boulevard / Interstate 95 Highway	20
S. U.S. Highway 1 / S.E. Port St. Lucie Boulevard	19
N.W. St. Lucie West Boulevard / Interstate 95 Highway	18
S.W. Crosstown Parkway / S.W. Bayshore Boulevard	18
S.W. Gatlin Boulevard / S.W. Savona Boulevard	18
S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard / S.W. Cameo Boulevard	18
Total Incidents Reported	469

Professional Standards

Professional Standards Division Lieutenant Marc DiMeo



Lieutenant Marc DiMeo became a member of the Port St. Lucie Police Department in March, 1995 as a Police Service Aide 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 then promoted to Sergeant in 2003 and a Lieutenant in November, 2012. Lieutenant DiMeo worked in the Special Investigations Division for several years until he transferred to the Professional Standards Division.

Lieutenant DiMeo received his Bachelor's degree from Barry University and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lynn University. In 2014, he is a graduate of class #131 from the Southern Police Institute Administrative Officer's Course.

Currently, he commands the Professional Standards Division which includes Internal Affairs, Staff Services, and Crime and Intelligence Analysis Unit. He is also responsible for the department's accountability process.

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



The Professional Standards staff consists of one lieutenant, two sergeants, four police officers, and five civilian employees.

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 C.A.L.E.A. (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.). The agency has successfully been awarded re-accreditation six times with the most recent award being received in 2013 for "Advanced Meritorious Accreditation."

In 1997, the agency was awarded state accredited status through C.F.A. (Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation). Since then the department has been re-accredited an additional five times with the most recent award received in 2013 for "Excelsior" status.



Professional Standards

Crime and Intelligence Analysis

Three 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. Crime and intelligence analysis work is reviewed through conferences, conversations, observation, reports and recommendations and the evaluation of results achieved.

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 in order 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, as directed; 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.

S.T.A.R.C.O.M.

S.T.A.R.C.O.M. is an acronym that stands for "Statistical Tracking, Accountability, and Response through Computer Oriented Mapping". This program is modeled after New York City Police Department's "CompStat" program. S.T.A.R.C.O.M. assists the chief and command staff in measuring performance and evaluating the effectiveness of police strategies, practices and services.

Through the use of tactical and strategic crime analysis, S.T.A.R.C.O.M. assists management in evaluating the methods used by division and district commanders to address immediate, short, and long-term crime problems and repeat offenders. Additionally, the program aids commanders in sharing information among divisions, identifying follow-up issues, deploying resources and evaluating performance issues that affect the quality of life.



Staff Members of the Professional Standards Division

Professional Standards

Internal Affairs Section

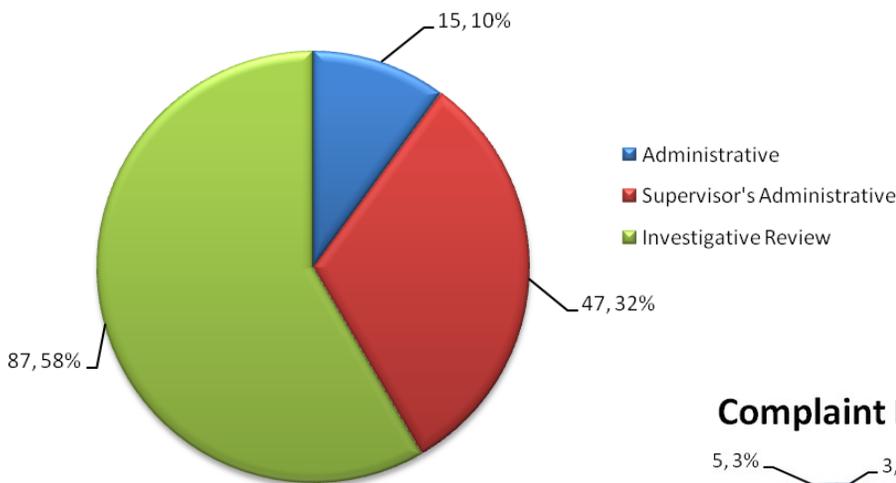
The Internal Affairs Section of the Port St. Lucie Police Department is responsible for the investigation of complaints against department employees, volunteers and other city employees. This section is also responsible for maintaining employee complaints and disciplinary records.

During 2015, 149 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 were a total of 15 Administrative Complaints, which are formal Internal Affairs Investigations. There were a total of 47 Supervisor's Administrative Complaints, which are supervisor complaints. Investigative Reviews comprised a total of 87. These are complaints that did not require a formal investigation.

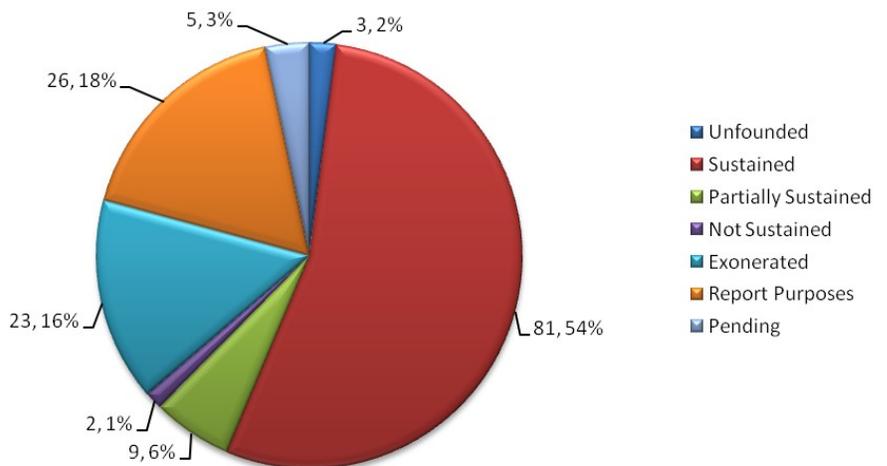
Administrative, Supervisor's Administrative, Investigative Review Dispositions: 149 Complaints were assigned by Internal Affairs. The Dispositions in those investigations were determined to be as follows:

Three Unfounded, 81 Sustained, Nine Partially Sustained, Two Not Sustained, 23 Exonerated, 26 Report Purposes, and Five Pending.

Type of Complaints 2015



Complaint Dispositions 2015



Professional Standards

Recruitment Section

The Recruitment Section provides one of the most important functions to the department because it is crucial to hire an applicant that is the most qualified. Therefore, much effort and scrutiny is put into this process.

The Recruitment Specialists travel to college campuses, attend local career fairs, and visit regional law enforcement academies to identify candidates who are interested in careers in law enforcement. In addition, they field online and telephone inquiries from interested individuals. Through this initial contact they learn about each individual in an attempt to recruit the very best candidates for the department.

The Recruitment Specialists also work in conjunction with the City's Human Resources Department to process candidates through the written examination. Extensive background investigations and professional testing are conducted preceding employment. Many candidates may be screened in order to fill one officer position. The Recruitment Specialists are responsible to conduct orientation of all new employees.

In 2015, approximately 13 new officers were sworn in by Chief Bolduc.



Officer Thompson being Sworn In

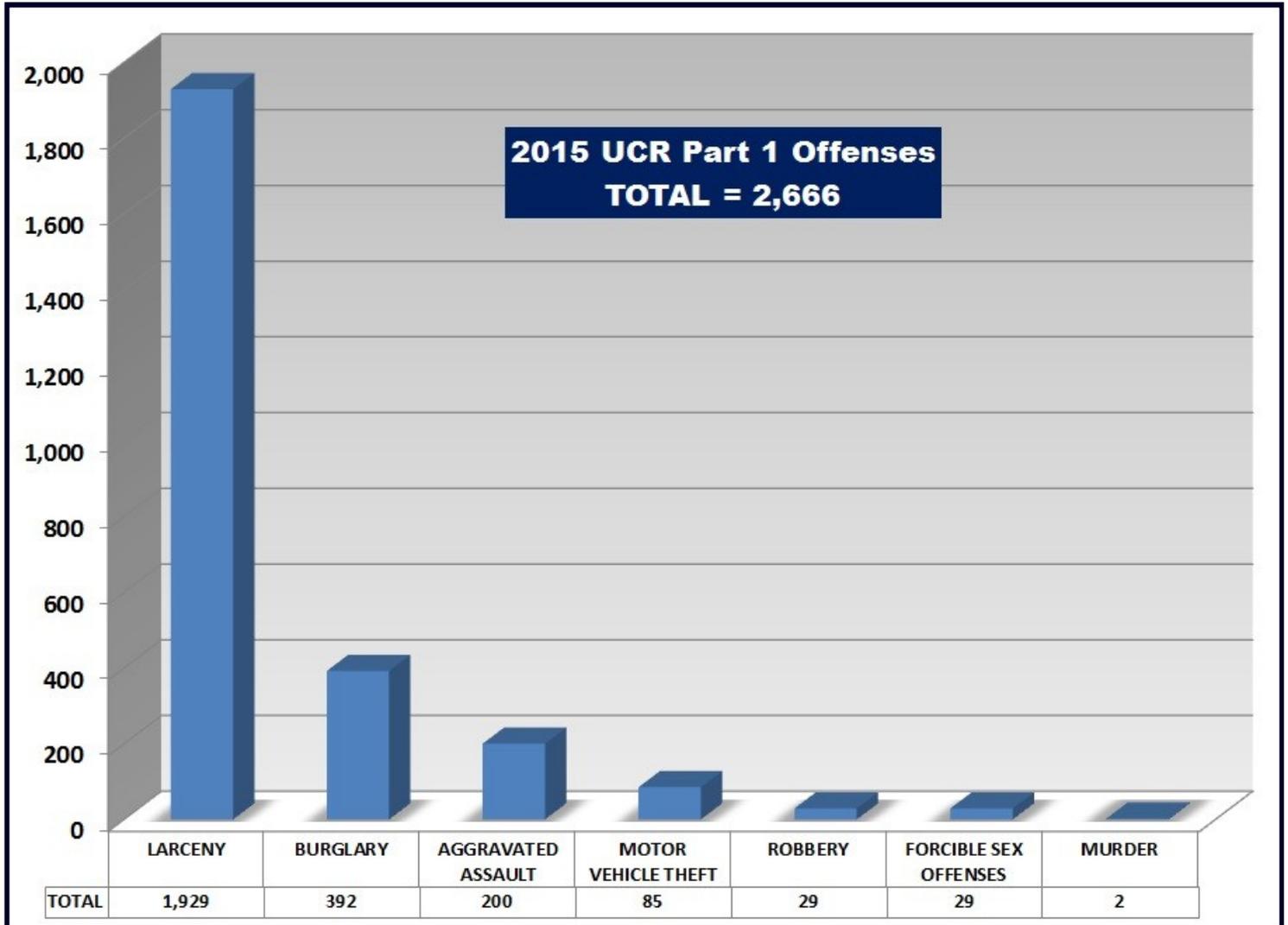
*Training Officer Olson
at Police Department Open House*

Training Section

One full-time officer, along with several other officers (as ancillary positions), comprise the Training Section. The Training Section coordinates the entire department's training needs and maintains the training records. This section works in conjunction with the Indian River State College Criminal Justice Center in designing mandatory and specialized retraining courses. The Training Section also coordinates the delivery of those courses and specialized in-service training to department members.

The Training section maintains all training records in a computer database and provides those records either to the Florida Division of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) for inspection or for legal defenses relating to the various disciplines applied by department personnel.

Crime Statistics



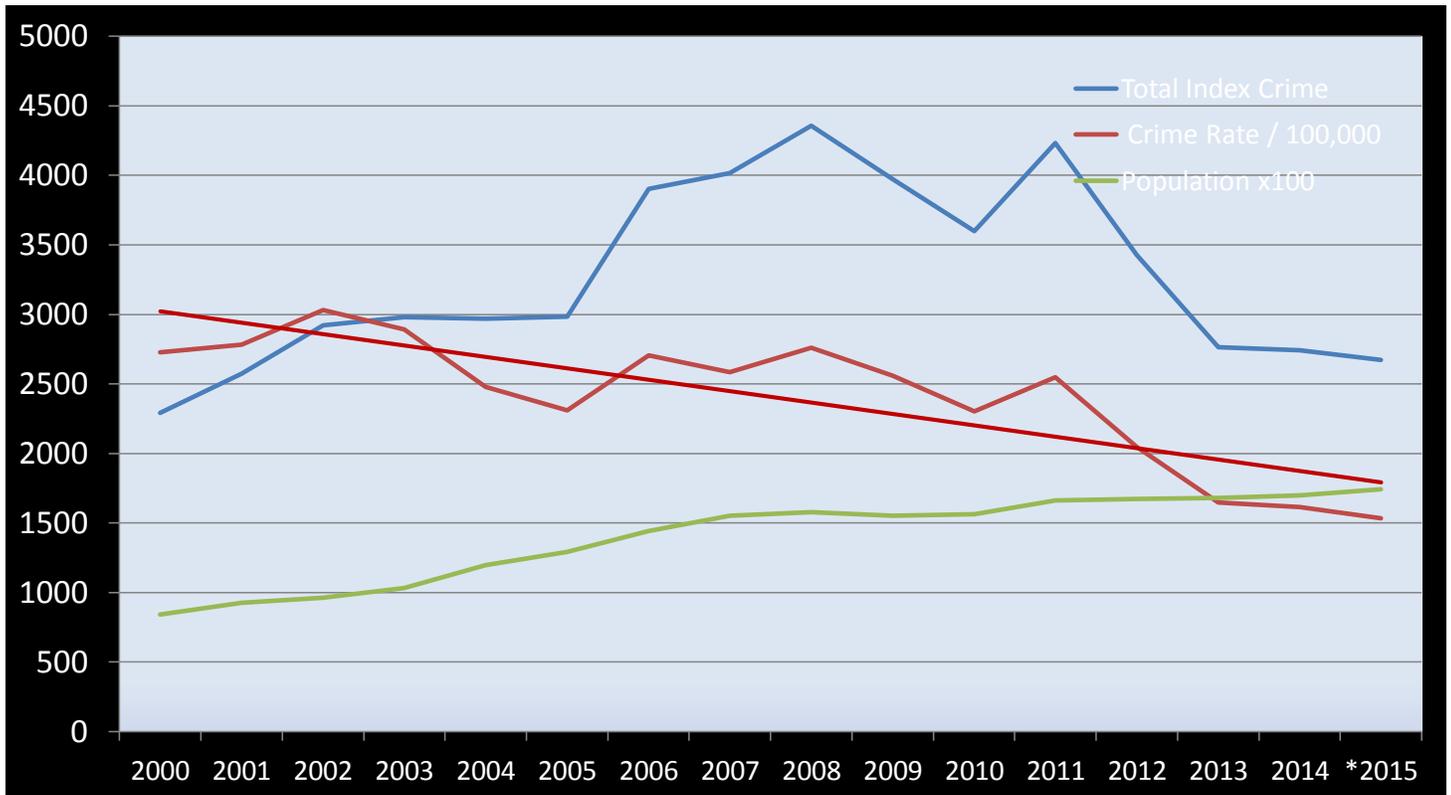
Crime Classification	2014	2015	Change	% Change
Larceny/Theft	1,896	1,929	-33	2%
Burglary	551	392	159	-41%
Aggravated Assault	170	200	-30	15%
Motor Vehicle Theft	91	85	6	-7%
Robbery	37	29	8	-28%
Forcible Sex Offenses	30	29	1	-3%
Murder	6	2	4	-200%
Total Part 1 Offenses	2,781	2,666	115	-4%

Crime Statistics



PORT ST. LUCIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Rate - Port St. Lucie
2000 - 2015



Source: FDLE Crime Statistics

*2015 – Unverified , Preliminary Information

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Lowest Crime Rate in Florida for Cities with a
Population over 75, 000
1998 through 2004

Lowest Crime Rate in Florida for Cities with a
Population of over 100,000
2010-2014

News and Events

January 14, 2015: Special Investigations Division Detective arrested Paul Testa and charged him with selling Marijuana within 1,000 feet from an elementary school. He was also charged with possession of Marijuana over 20 grams, two counts of possession of Marijuana under 20 grams, three counts of possession of Marijuana with the intent to sell, two counts of unlawful use of a two-way communication device, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police seized multiple items that detectives believed were purchased with drug money.



January 21, 2015: A high school student told school personnel that he and his five friends were robbed on a bicycle path on S.E. Tiffany Avenue. The students were going to sell a small amount of Marijuana to the suspect and the suspect, but were robbed by gunpoint of an I-phone, cash and the drugs. A Criminal Investigations Division Detective arrested Deshone Q'Mar Copeland from Fort Pierce on six counts of robbery with a firearm, grand theft, and possession of a weapon for robbing six teens.



January 31, 2015: Police arrested Bruce Fong on two counts of burglary to an unoccupied dwelling, two counts of grand theft, and dealing in stolen property after detectives set up an undercover sting to purchase a stolen washer and dryer on Craig's List from the suspect. Fong agreed to sell the appliances to the undercover detective for \$330 at his home.

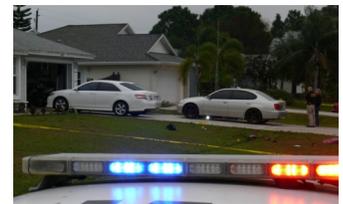


February 8, 2015: Officers were notified that Nicholas Raithel had a bomb and was threatening to blow up his residence. Several officers surrounded Raithel's home on S.W. Aladdin Street and the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Bomb

Squad was on standby. Police made 30 phone calls to Raithel, to no avail; however, officers were finally able to get Raithel to speak with them where he stated he does not have a bomb, he was upset with his girlfriend after an argument. A search of the home found no evidence of a bomb.



February 10, 2015: Police were dispatched to S.W. Janette Avenue for reports of gunfire and officers found one man shot in the torso along with three other individuals on the scene. The shooting victim was pronounced dead at the hospital. The men were at the home in the garage playing cards and drinking when an argument ensued between the victim and Jose Rivera. Rivera pulled out a handgun and shot at least five rounds toward the group of men, hitting the victim in the torso. Rivera was arrested on murder charges of the victim and was taken to jail on \$30,000 bond.



February 20, 2015: Officers, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Corrections and Probation, launched "Operation Nightfall" which consisted of unscheduled curfew checks on all registered sexual offenders and predators in the City of Port St. Lucie. Two teams of five officers and eight parole and probation officers conducted 16 active status probation sexual offenders homes. This search was done to ensure offenders are not violating their probation status by having pornography, drugs, internet connection to social sites and other restrictions. Once the checks were completed, there were no violations observed.

News and Events

February 27, 2015: The Port St. Lucie Police Department hosted “Tip-A-Cop” to support the Special Olympics. Officers assisted servers at Carrabba’s in St. Lucie West serve customers. 100% of the proceeds collected benefited the Special Olympics Florida.

March 8: Police arrested a 14-year-old boy for criminal attempt to solicit capital felony after his father found a murder-for-hire contract in the boy’s room. The contract was signed by the boy and his friend stating the friend would kill his father, step-mother, and step-brother for \$1,200. The plan was to have the friend come to the home and shoot his family and then the boy would run to a neighbor’s home and have them call 9-1-1. The friend said that he had no intention of killing the boy’s family, as he thought it was a joke.

March 11, 2015: Detectives received information from a citizen that Bryan Spengler was making bombs and fireworks inside his home on S.W. Varsity Lane. Detectives, along with ATF agents and the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad, executed a search warrant where materials to make explosive devices were located. Spengler was arrested on three counts of making, possessing, throwing, projecting, placing, or discharging any destructive device.



April 12, 2015: A bouncer at a bar on S.W. Bayshore Boulevard was set on fire by Ivan Rodriguez after Rodriguez was escorted out of the bar for not paying his tab. A short time later, Rodriguez returned to the bar with a cup of gasoline and threw it on the victim. A patron and the victim tackled Rodriguez to the ground



and ,during the scuffle, Rodriguez ignited a lighter that caught the victim’s clothes on fire. The victim was airlifted to a burn unit in Miami. Rodriguez is still being sought on a warrant for aggravated battery.

April 18, 2015: A man was found deceased on the side of the road on S.W. Sultan Drive. Police found no signs of trauma to the victim; however, investigations revealed that he was at a home on S.W. Bachman Street earlier that evening and he possibly overdosed on drugs. Friends of the victim started to drive him to the hospital, but he was taken out of the car and placed on the side of the road.



May 1, 2015: The Crime Prevention Unit presented the potential dangers of inappropriate social media use and the consequences of cyber-bullying at the Renaissance Charter School at Traditions. Approximately 300 middle school students were addressed.

May 4, 2015: An aggressive dog was shot by a family friend after the dog mauled the elderly owner on S.E. Rich Street. A neighbor requested the owner bring the dog inside the home so she could let her dogs out. As the victim attempted to bring the dog inside, it bit him on the right arm. The victim jumped the fence and went to his neighbor’s home for treatment. The roommate of the victim was pinned down by the dog and the victim ultimately shot the dog in the hind end to stop the attack. The roommate received severe injuries to his arm and was transported to the hospital. Animal Control officers confiscated the dog.

News and Events

May 7, 2015: Police donated 12 pairs of high-end sneakers, seized during a drug investigation, to the St. Lucie County School District to be distributed to students who are in need.



May 7, 2015: Detectives with the Special Investigations Division arrested Aubrey Goings, Daniel Chisolm, Antonio Jimenez, Alexander Jimenez and a 17 year-old female from Lake Worth during an undercover drug bust. The investigation began when undercover detectives bought Marijuana from Goings in mid-April, 2015. Police met Goings in a parking lot on S.W. St. Lucie West Boulevard for a third drug transaction. After the sale was complete, all the occupants in the vehicle were arrested on multiple charges. A search of the suspect's vehicle revealed 494 grams of Marijuana and \$1,000 in cash. The vehicle, cash and Marijuana were seized.



May 13, 2015: Police were called to a home on S.W. Victor Lane regarding reports of shooting activity. The suspect car was occupied by at least three people. Several rounds were fired at the home, where two rounds hit the house and three rounds struck a car parked in the drive-

way. There were five individuals inside the home at the time of the shooting and no injuries were reported.

May 22, 2015: Florida Department of Law Enforcement released the 2014 crime rate statistics. The City of Port St. Lucie showed the lowest crime rate since 2002, when the population was less than 90,000 people. The Police Chief attributed the lowest crime rate in 12 years to the close working relationship and cooperation between police and residents, the use of evidence-based crime reduction strategies, and the follow-up on reported crimes. The clearance rate in Port St. Lucie is 43.2%, while the state-wide average is 26.1%.

June 26, 2015: Detectives arrested Jessy Lucas from Stuart for sexual battery on a victim under the age of 12, possession of child pornography, and production of child pornography. The victim's mother was doing laundry and came across a digital camera in Lucas' slacks with images of her eight year-old nude daughter on the camera. The victim's mother called the police and detectives learned that Lucas touched the victim inappropriately. Lucas admitted to taking the photos.



June 29, 2015: The Port St. Lucie Police Department's Volunteer Program received an honorable mention for Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.



News and Events

July 2, 2015: Police arrested Daniel Diodato for aggravated battery and leaving the scene of an accident after he stabbed a man. The victim took the television from his grandmother's house and Diodato picked up the victim in a van then drove to a parking lot on S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard. The two men had an violent argument



and Diodato retrieved a box cutter and cut the victim in his face, arm, and chest. A female friend attempted break up the fight, but was cut on her chest, as well. As Diodato attempted to flee the scene, the victim entered the van to prevent Diodato from leaving with his grandmother's television. Diodato hit the restaurant sign with the van, causing the victim to become ejected from the van and breaking his leg. Residents called the police and officers stopped Diodato and took him to jail.

July 7, 2015: Police arrested Strona Virgo from West Palm Beach for grand theft and fraud for stealing over \$9,000 worth of merchandise from retail stores throughout the state of Florida. Virgo was given account information and authorization from various accounts to make these purchases.



July 8, 2015: The Police Department held a breakfast fundraiser to support the efforts of the Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County and the Chili Cook-Off Team. The function raised \$1,000 and all proceeds go directly to the Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County.



July 15, 2015: Special Investigations Division Detectives conducted a sting operation at Lily's Spa located on S. U.S. Highway 1. Detectives arrested Dong Chen and Meihua Hu, both of Sunrise, Florida, for solicitation of prostitution and practicing massage therapy without a license.



July 22, 2015: Police were called out to a retail store located on S.W. Village Parkway due to Clarence Ghee throwing clothes and tossing the clothes into the store manager's face. A second store manager told Ghee that she was calling the police and he then took her cell phone and threw it on the ground. Ghee then pushed her in her face and took the store manager's credit card. Ghee was arrested by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office for petit theft in the second degree, and resisting arrest without violence. It was also determined that Ghee and Lillian Baylum were responsible for another local retail theft of over \$615 worth of purses.



News and Events

July 28, 2015: Officers, with the assistance of the United States Marshal Regional Task Force, arrested Daryl Banks for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and assault on the elderly after he pointed a gun at a Process Server. The Process Server for the 19th Judicial Circuit went to S.W. Julien Court to serve Banks with court papers. While the victim waited outside of her car, Banks pulled up in his car and parked inside the garage. The victim approached the front doors of the courtyard to leave the paperwork and Banks approached the victim with a gun pointed at her. The victim hurried back to her vehicle where Banks followed her. The victim called 9-1-1 because she was in fear for her life. Banks told officers that he was afraid for his life and the safety of his family.



July 31, 2015: The Port St. Lucie Police Department is hosting three events for the National Night Out 32nd Anniversary. This program is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships; send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back. On July 31, 2015, a "March against Crime" was held at the Civic Center. August 1, 2015, the Port St. Lucie Police Department held an open house and August 4, 2015, there was a caravan to local neighborhood crime watch block parties.

August 24, 2015: A Port St. Lucie School Resource Officer arrested Aaron Richardson for burglary, petit theft, trespassing on school grounds, and criminal mischief after Richardson broke into Treasure Coast High School. Richardson gained access to the school by jumping over



the security fence then broke into the concession stand near the cafeteria and broke a computer. Richardson stated he broke into the school to find a phone to call his grandmother, and then decided to contact her via Facebook using the school computer, but the computer did not work. He punched the computer out of anger. The cost of damages were valued at approximately \$21,000.

August 28, 2015: A series of lawn equipment thefts occurred in the city beginning on June 15, 2015. The suspects travel throughout the City stealing items such as leaf blowers and lawn trimmers from open bed pickup trucks and trailers.

September 8, 2015: Jeffrey Limerick was arrested on three counts of grand theft, organized scheme to defraud, dealing in stolen property, intent to purchase Marijuana, possession of Marijuana with intent to sell, and possession of more than 20 grams of Marijuana after detectives conducted an undercover sting. Limerick was stealing thousands of dollars worth of commercial lighting equipment from his employer's warehouse in St. Lucie West. An undercover detective was introduced to Limerick, and, after several meetings at Limerick's home, Limerick agreed to sell the lights to the detective. Limerick was also interested in purchasing Marijuana and agreed to buy 1.5 pounds of Marijuana from the undercover detective for \$3,000. Detectives met Limerick in a parking lot on S.W. Becker Road to make the Marijuana sale and lighting exchange. Limerick was arrested and transported to jail.



News and Events

September 10, 2015: Officers were called to the area on N.W. Curtis Street and N.W. Floresta Drive to investigate three men pulling on door handles of cars parked in driveways. An officer noticed a car parked in the roadway and the owner of the car lives in North Carolina. A stolen driver's license was also found in the vehicle that belonged to a female in Port St. Lucie. Officers located four men who each had conflicting stories of why they were in the area. Daquan Houston, Novell Johnson, Liquean Davis and Tafari Knight were arrested for auto burglary.

October 24, 2015: A Stuart man was kidnapped and was driven to the intersection of McCarty and Newell Roads in Port St. Lucie. The suspects shot the victim in the head, stripped the victim of his clothes, robbed him of his money, and left him on the side of the road. A canvas of the area gas stations revealed a possible suspect car where the driver of the vehicle entered the gas station. The shooter is still at large.



November 18, 2015: Detectives arrested Christopher Curtis for shooting a firearm from his vehicle near a crowd that was fighting outside a night club on S.W. Bayshore Boulevard. Curtis fled the scene; however, investigators went to Curtis' place of business and took him into custody.



November 24, 2015: The department started a new initiative that will combat juvenile crime in our community called "STOPlifting". Operation

"STOPlifting" is an educational presentation designed to inform youth in our community about the consequences of committing retail theft.



December 6, 2015: A suspect entered a dollar store on N.W. Prima Vista Boulevard and walked around the business for 10 minutes before he approached the counter to rob the clerk. He pointed a gun at the clerk and demanded she hand over the cash register drawer. The suspect exited the store with the money. The



K-9 track led officers to the corner of the parking lot until the track went cold.

December 11, 2015: Giovanni Sanchez, who won the Florida Lottery, was arrested on outstanding warrants for grand theft, three counts of giving false information to a pawn broker, and three counts of dealing in stolen property.

December 18 and 19, 2015: Police were called to three separate homes due to an unknown suspect(s) knocking on the front door or ringing the door bell then fleeing the area. Two of these incidents involved the suspect using a piece of concrete to break out the front window prior to fleeing the scene.

December 28, 2015: A spree of 28 vandalisms occurred in the city where auto and residential windows were damaged by marbles. The identification of the suspects was discovered through video surveillance at a local retail store. Myles O'Donnell, Spencer Provance, Stephan Fernandez and Frank Rossi were arrested for their parts in these crimes.

Awards and Promotions

Officer of the Quarter

1st Quarter	Officer Daniel Papaleo
2nd Quarter	Officer William Harris and K-9 Oliver
3rd Quarter	Officer Eugene "Robbie" Gibbins and K-9 Dingo
4th Quarter	Officer Joshua Peto

Detective of the Quarter

1st Quarter	Detective Abel Alves
2nd Quarter	Detective Richard Giaccone
3rd Quarter	Detective Sheila LaGrega
4th Quarter	Detective Robert O'Hara

Civilian of the Quarter

1st Quarter	Assistant P.A.L. Director David Hentz
2nd Quarter	School Crossing Guard Jeannie Tabscott
3rd Quarter	Crime Prevention Specialist Stacy Paton
4th Quarter	Administrative Assistant Julie Ault

Volunteer of the Quarter

1st Quarter	Debbie Furlo
2nd Quarter	Richard Fisher and Griffin Deere
3rd Quarter	Clive Niles
4th Quarter	John Thewlis

Brian E. Reuther Award

1st Quarter	Administrator William May
2nd Quarter	n/a
3rd Quarter	n/a
4th Quarter	Senior Sergeant Rodney Dobler

Promotions

Detective Kevin Kaminski to Sergeant
Officer Reece Kilner to Sergeant
Officer Timothy Petronico to Sergeant

Awards and Recognitions

Officer of the Year



Officer Eugene "Robbie" Gibbins

Detective of the Year



Detective Robert O'Hara

Civilian of the Year



Crime Prevention Specialist
Stacy Paton

Volunteer of the Year



Volunteer Clive Niles

Retirements



Officer Gabrielle Conger
April 20, 1998 - August 23, 2015



Officer Erika Derouin
September 26, 2012 - June 5, 2015



Sergeant Paul Grohowski
May 13, 2002 - January 29, 2015



Juvenile Services Specialist
Alice Kenyon
March 29, 2005 - March 31, 2015



Records Specialist Margaret Mathison
April 21, 1997 - July 31, 2015

Special Events



Explorer's Graduation



Officer Lawler teaching RADkids



Summer of Safety Event



National Night Out

Police Department Open House



Fire Chief, Chief Deputy Wilson and Chief Bolduc at 9-1-1 Memorial Event at the Civic Center



Bowl for Kids Sake

Special Events



Proclamation at City Council Meeting for National Night Out



Trick-or-Treating at the Police Department



Officers involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run



Officer Knaggs speaking with students at Southport Middle School Career Day



Officer Camara assisting bike riders during National Bike to School Day



Staff members and Explorers at the "Shop with a Cop" Event



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