



POLICE DEPARTMENT

# PORT ST. LUCIE POLICE DEPARTMENT



# ANNUAL REPORT

2022

SERVING THE CITIZENS OF PORT ST. LUCIE FOR  
OVER FOUR DECADES



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# City of Port St. Lucie's Mission Statement

To Provide Exceptional Municipal Services that are Responsive to Our Community while Planning for Smart and Balanced Growth that is Managed in a Financially Responsible Manner.



**Shannon M. Martin**  
Mayor



**Jolien Caraballo, Vice Mayor**  
District 4 Councilwoman



**Stephanie Morgan**  
District 1 Councilwoman



**David Pickett**  
District 2 Councilman



**Anthony Bonna**  
District 3 Councilman



**Russ Blackburn**  
City Manager

# PSLPD's Message



Dear Citizens of Port St. Lucie,

Each year as the Port St. Lucie Police Department prepares strategic initiatives and the upcoming budget, challenges are identified that the agency will face in the upcoming year as well as future years. Many of the issues we face take multiple years to address, so early identification and planning are paramount.

In 2019, we identified the proposed growth in Tradition as a challenge which would need to be addressed with a multi-year approach. The City Council responded to this request and approved a five-year plan to staff District Five, with a phased approach to hiring the police officers and supervisors necessary to effectively and efficiently patrol this emerging area of our City.

The agency initially added patrol officers to the area in a Patrol Zone, which had been added to the existing District Three. This year, we will establish the Patrol Zones in District Five, using data analysis of calls for service, as well as carefully following the planned development. This process will need to remain fluid, as the development plan is continually evolving and changing. It is exciting to prepare for additions to our community like large distribution centers, planned communities, multi-family living complexes, and enhanced retail opportunities. The department is looking forward to the challenge.

Another significant challenge has been the evolution of policing since the Covid-19 pandemic and the civil unrest following the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. There have been calls for police reform, and frankly, many police departments across the nation, are in need of change. The Port St. Lucie Police Department is accredited by both the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, which ensure our polices and procedures are up to date and reflect a commitment to excellence. The sub-standard practices which have made the headlines over the past year, were abandoned years ago by professional accredited agencies.

But the job of a police officer is getting more difficult every year. The introduction of new technology into our lives is moving at a faster pace now, more than it ever has in history. New technology, emerging social issues, and increased accountability all require the modern police officer to be highly trained and educated. We have identified regular advanced training as an area we can and should improve on. The City Council has committed to building the Police Department a new state of the art training facility on our campus. This will allow officers to train more often, and more effectively, in the coming years.

We will remain committed to keeping Port St. Lucie one of the Safest Communities in the country and continue to address quality-of-life issues with exceptional customer service.

In closing, thank you to the City Council and the Citizens of Port St. Lucie for your continued support of the department and all of our employees. Without your partnership, the City of Port St. Lucie would not be what it is today, a safe place to live, learn, work, and play.



## 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 Statement

### ***Protecting and Preserving Constitutional Rights***

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

### ***Service to Our Community***

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

### ***Accountability***

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

### ***Ethical and Moral Conduct***

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

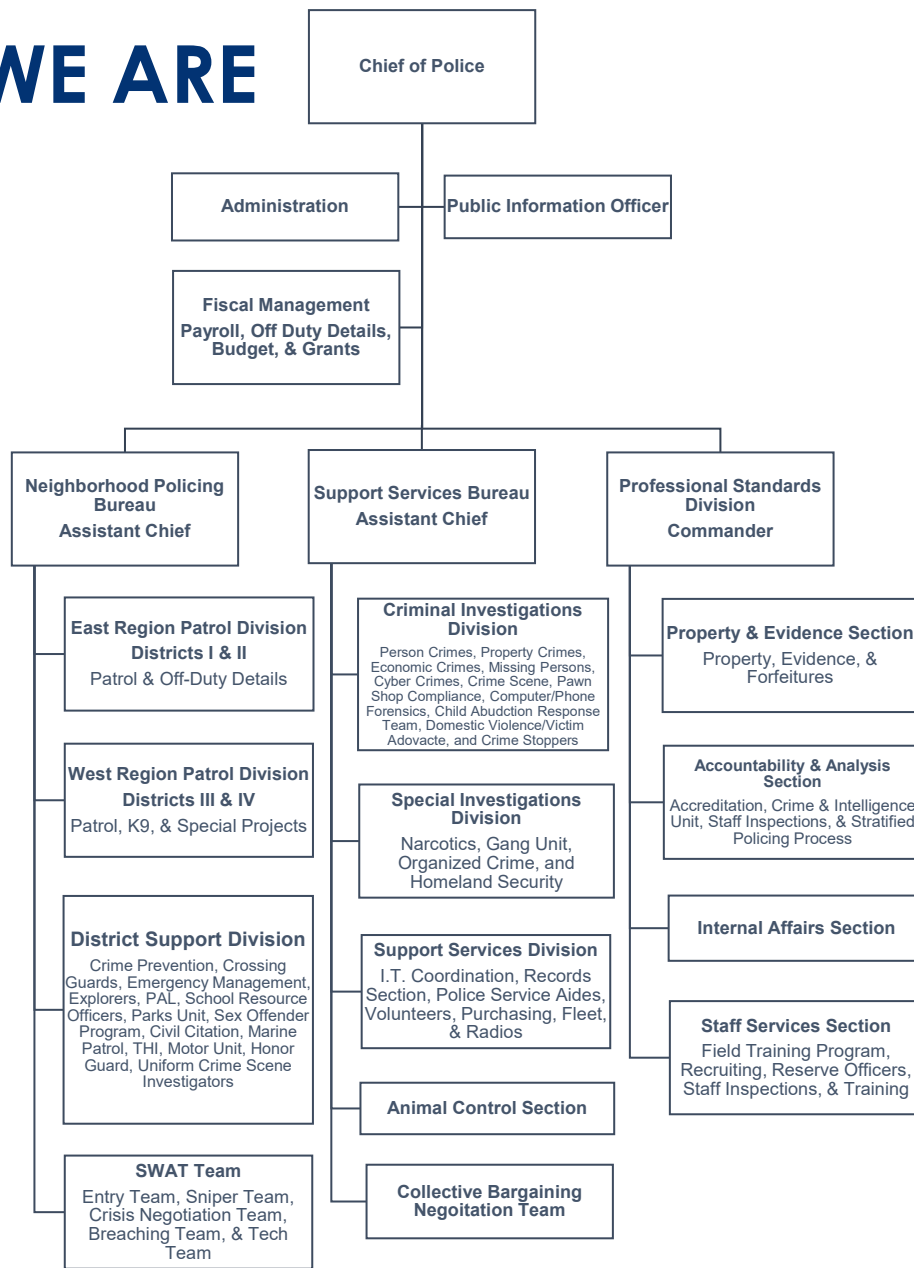
### ***Respect for People***

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

### ***Empowerment***

The Port St. Lucie Police Department believes that it will achieve excellence through the active participation of its employees in the development and implementation of policies, programs and services.

# WHO WE ARE



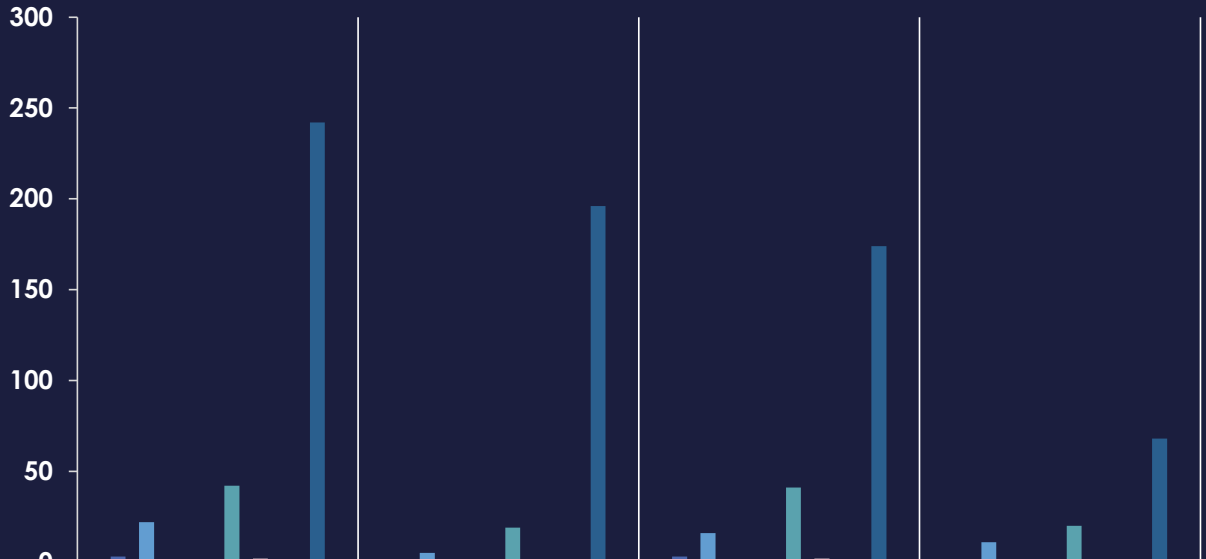
Actual Staffing as of January 2023:	
Sworn (Full-Time)	261.0
Sworn (Part-Time)	0.0
Civilian (Full-Time)	70.0
Civilian (Part-Time)	2.0
Subtotal Staffing	333

Degree	Count	%
Associates Degrees	62	18.62%
Bachelors Degrees	110	33.03%
Masters Degrees	30	9.01%
Doctorate(s)	0	0.00%
High School / GED	131	39.34%
Total PSLPD Employees	333	100.0%

Sworn & Civilian Age Range	Count	%
20-29	74	22.22%
30-39	87	26.13%
40-49	86	25.83%
50-59	71	21.32%
60-69	13	3.90%
70-79	1	0.30%
80-89	1	0.30%
Total	333	100.00%

# PSLPD'S DEMOGRAPHICS

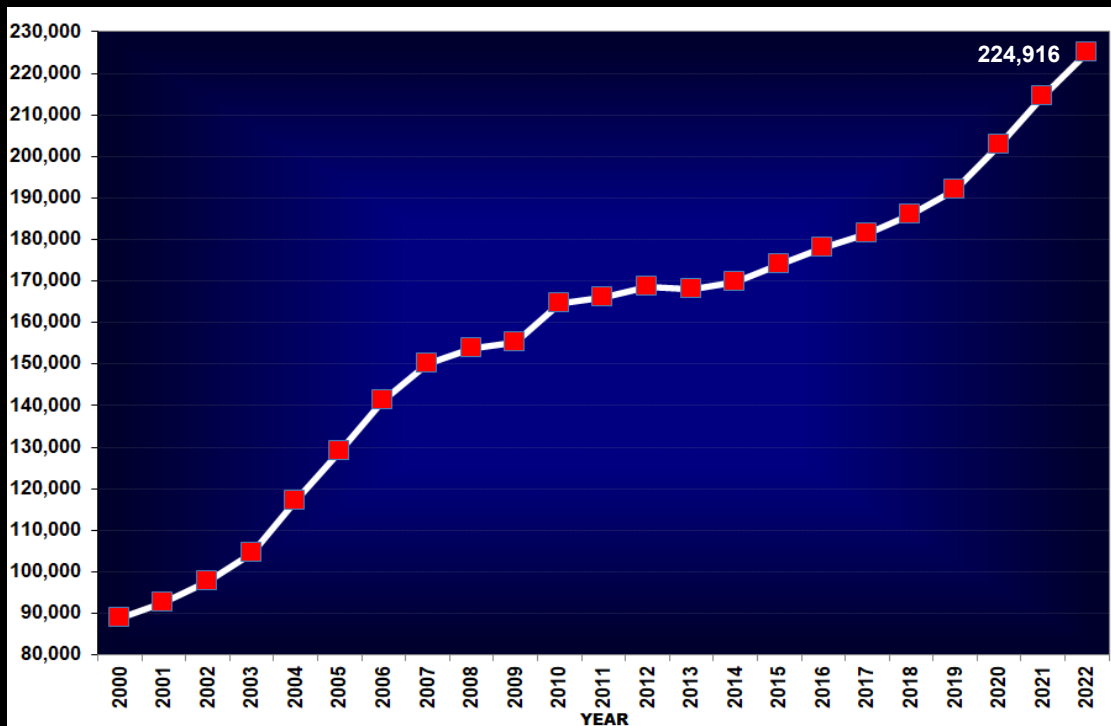
## PSLPD'S ETHNICITY & GENDER



	Sworn	Non-Sworn	Male	Female
Asian	3	1	3	1
African American	22	5	16	11
Haitian	0	0	0	0
Egyptian	1	0	1	0
Hispanic	42	19	41	20
Native American	2	1	2	1
West Indian	1	0	1	0
White	242	196	174	68

## Citywide Population Growth

Years 2000 – 2022 (153.4% Increase)



# Port St. Lucie Police Department's Leadership

The PSLPD is led by the Chief of Police and consists of the following two bureaus and one Division: Neighborhood Policing, Support Services, and Professional Standards. Each bureau is managed by an Assistant Chief and the Professional Standards Division is overseen by a Commander under the guise of the Chief of Police. The agency has six Commanders, ten Lieutenants, one Administration/Operations Manager, and two Administrators.



**John A. Bolduc**

Chief of Police



**Richard R. Del Toro, Jr.**

Assistant Chief  
Neighborhood Policing  
Bureau



**William B. Vega**

Assistant Chief  
Support Services  
Bureau



**Marc DiMeo**

Professional Standards  
Commander



**Kacey Donnell**

Criminal  
Investigations Division  
Commander



**Carmine Izzo**

Special  
Investigations Division  
Commander



**Leo Niemczyk**

District Support  
Division  
Commander



**Michelle Steele**

Neighborhood Policing  
Bureau  
Commander



**Michael Swanchak**

Neighborhood  
Policing Bureau  
Commander





**Michael Beath**

Lieutenant



**Brint Black**

Lieutenant



**Kevan Carmichael**

Lieutenant



**Keith Boham**

Lieutenant



**Matthew Cuba**

Lieutenant



**Robert Fonteyn**

Lieutenant



**J. Darin Howie**

Lieutenant



**Jesse Inigo**

Lieutenant



**Brian Kenny**

Lieutenant



**Joseph Norkus**

Lieutenant



**Abraham Alvarez**

Fiscal Management Administrator



**Lisa Brown**

Animal Control Administrator



**Bill May**

Operations & Administration Manager

# Port St. Lucie Police Department's Goal 1: Safe, Clean & Beautiful Initiatives

## Strategic Initiative: Improve Safety & Remain One of Florida's Safest Large Cities

### FY 2022/23 Priority Project-Police District 5 Implementation:

The City of Port St. Lucie was ranked as the #2 in the safest place to live within the United States in 2022-2023 according to U.S. News and World Report.

Staffing District 5 was directed to be completed within five years and is currently on target.

The recruitment of five additional officers is in the process of being recruited in FY 22/23, five patrol officers and six Sergeants will be recruited in FY 23/24. Additionally, vehicles, uniforms, computer, weapons, and equipment will need to be purchased and supplied to these new officers.

District 5 became partially operational on October 8, 2022. Two out of the four patrol zones were staffed on all three shifts. These Zones are currently supervised by the District 3 Sergeant, Shift Lieutenant, and Western Regional Commander until the supervisory FTEs are approved in the FY 23/24 budget and filled. The two additional zones will be filled in FY 23/24 when the FTEs are approved, and the Zones are built out by the developers.

### A New Vision for Safety



### Traffic, Bicycle, Pedestrian Safety and Education:

This project will determine through traffic crash analysis the locations and factors in the City which result in the highest concentration of traffic crashes resulting in death or serious bodily injury and develop a strategic multi-disciplinary strategy

to reduce and/or eliminate serious traffic crashes. There are 13 emphasis areas identified in the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan which should be the focus of targeted overarching strategies and actions which are engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency response (the "4 Es") to reduce fatalities and serious injuries in each emphasis area. We will utilize per the following: the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan to identify and organize overarching strategies to reflect best practices and the most effective tactics and strategies to address each emphasis area.

- Focus on Traffic Safety Education at the St. Lucie County Safety Festival, which included having citizens utilize the distracted driving simulator.
- The department continues outreach efforts with media outlets regarding High Visibility Enforcement to Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety. As a result, several media channels continue to showcase our department regarding the efforts we have taken to educate drivers on the dangers of aggressive driving and pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- Partnered with Communications and launched an educational initiative at the Citizens Summit. The department received feedback from residents on traffic safety initiatives. Additionally, the driving simulator was utilized to interact with residents on the topics of speeding and distracted driving.
- The Police Department collaborated with the Multimodal Team to address engineering of roadways to improve safety.
- 25 MPH Speed Limit Reduction initiative, where City Council approved to change the speed limit in residential areas from 30 MPH to 25 MPH. Public Works continues to install new speed limit signs citywide.
- Department of Justice awarded the City with a micro-grant for the Model Traffic Stop Driver Education program, that started in 2022 at local high schools.
- Traffic citations and warnings issued for FY 21/22 totaled 49,326, which is a slight decrease from FY 20/21 at 53,591.

In response to our resident's growing concerns about traffic safety and aggressive driving, our agency was awarded the Community Oriented Policing Grant. As a result, a new position, Model Traffic Stop Coordinator, was created in 2020 and is overseen by our District Support Division.

Luckily, the COPS Community Policing Development (CPD) Micro-Grant totaled \$98,174. The program is fully implemented and taught to tenth graders in high school. The coordinator focuses on educating teenage drivers on safety protocols, implications of aggressive driving, traffic laws, and providing young drivers techniques on lowering their stress during a traffic stop. This will ensure positive encounters when interacting with the officer.



The program is dedicated to School Resource Officer Steven Brown, who passed away from a heart attack. This honor showcases the positive engagement our officers and the youth within our community have today because of dedicated officers, such as Officer Brown.

In 2022, the Model Traffic Stop Coordinator received the green light to roll out this new program within the public high schools of St. Lucie County for tenth graders, who will be new drivers on the road. The educational tools provided to our youth was well received and we look forward to presenting the Model Traffic Stop program for many years to come.

# STRATEGIC INITIATIVE 3: PRIORITY PROJECT: POLICE TRAINING FACILITY



Of the top 15 populated cities in Florida, PSLPD is the only agency without a training facility or shooting range. Currently, any in-house training provided to sworn personnel is limited by space or is conducted in Fort Pierce at the I.R.S.C. Complex based on advanced scheduling for firearms qualification.

To keep pace with the City's growth, the proposed PSLPD Training facility will be constructed. The proposed facility is estimated at 28,000 square feet for the first floor and 13,500 square feet for the proposed potential second floor which will also incorporate an indoor Shooting Range.

**COST & FUNDING:** \$13,226,000 allocated in C.I.P. Budget. Estimated cost is nearing \$41 million.

- Bond Funding totaled \$14 million and must be expended by 2024.
- Feasibility Study completed.
- Development of Request for Qualifications and design process is underway.
- FY 2023 Update: Request for Qualifications received and Site Plan submission to Planning and Zoning.
- Site Plan approved January 23, 2023.
- Contract proposal has been received and will be discussed by the Training Facility Committee.

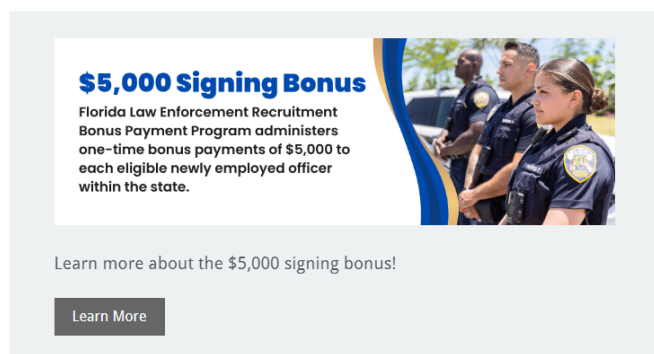
# PSLPD'S GOALS & OBJECTIVES: RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

1. The Department's goal is to recruit qualified applicants who reflect the demographics of the community.
2. The objective is to hire the most qualified applicants from the available applicant pool.
3. Create a process which attracts a diverse pool of applicants to fill vacancies which is thorough enough to ensure we only hire the best applicants.

## RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

- IRSC Invasion and Academy Track Program Police Academy Visits and Job Fairs
- Community Events
- Additional College Visits to Florida Memorial University and Bethune-Cookman University
- Advertising and Enhanced Marketing
- Working with Communications to Establish a Current Web-Based Police Department Application
- Update Brochures and add URL Codes for Easy Recruiting Information
- Simplify the On-boarding Process

Join the PSLPD! Be a part of Port St. Lucie's finest!



**\$5,000 Signing Bonus**  
Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program administers one-time bonus payments of \$5,000 to each eligible newly employed officer within the state.

Learn more about the \$5,000 signing bonus!

[Learn More](#)

— COMPETITIVE STARTING SALARY —  
**\$55,156-\$65,971**  
AS OF OCT. 2023 SALARY RANGE WILL INCREASE  
**\$55,708 - \$66,631**

\*Dependent on qualifications. Florida Recruitment Bonus Payment up to \$5,000.

If you are interested in joining one of the top agencies in the country and you possess the courage to be committed to the community you serve, consider a rewarding career by joining the ranks of the dedicated men and women of the Port St. Lucie Police Department. We are seeking courageous individuals of high moral standards. We offer a competitive salary and a substantial benefits package.

## Budgeted Positions for FY 22-23

### SWORN POSITIONS:

- 1 Body Worn Camera Coordinator/Officer
- 1 Criminal Investigations Division Lieutenant
- 1 Special Investigations Division Lieutenant
- 1 District Support Lieutenant
- 4 Major Crimes Detectives
- 1 Sex/Internet Crimes Against Children Detective
- 5 Neighborhood Policing Bureau Patrol Officers

### CIVILIAN POSITIONS:

- 1 Redaction Coordinator-Body Worn Camera
- 2 Civilian Background Investigators
- 1 District Support Administrative Assistant

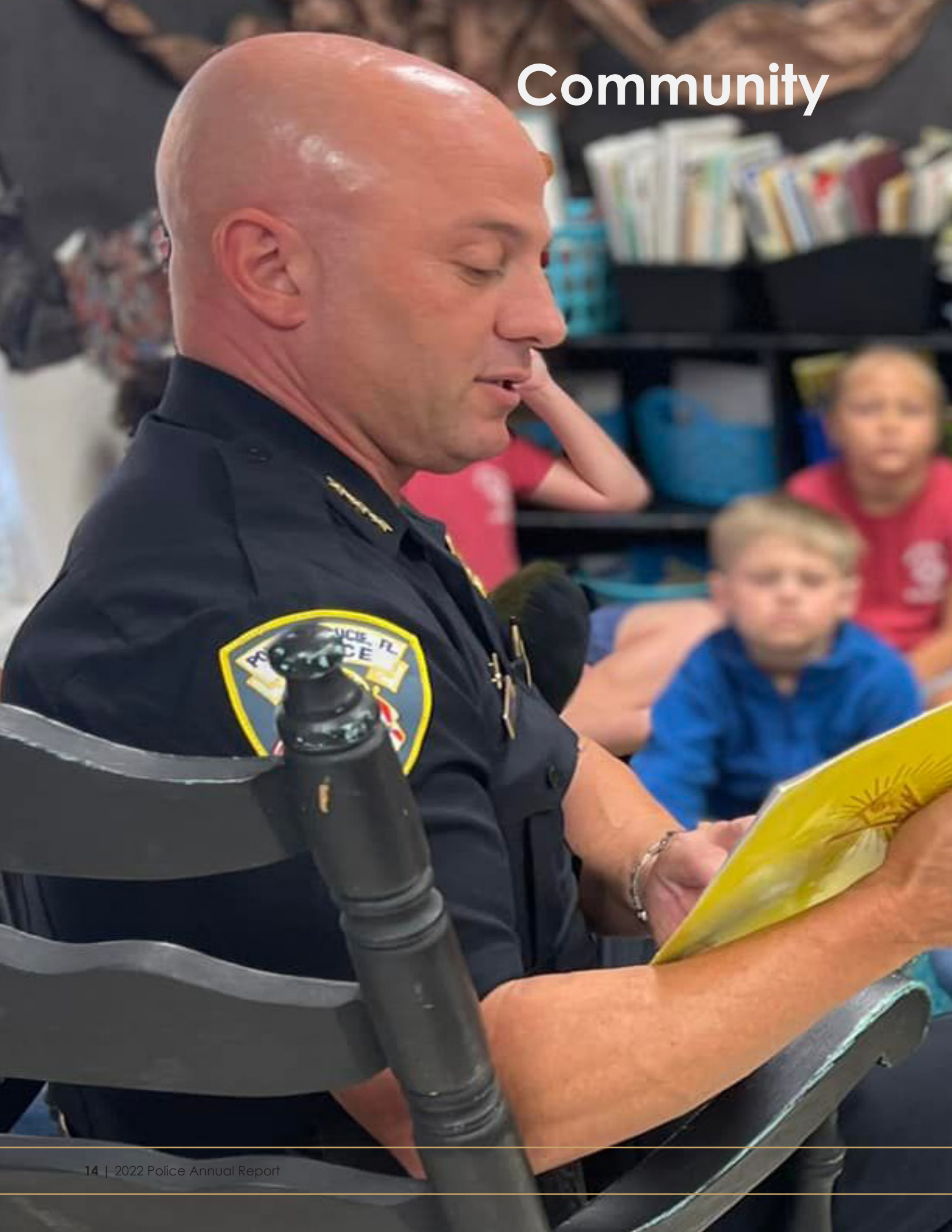
FY 21-22 & FY 22-23

HIRED 43 OFFICERS

HIRED 15 CIVILIANS

HIRED 10 CROSSING GUARDS

# Community



# Connections

The Port St. Lucie Police Department believes in the importance of establishing positive partnerships with our residents. As a law enforcement agency, engaging and connecting with the community is essential to help fight to keep our crime rates lower. Strong community-based policing requires effective relationships between police, community members, and an environment that promotes safety.



# Public Information Stats

## FACEBOOK

Number of posts: 513

Post impressions (Number of times posts on your page appeared on someone's screen): 16,576,642

Post reach (Number of people who saw your posts): 15,644,536

Posts with most reactions: 11,373 (PSLPD light show video)

Post with most impressions: 997,572 (PSLPD light show video)

Post with highest reach: 954,738 (PSLPD light show video)

Post with highest engagement: 41.19% (Suspect arrested after stealing truck, crashing, and running from officers)

New followers: 9,920

## INSTAGRAM

Number of posts: 205

Post impressions: 243,701

Post reach: 202,592

Post with most likes: 498 (PSLPD'S light show video)

Post with most impressions: 2,558 (Today is Women's Equality Day! PSLPD'S honors and celebrates the achievements and advancements of our women officers, civilian staff, and volunteers.)

Post with highest reach: 5,595 (PSLPD'S light show video)

Post with highest engagement: 23.36% (After 20 years of service, Officer Don Paris signed off today and went "10-7" for the final time!)

New followers: 1,025



Happy Christmas Eve!  
Watch and Enjoy our  
PSLPD Police Car Holiday  
Light Show!



19-Year-Old Suspect  
Arrested after Stealing  
& Crashing, & Running  
from Officers.

## Top Feel Good News Story of 2022



Mr. Smith took his dog for a walk near the lake in the 100 Block of S.W. Twig Avenue when his electric wheelchair lost traction, causing him to slide down the bank and flip off his wheelchair into the lake.

Mr. Smith began to yell for help as he could not swim and struggled to stay afloat. Then, sensing his owner was in trouble, his dog started to bark, which alerted two bystanders across the street. The bystanders rushed over to the lake and flagged down Officer Doty, who was driving on Airoso Boulevard.

Officer Doty exited his patrol vehicle and observed Mr. Smith was submerged up to his neck in the water. The two bystanders and Officer Doty worked together to pull him out of the water and up the bank. Mr. Smith received medical attention on the scene and returned home. Due to his electric wheelchair being damaged from falling in the water, Officer Doty and the St. Lucie County Fire District assisted by pushing him back to his house. We are thankful for Mr. Smith's dog and the two bystanders that helped save his life! And as the saying remains true...A man's best friend is his dog.

Luckily, Mr. Smith received support from the community to purchase a new electric scooter.





# Budget Stats

## FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 APPROVED BUDGET

<b>\$47,762,896</b>	Salaries & Benefits
<b>\$9,606,167</b>	Operating Expenses
<b>\$1,025,000</b>	Capital Outlay
<b>\$58,394,063</b>	Budget Total



# 8.44%

Budget Increase from Fiscal Year 21/22, equating to a difference of \$4,546,539

## Grants

### Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$255,299

This grant covers our Victim Advocate Unit (salaries, benefits, and approved expenses) to allow them to help victims of crime within the City of Port St. Lucie.

### Justice Assistant Grant County Local (JAGC) - \$29,799

This grant is to fund costs associated with law enforcement technology (leasing of license plate recognition cameras) within the City of Port St. Lucie.

### Justice Assistant Grant – Federal (JAG) - \$21,609

This grant is to fund a Situational Crime Prevention (SCP) research project within the City for the purpose of combating retail theft. In addition, the grant will fund law enforcement technology to lease additional license plate recognition cameras for use within the City of Port St. Lucie.

### Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) - \$439,074

This 3-year grant will fund an Overdose Intervention Diversion Detective (OIDD). The purpose of this grant is to expand its efforts to establish an enhanced response to opioid abuse occurring within the City whereby the Detective can connect victims and families to community partners.

### HERO'S (Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support Program) - \$28,128

The HERO'S program is run through the Florida Department of Health to provide free naloxone (Narcan) to emergency response agencies. The grant total reflects the value of the Narcan provided to the Police Department since the inception of the Florida Health program in 2018, over 500,000 doses have been provided through the HERO'S program to 385 emergency response agencies in Florida.

## Payroll & Extra Duty Employment

The Payroll Department performs specialized work responsible for coordinating and processing of payroll for the entire Police Department that consists of 10 police divisions (31% of the City's employees, 438 employees) as well as all administrative and financial functions associated with the Extra Duty Employment of sworn Officers.

# Professional Standards Accountability & Analysis Section

- Crime & Intelligence Analysis
- Accreditation
- Staff Inspections
- Stratified Policing
- Strategic Plan



**89**

Modified Policies & Procedures

**19**

Form Changes or New Forms Implemented

**5**

Staff Inspections & Follow-Up Inspections

**333**

Department Policies & Procedures  
Accreditation Manager Responsible to update/  
Ensure Compliance

**595**

Crime & Analysis Bulletins Disseminated

**7**

Training Topics Covered

**20**

Training Briefs Created

**606**

Police Officer Applications Received

**34**

Police Officers Hired

**1,416**

Non-Sworn Applications Received

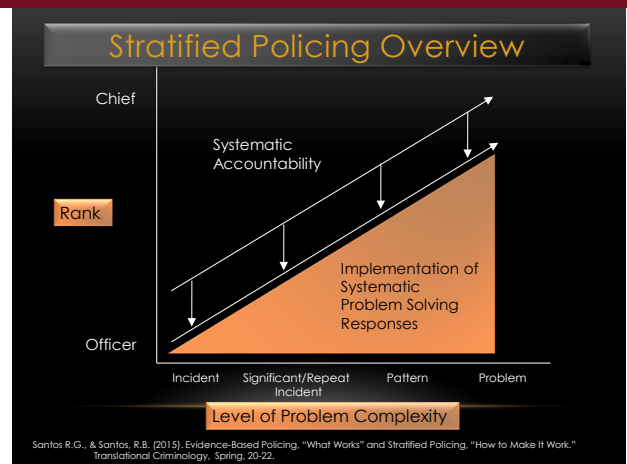
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Non-Sworn Staff Hired

The Recruitment Staff attended six job fairs and various academies throughout the state to find the best candidates for the agency.

## PSLPD, An Accredited Agency

The accreditation body is Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The Port St. Lucie Police Department is the 193rd law enforcement agency in the United States and the first in St. Lucie County to become nationally accredited. The department successfully achieved national re-accreditation in 1996. In the following year, 1997, the department received accredited status through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). The department has most recently been re-accredited in 2020 from CALEA and 2022 from CFA.



## Staff Services Section

- Training
- Recruitment
- Background Investigations
- Hiring
- Body Cameras
- Special Projects

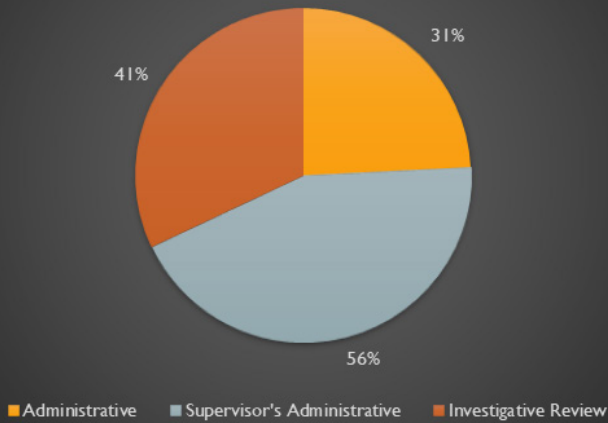


# Internal Affairs Administrative Investigations

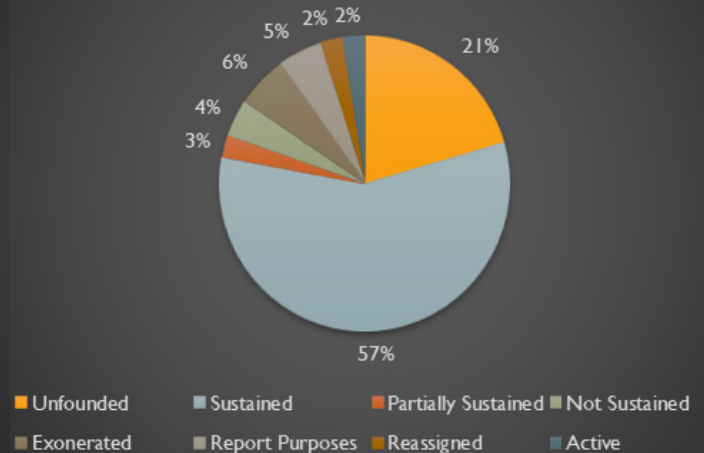
During the year 2022, 126 total complaints were received by the Internal Affairs Section. These complaints are separated into categories to include Administrative, Supervisor's Administrative and Investigative Review. There were 31 Administrative Complaints, which are formal Internal Affairs Investigations. A total of 55 Supervisor's Administrative Complaints, supervisor-initiated complaints, and 40 Investigative Reviews, which are complaints that did not require a formal investigation, were also received.

**Definitions of Case Findings: Unfounded:** The allegation was false or no credible evidence to support complaint. **Exonerated:** Incident occurred, but actions were lawful/no violation to policies. **Not Sustained:** Investigation did not disclose evidence to prove/disprove allegation. **Sustained:** Allegation is supported by evidence.

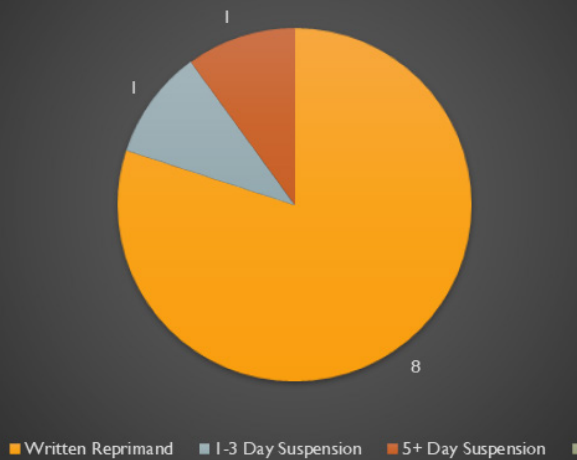
### Types of Complaints



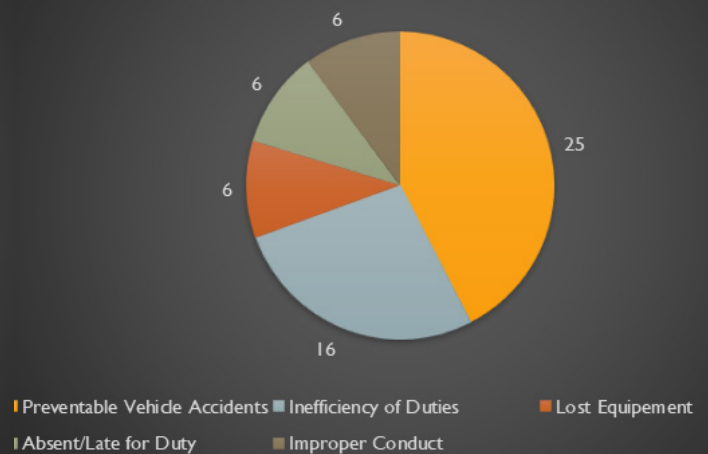
### Complaint Dispositions



### Employee Discipline Notices



### Supervisor Conferences



## Property & Evidence

- 7,659 Pieces Submitted
- 3,108 Cases Established
- 9,241 Pieces Purged
- 3,114 Cases Purged
- 398 Cases Picked Up by Property Owners
- 865 Requests to Pull Items
- Completed security upgrades to high liability vaults which provide control & accountability.

- The evidence conference room was remodeled and has the capability to allow Zoom/Teams meetings for evidence viewings. State Attorneys no longer need to be present on site to attend viewings.
- A New driver license submission/destruction procedure implemented that provides a documented process for the destruction of seized driver licenses. 650 driver's licenses were processed/ destroyed.
- Over 250 sexual assault investigations were reviewed to determine if the Sexual Assault Kits

- qualified to be sent for testing under F.S.S. Out of those investigations, 47 kits were submitted to the crime lab. The Evidence Section is in full compliance with F.S.S. All current kits are sent to the lab within 30 days and entered in the Track-it database.
- The C.S.I. latent print backlog project is completed. The C.S.I. Section had previously stored/archived latent prints within their processing lab. Evidence processed & stored over 2,400 latent prints.

# Neighborhood Policing Bureau



## POLICE DISTRICTS

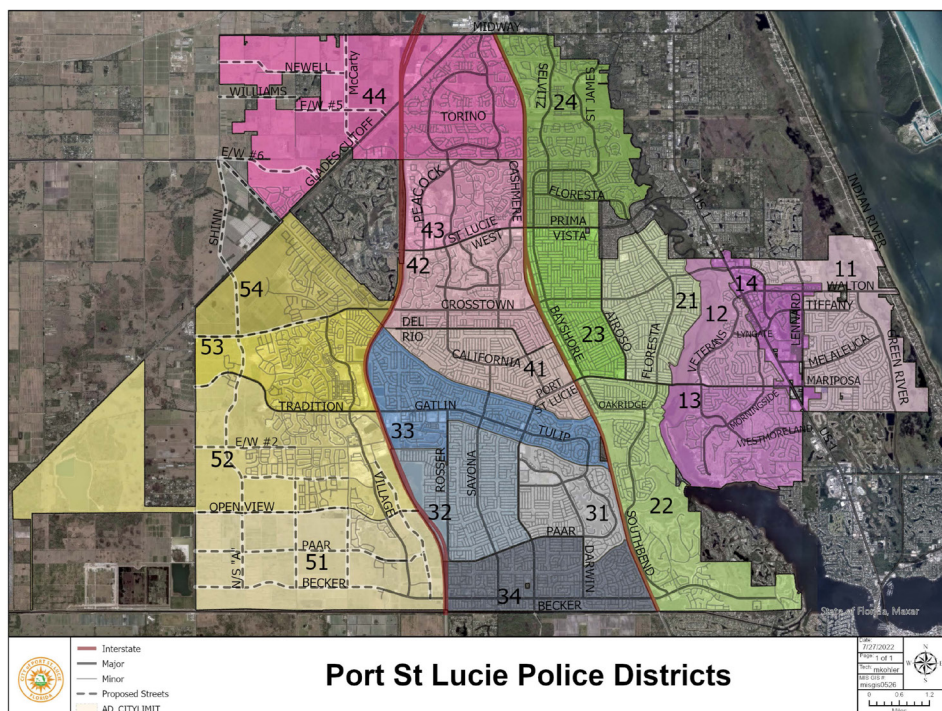
**District 1:** Boundaries are in the eastern region of the city, south of Village Green Drive, north of Port St. Lucie Boulevard, east of Veteran's Memorial Parkway and west of Green River Parkway.

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

**District 3:** Is bordered by the Florida Turnpike on the east, I-95 on the west, C-24 canal to the north and the Martin County line on the south.

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

**District 5:** Boundaries include south of Glades Cutoff and Range Line on the west, I-95 on the east, and the Martin County line on the south.



The PSLPD is proud to introduce a communication card to help our Police Officers and citizens with hearing loss communicate effectively during potential traffic stops.



If you would like to obtain a communication card, please stop by the Port St. Lucie Police Department, and we would be happy to share this pertinent information with anyone who requests a card.

## Uniformed Patrol

- 783** 1PSL & Citizen Requests for Service
- 77,197** Total Calls for Service
- 0:05:84** Response Times Priority 1 Calls in Minutes

## K9 Unit

- 372** Utilizations
- 39** Apprehensions
- 41** Public Demonstrations
- 8** Call Outs
- 88** Narcotic/E.O.D. & Contraband Detected/Located
- 2** New K9 Handlers Selected and K9's Purchased and Trained
- 84** Tracks
- 50** Building Searches
- 137** Tactical Assists
- 5** K9 Partnerships

## SWAT Team

- 22** High Risk Search Warrants Served
- 34** Total SWAT Activations
- 17** SWAT Schools Completed
- 6** Public Demonstrations
- 2** Security Details
- 2** Dignitary Protection
- 2** Armed Barricaded Incidents
- 333** Drone Deployments (Crime Scene, Traffic Monitoring, Demonstrations, Missing Persons)
- 1st & 4th** Place at International Sniper Craft Competition

# District Support Division



The District Support Division is comprised of several sections, which consists of Civil Citations, Crime Prevention, Crossing Guards, Emergency Management, Explorers, Honor Guard, Marine Patrol, Model Traffic Stop Program, Motor Unit, Parks Unit, Police Athletic League, School Resource Officer Program, Traffic Homicide Investigators, and the Traffic Unit.

In 2022, the District Support Division is involved in juvenile-based enforcement and prevention initiatives to create a positive police-community relationship. The citizens' quality of life is enhanced based on our programs because it creates a safe environment for our at-risk youth who have a purpose while participating in these activities.

**Operation Stop-Lifting**

**Shop with a Cop**

**radKIDS**

**Explorer Post 411**

**Truancy**

**Hero's & Helpers**

**Police Athletic League**

**Model Traffic Stop Program**



**Crime Prevention** is a vital component to the District Support Section. Our full-time Crime Prevention Specialist notifies our community of "Hot Spots" where criminal activity may have heightened in one particular section of the City. Additionally, the specialist oversees Partner's Against Crime, Alert Saint Lucie, and visits residents' homes, at the owner's request, to conduct security checks and provide recommendations to elevate their safety. As well, the Crime Prevention Specialist attends Homeowners Association Meetings and local community events to provide crime prevention tips and how to protect themselves against victimization from burglary, fraud, and identity theft.

The PSLPD is proud to host **Community Events** that occur throughout the year as we connect with our residents in a carefree and favorable manner. These events include Summer of Safety, Hurricane Expo, National Bike to School Day, National Walk to School Day, National Night Out, PSLPD's Open House, Pink Heels Breast Cancer Event, Public Shred Events, Special Olympics, Tip A Cop, just a to name a few.



The **Port St. Lucie Police Athletic League** is a proactive program that helps offer our local youth interaction with police officers and other adults to create positive influences in their impressionable lives. PAL is responsible for building character, as they are engaged in programs that promote constructive educational, and meaningful experiences. PAL offers the following classes:

**radKIDS Karate    Boxing    Drum Line    PAL Voice Choir    Paddle Board**  
**PAL Leadership Classes    Junior Police Academy    Free Fishing Clinics**  
**Winter & Summer Baseball Camps    Self-Defense & Empowerment Classes**



Our five **School Resource Officers** are simply the best! The SRO's cover the community's three public high schools, and two charter schools. Our officers provide more than just enforcement and prevention of crimes on school campuses. They also act as mentors, develop educational tools regarding crime prevention, and conduct security inspection to deter criminal or inappropriate activities.



The **Explorer Post 411** is composed of both youth and adults seeking to empower the next generation by offering an insight into the world of policing for those who may be interested in a career in law enforcement. The Explorer Advisors are made up of sworn officers within our department.



The agency's six **Parks Officers** are joint funded through Parks & Recreation to ensure a safe and secure environment is maintained so families and children can continue to enjoy outside leisure activities. As well, two of the officers are assigned to Truancy-related issues. The **Truancy Officers** work with students and their families to resolve truancy issues.



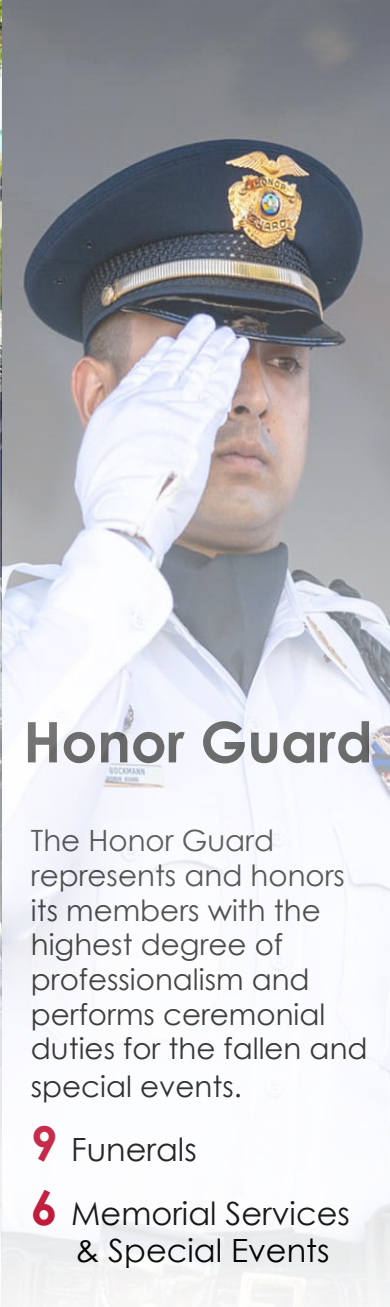
The **Crossing Guard Unit** has one supervisor and 40 seasonal part-time guards who are assigned to 66 posts and 19 schools within the City. These guards also assist with traffic control at special events.





## Bike Unit

Bicycle patrol is used for special events and targeted problem areas. The unit is an effective and proactive force in crime prevention, detection, and enforcement.



## Honor Guard

The Honor Guard represents and honors its members with the highest degree of professionalism and performs ceremonial duties for the fallen and special events.

- 9** Funerals
- 6** Memorial Services & Special Events



## Marine Unit

- 187** Patrol Hours
- 42** Boating Citations
- 32** Written Warnings
- 17** Complaints



## Traffic & Motor Units

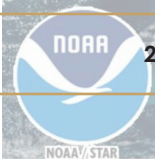
- 8** Traffic Officers
- 527** Complaints
- 49,326** Citations & Written Warnings
- 5,488** Crashes
- 12** Traffic Fatalities

## Emergency Management

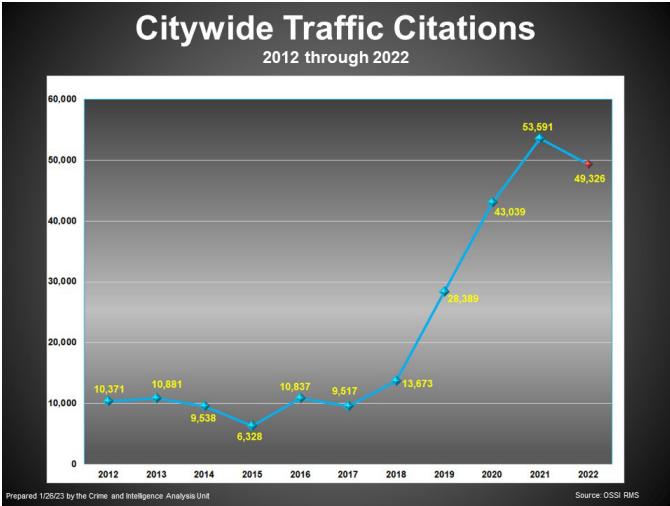
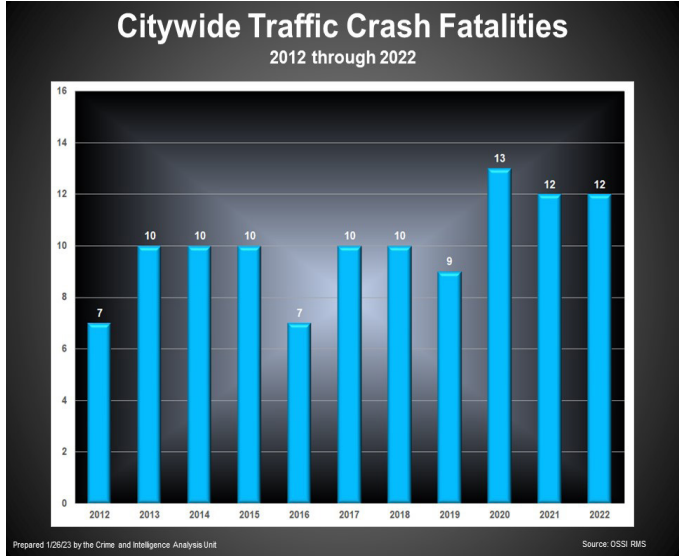
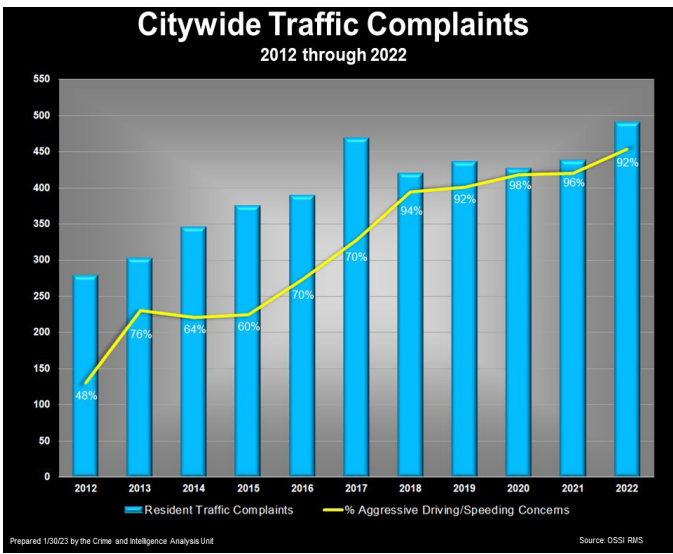
Emergency Management is made up of one Sergeant, one Police Officer, and one Criminal Investigations Division Detective. The team is required to keep current on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training by attending year round training. The team must be ready to act in any case of natural disaster, to include, Nuclear Power Plant malfunctions, tropical disturbances, and fires. Additionally, our team works closely with the City of Port St Lucie Emergency Management Division.

In 2022, the City of Port St. Lucie experienced two such tropical disturbances, Hurricane Ian and Tropical Storm/Hurricane Nicole. During the incidents, the Emergency Management Team is assigned as the liaisons with the St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center, covering the post from the onset of these natural disasters, until the incident is declared over. Thankfully, our area did not receive substantial damage, however, one resident did lose their life after being electrocuted due to a fallen power line and minor flooding was reported.

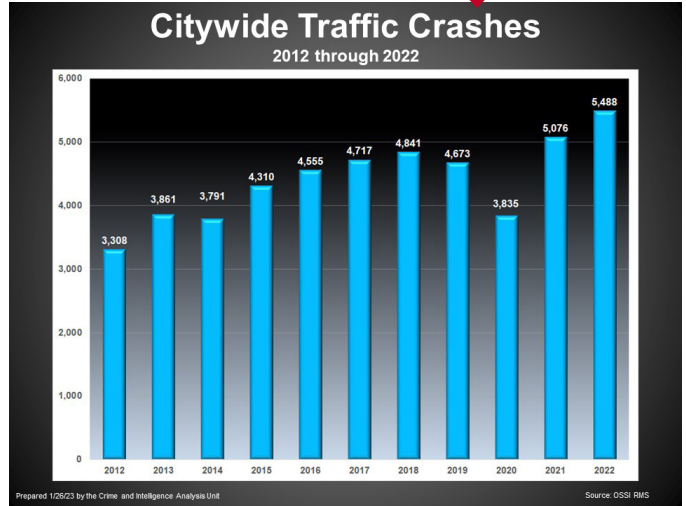
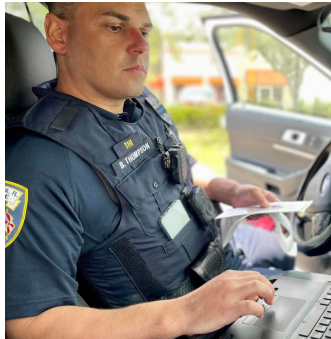
Picture is of Hurricane Nicole, found on NOAA's website.







Port St. Lucie is 10 below Florida's average and 6 below the National average for traffic fatalities.



# Support Services Bureau

## Animal Control



<b>7,247</b>	Calls for Service	<b>9,279</b>	Phone Calls & Walk-ins Assisted
<b>1,813</b>	Animals Impounded	<b>3,238</b>	Licenses Issued
<b>2,557</b>	Cases Investigated	<b>1</b>	Homeowner's Association Meeting on the City's Ordinances and Wildlife.
<b>1,583</b>	Follow-up Investigations	<b>5</b>	Schools Regarding Bite Prevention
<b>62.9%</b>	Animals Returned to Owner		
<b>388</b>	Citations/Warnings Written		
<b>775</b>	Sick and/or Injured Animals		

## A Dog's Tale



Kimberly, who lives four hours away and was on her way to visit family, was involved in a traffic crash on the Florida Turnpike. Unfortunately, her beloved Shih Tzu, "Bailey," ran away from the vehicle after the crash. Kimberly was transported to the hospital and had been attempting to find Bailey since then.

Port St. Lucie Police Department's Animal Control Officers and Florida Highway Patrol worked together to share information. Luckily, two days later, a fantastic Port St. Lucie resident found "Bailey" walking in a neighborhood near the Turnpike.

On April 15, 2022, PSLPD Animal Control Officers met with Kimberly and her family, where "Bailey" was safely and happily reunited with her owner. Feel better, Kimberly, and we are excited we could help reunite you with "Bailey!"

# Operational Support Services

Bill May, Operations & Administration Manager sits on the planning and operations committee for St. Lucie County's 911 System Network.



Bill May facilitates a mentor group and provides inspirational and leadership related articles monthly. As well, Bill provides one-on-one mentoring to selected department members who are new civilian supervisory roles. Below are a few of this section's major accomplishments for 2022.

27,738 bottles of water saved using "green initiative" water fountains.

Mobile LPR License plate readers were purchased and activated.

Training Facility design criteria package, site survey was completed.

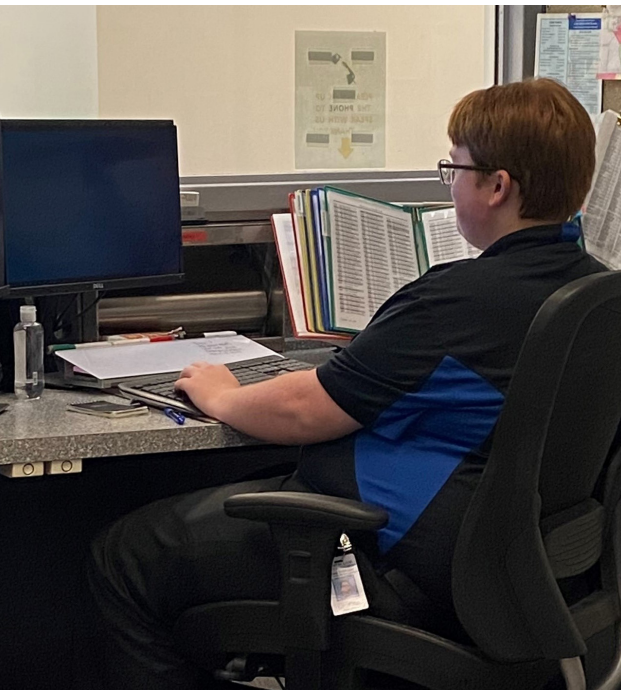
Port St. Lucie Police Athletic League wins the "Power of We" Charity Contest.

New Volunteer Community Patrol vehicles were delivered and put in service.

The K9 field kennels were renovated.

The department's gym was renovated.

## Police Service Aides (Re-branded to Public Service Specialists)



**519**  
Reports Written

**112,034**  
Telephone Calls Answered

**15,705**  
Walk-ins Assisted

**155**  
Parking Tickets Entered

**1,091**  
Fingerprints Completed

**2,592**  
Electronic Messages Relayed

**4,004**  
Command Notifications Sent

**408**  
1PSL Service Requests Entered

**47**  
Risk Protection Orders Entered in Florida Crime Information Center System

**742**  
FCIC Coordinator Validated Active Reports

# Purchasing

**22** AEDs Purchased & Issued

**22** Radars Purchased & Issued

**12** Lasers Purchased & Issued

The PSLPD's Evidence building's ventilation project and the first-floor lobby, break room, and locker room renovations were completed. The department determined these upgrades were needed throughout the building and are being completed in phases.



# Radio & Fleet



**244** Current Number of Patrol Vehicles  
(Includes SWAT Van, SWAT TOC & CNT Van)

**73** Vehicles Repaired Due to Accidents

**229** Vehicles/Motorcycles Speedometer Calibrations Completed

**95** Radar Units Inspected/Re-certified

**28** Laser Units Inspected/Re-certified

**412** Fire Extinguishers Inspected/Re-certified

**21** Purchase Requisitions for 2023 Vehicles

**30** Patrol Vehicles Sold on Public Surplus Website-Profit was \$158,977.

# Vehicle Donation to Trenton PD

The PSLPD readily answered a request through the Florida Police Chiefs Association from Chief Matthew Rexroat, of the City of Trenton Public Safety Department. Chief Rexroat sought out a donation of a white Ford Interceptor for their K9 Unit. A 2015 Ford Interceptor from our K9 Unit had just been approved to be relinquished. The City Manager granted permission to donate the unit to Trenton Public Safety. The vehicle was decommissioned, cleaned and detailed and then picked up by Chief Rexroat.



# Records

**30,896**

Reports Processed

**11,697**

Citations Entered

**37,655**

Written Warnings Entered

**10,635**

Public Records Requests

**5,630**

Citizens Assisted at Counter

**9,898**

Telephone Calls

**10,094**

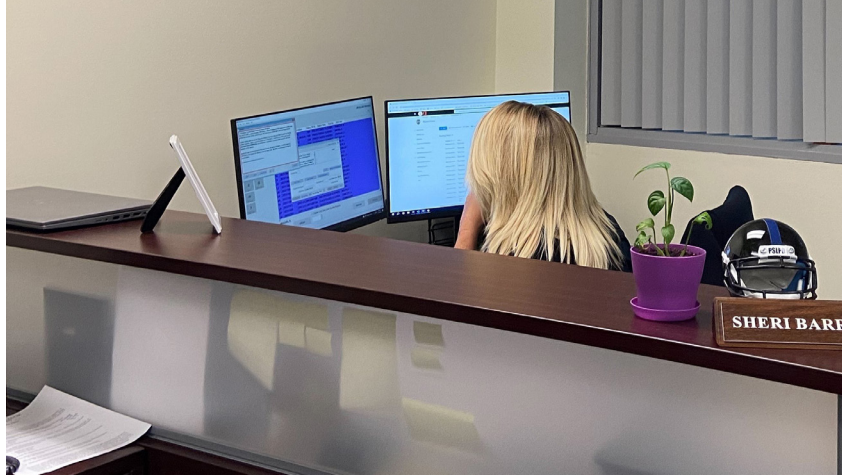
Subpoenas Issued by Court Liaison

**2,679**

Body Worn Camera Video Processed

**\$219,215.58**

Collected from False Alarm Program



## Records Storage Project

On-going, with records in order and properly labeled.



## Volunteer Program

**10,966**

Volunteers Hours

**160**

Total Volunteer

**7,097.5**

Community Patrol Hours

**116**

Community Patrol Volunteers

**75**

Speed Trailers Deployed

**80**

Project Lifesaver Visits

**8**

Parking Enforcement Hours (Jan. only)

**4**

Parking Citations Written (Jan. only)

**137**

Close House Watch Requests

**93.5**

Volunteer Animal Control Hours



***Proud Recipients of the 2022 IACP Leadership In Volunteer***

The PSLPD was the recipient of the 2022 International Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership in Volunteer Police Programs Award!

Assistant Chief Del Toro, Police Administrator Bill May, and retired Volunteer Coordinator Tom Andrew were honored to accept the Leadership in Volunteer Police Programs Award at the IACP Annual Awards Banquet in Dallas, Texas. PSLPD has 165 outstanding volunteers that assist the department in many functions, including couriers, parking enforcement, community patrol, speed trailer deployments, close house watches, special events, Project Lifesaver, and the volunteer response team.

# Criminal Investigations Division

Consists of Persons Crimes, Property Crimes, and Support Section, Including Crime Scene Investigators, Economics Crimes, Technology, and Victim's Advocates.

**875**  
Total Assigned CID  
Cases

**645**  
CID Cases  
Cleared

**353**  
Exceptionally  
Cleared

**171**  
Cleared By  
Arrests

**55.7%**  
Clearance Rate



PSLPD Detective Griffith helps recover \$40,000 for a fraud victim. One of our elderly residents fell victim to a lottery scam after he was contacted unexpectedly, and informed that he won a \$4.5 Mega Millions Jackpot. The victim was instructed to pay upfront fees and taxes to receive the lottery winnings, sending over \$100,000 to different locations in New York and Florida. The victim never received the lottery winnings and contacted PSLPD for assistance.

Detective Griffith worked diligently on this case and was able to recover \$40,000 for the resident. Recovering funds in these types of incidents is very difficult and does not occur often due to the complexity of the crime.

Detective Griffith met with the victim and presented him with a check for the recovered funds. It is important to bring awareness to lottery scams, so others don't lose their hard-earned money.



## Arrest Warrant Scam:

Scammers will often use "spoofed" numbers, making it appear that they are calling from a local enforcement agency. They will tell victims they have an outstanding warrant for an unpaid debt or minor infraction and that a fine is due. BE AWARE, this is a scam. Please immediately hang up and do not send any money.

## Grandparent Scam:

Scammers will call victims and impersonate a grandchild in a crisis, asking for immediate financial assistance or bail money. BE AWARE, this is also a scam. Please immediately hang up and do not send any money.

## Project Lifesaver & PSLPD Helps Family

PSLPD was honored to join Gene Saunders, founder of Project



Lifesaver International

Headquarters, as he presented the Smith

Family with a \$500 holiday check. No

stranger to paying it forward, every year

Project Lifesaver surprises a local family

enrolled in the program. Thank you to

Project Lifesaver for bringing holiday

cheer to this very special family!

# Special Investigations Division

Consists of Narcotics Unit, Vice-Related Crime, and Gang Intel Unit. S.I.D. Acts as Liaisons to Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

- The Special Investigations Division (SID) participates in the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Homeland Security Intelligence (HSI), and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Task Forces. Two members of the Special Investigations Division participate in the DEA Task Force, which is a Detective and a Sergeant. The division would like to obtain two more positions for the DEA Task Force in the upcoming year. Additionally, SID has two active ATF Task Force Officers, and one HSI Task Force Officer. These positions are financially reimbursed for any overtime that our agency incurs while working a joint investigations with the agencies.
- Detectives within SID spent significant time compiling information on gang and criminal-related activities. As the City's population continues to grow, the department has seen an increase in gang activity.
- All SID Detectives have been trained in the use and handling of Confidential Informants, to include specific training on 'Rachel's Law.'

**468** Narcotic-Related Investigations      **9** Search Warrants Executed

**4** Buy-Bust Operations      **143** Controlled Narcotic Purchases

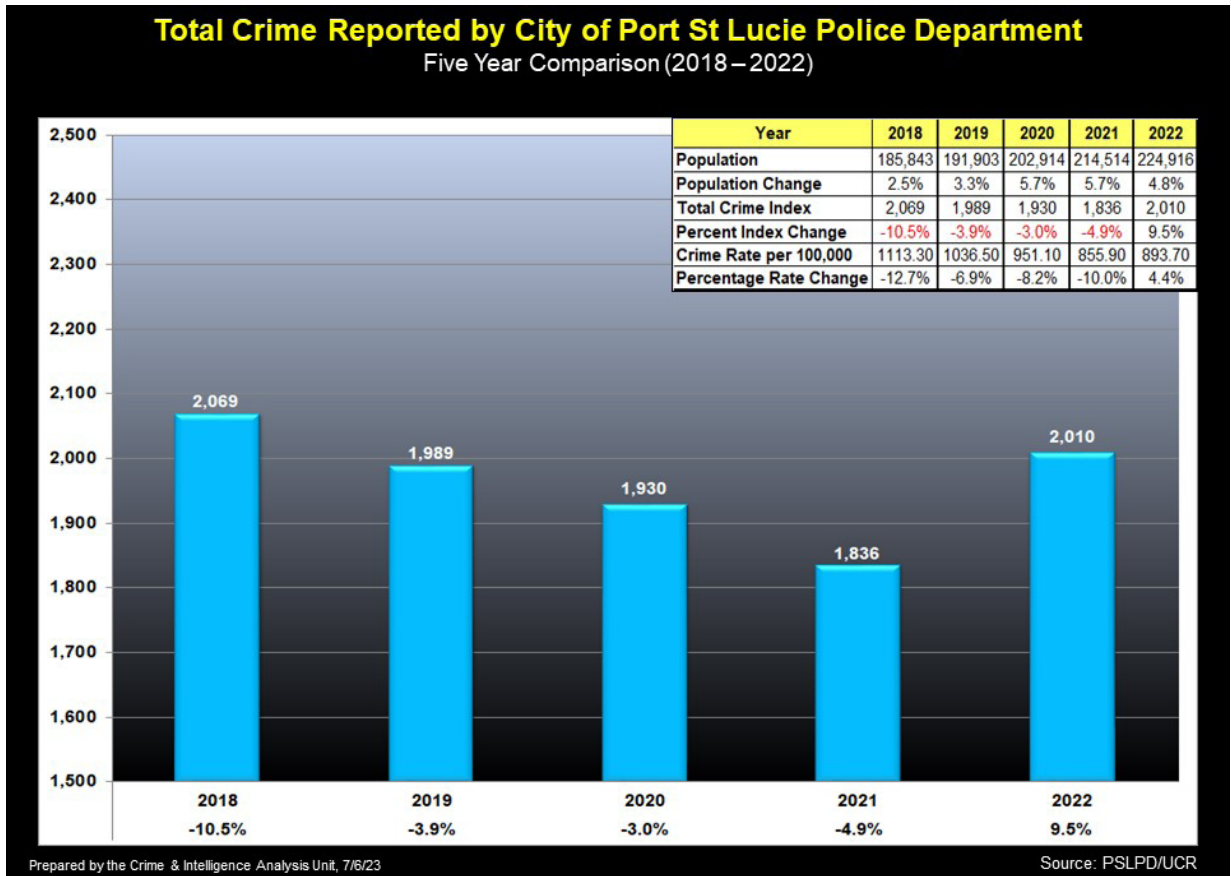
**90** Investigated Overdose Cases      **95** Narcotic Related Arrests Made

**\$139,991.83** Confiscated Property Revenue Collected

**Drug Dealers Are Not Welcome in Our City.**  
**Our Business is to Put You Out of Business.**



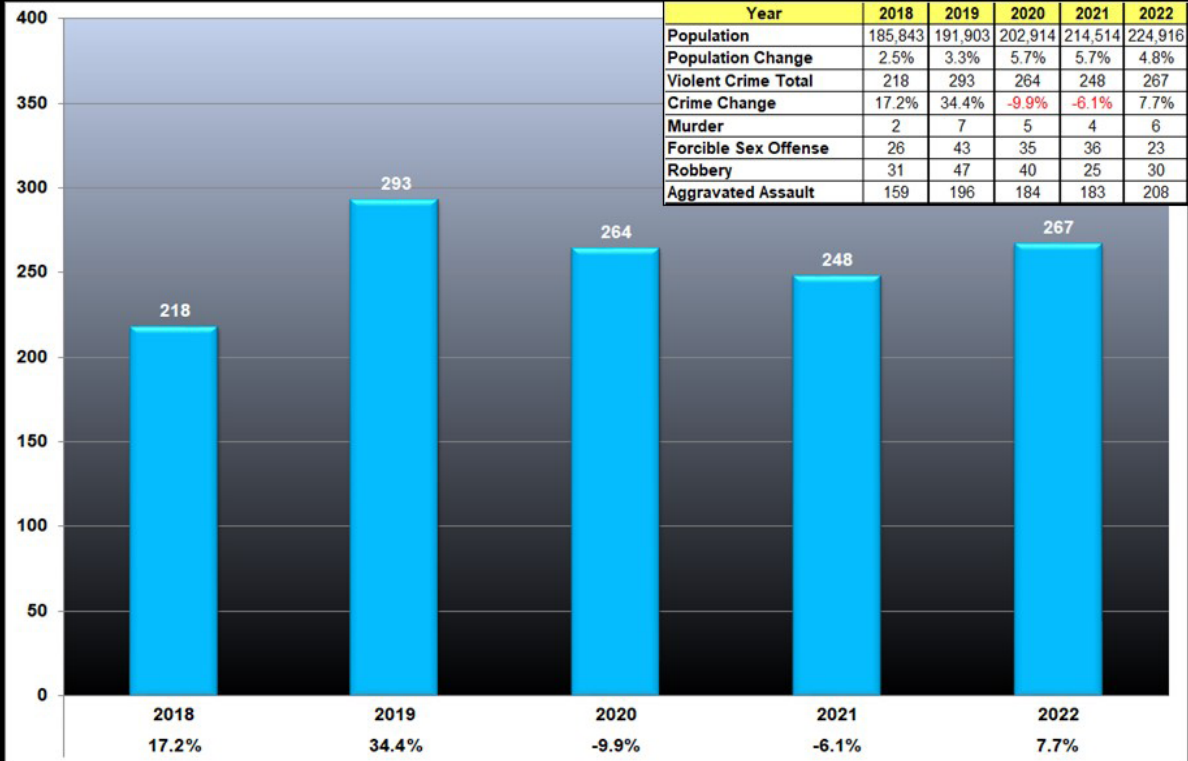
# Uniform Crime Rate Part 1 Crimes





## Violent Crime Reported by City of Port St Lucie Police Department

Five Year Comparison (2018 – 2022)

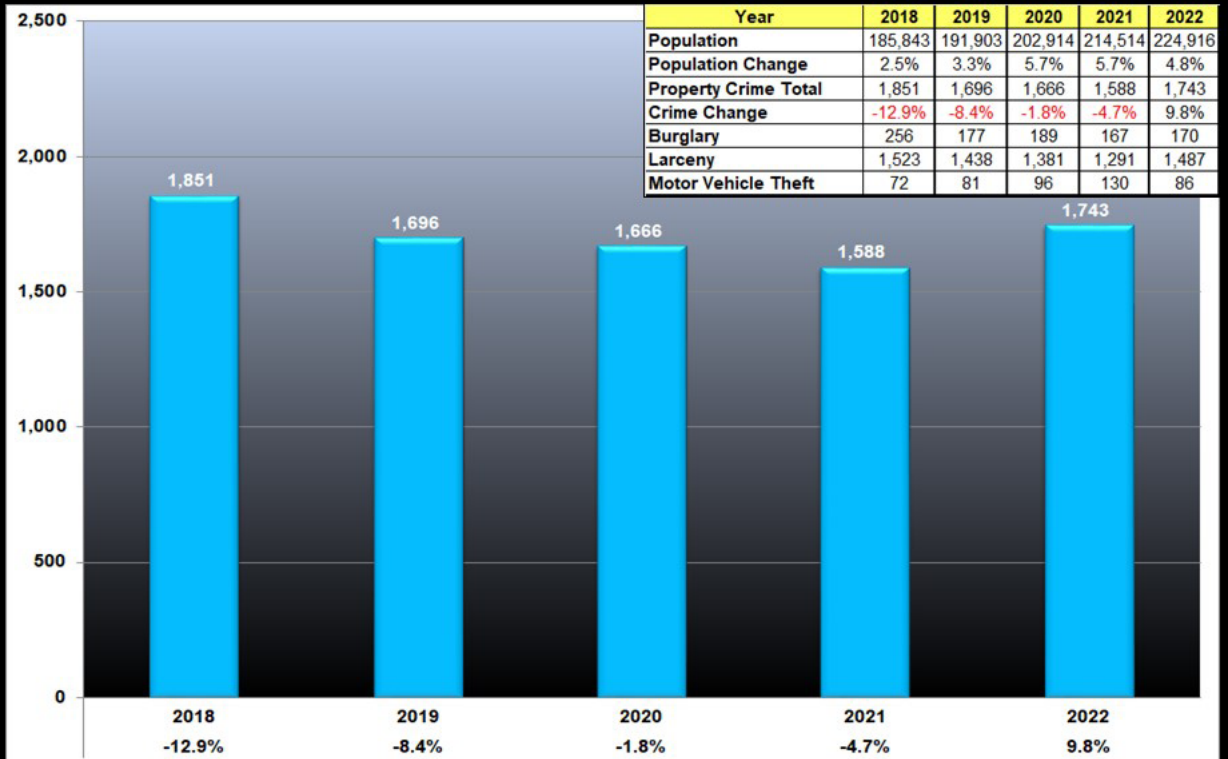


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## Property Crime Reported by City of Port St Lucie Police Department

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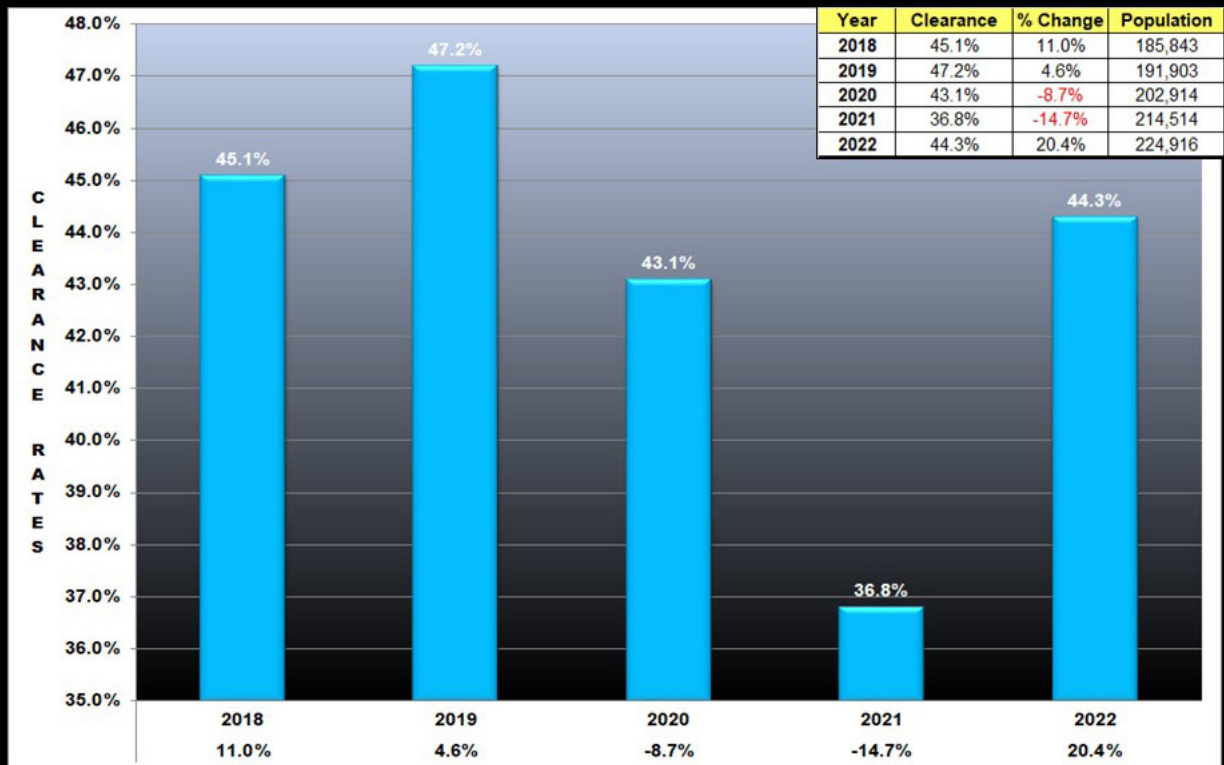


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Source: PSLPD/UCR

## Crime Clearance Data – Index Crime (Part I) – 5 Year Comparison

Years 2018 through 2022



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Source: PSLPD/UCR

## City Arrest Data – Index Crime Part I & Part II – 5 Year Comparison

Years 2018 through 2022



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Source: PSLPD/UCR



One of Port St. Lucie's top strategic priorities is to remain one of the safest large Cities in the state. For the 12th year in a row, the City of Port St. Lucie continues to have one of the lowest crimes rate in Florida.

Population over 75,000 - 1998 through 2004  
Population over 100,000 - 2010 through 2022

**Crime Rate  
Increased  
4.4%**



**Population  
Increased  
4.8%**

# 2022 Award Recipients

## Officer of the Year

Officer Thomas Nichols

## Detective of the Year

Detective Dominik Savitcheff

## Civilian of the Year

Jamie Sparks, Office Manager

## Volunteer of the Year

Clive Niles

## Officer of the Quarter

1st Quarter	Officer Leonard Kubitschek
2nd Quarter	Officer Carlos Valentin
3rd Quarter	Officer Andrew Zamfino
4th Quarter	Officer Albert Sohl

## Detective of the Quarter

1st Quarter	Detective Timothy Herring
2nd Quarter	Detective Supreet Fraga
3rd Quarter	Detective Daniel Papaleo
4th Quarter	Detective Kristin Meyer

## Civilian of the Quarter

1st Quarter	Colleen Bakels, Fleet Coord.
2nd Quarter	Cheryl Davis, CIA III
3rd Quarter	Ashley Seaman, Recruitment
4th Quarter	Shyanna Reed, Staff Srvs.

## Volunteer of the Quarter

1st Quarter	Harvey Hager
2nd Quarter	Chet Klepadlo
3rd Quarter	Sheila Taylor
4th Quarter	Vincent D'Amico

## Chief Brian E. Reuther Manager of the Quarter

1st Quarter	Sgt. Joshua Saffomilla
2nd Quarter	N/A
3rd Quarter	Cmdr. Kacey Donnell
4th Quarter	Cmdr. Carmine Izzo

## Cross Of Valor

Lieutenant Keith Boham  
Officer Bret LaGrega  
Officer Michael Williams  
St. Lucie County Sheriff Deputy Doris Tracey

## Do Your Job Award

Colleen Bakels, Radio/Fleet Coordinator  
Officer Andrew Commander  
Officer Brent Crawford  
Officer Carl Durbin  
Officer Clarissa Greene  
Officer Leonard Kubitschek  
Officer Daniel Leeflang  
Officer Israel Roberson  
Officer Bryce Thomas  
Officer Carlos Valentin  
Officer Angel Vargas

## St. Lucie County 100 Club & Ft. Pierce Masonic Lodge Officer of the Year

Officer Thomas Nichols

## City of PSL STAR Award: Duct Tape

Officer Martin Ghobrial

## First Responders Appreciation Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award

Chief John Bolduc

## SLC Fire District Lifesaving Award

Officer Leonard Kubitschek

## FPCA Chief Executive of the Year

Assistant Chief Richard Del Toro

## Outstanding Community Partners of Year-Haitian American Chamber

Chief John Bolduc  
Assistant Chief Richard Del Toro

# Promotions

Sergeant Robert Fonteyn - Promoted to Lieutenant  
Sergeant Brian Kenny - Promoted to Lieutenant  
Sergeant Joseph Norkus - Promoted to Lieutenant  
Detective Christopher Capozzi - Promoted to Sergeant  
Officer Tricia Gitten Wards - Promoted to Sergeant  
Officer Ian Harris - Promoted to Sergeant  
Detective Robert Perkins - Promoted to Sergeant  
Officer Carlos Waldron - Promoted to Sergeant  
Brienne Brady, Administrative Assistant - Promoted Grant/Budget Analyst  
Christin Caudell, CIA II - Promoted to CIA III  
Karlene Cooks, Records Specialist - Promoted to Redaction Coordinator  
Stephanie Jones, PSS - Promoted to Administrative Assistant  
Kayla Jungjohan, PT Kennel Technician - Promoted to Records Specialist  
Jessica Polychronis, PSS - Promoted to Animal Control Officer  
Carmen Tiena, Records Specialist - Promoted to Redaction Coordinator  
Kassidy Totten, Animal Control Officer - Promoted to Animal Control Supervisor  
Aubree Ward, Records Specialist - Promoted to Crime Prevention Specialist

# Retirements & Resignations

Chris Bayless, Asst. PAL Director	Tiffany Hunter, PSA	Ofc. Pietro Pizzani
Heidy Beever, Admin. Asst.	Ofc. Jarred Iler	Ofc. Gelaine Pruitt
Samantha Borrás, CSI	Jill Kohrs, PSA	Madeline Ramos, SCG
Ofc. Michael Cimino	Ofc. Joshua Kukupka	Thomas Reuther, CPS
Ofc. James DeAcetis	Patty Lipp, Financial Specialist	Ofc. Julia Rhodes
Tandy DeMag, ACO	Ofc. Salvador Marmolejo	Patricia Rizzo Babcock, PSA
Sgt. Teresa Dennis	Ofc. Aline Martins	May Spence, SCG
Ofc. Joao Goncalves	Terrence Mosley, SCG	Margie Spera, SCG
Sheri Hartt, SCG	Ofc. Roderick Nesbitt	Ofc. Joseph Trevisol
Joshua Heflin, ACO	Ofc. Douglas Norman	Marion Walsh, SCG
Sgt. John Holman	Ofc. Don Paris	Dawn Weinkrantz, SCG
Ofc. Trevor Horten	Linda Pierce, SCG	

**END OF WATCH**

**IN BELOVED MEMORY  
OF  
OFFICER KENNETH FRID, L390**

**DEVOTED FATHER, HUSBAND, SON, BROTHER,  
AND FRIEND.**

**IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SUPREME SACRIFICE  
AND DEVOTION TO DUTY AND SERVICE TO THE  
COMMUNITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE FOR 17 YEARS.**

**MAY HIS LIFE AND MEMORY NEVER BE  
FORGOTTEN AND HIS LEGACY LIVE ON  
THROUGH HIS PORT ST. LUCIE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT FAMILY**

**March 17, 1969-July 20, 2022**



**Sergeant Donald R. Mahan**  
**End of Watch:**  
**May 13, 1992**



**Officer Steven J. Brown**  
**End of Watch:**  
**June 12, 2019**

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