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2025 Annual Report



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FORWARD

Citizens and Colleagues:

The mission of the St. Petersburg Police Department is to deliver professional police services, to protect and ensure the safety of the community, to enforce laws and preserve the peace, and to protect the rights of all citizens by policing with loyalty, integrity, and honor. *The St. Petersburg Police Department 2025 Annual Report* provides a summary of the organizational roles, responsibilities, and achievements of the units within the Department. Throughout 2025, the Department continued to persevere in the delivery of law enforcement services.

Thank you for your support; and it is my hope that you will find this Annual Report to be an informative guide, which summarizes the professionalism of those employed by this Department.

Sincerely,



Anthony Holloway
Chief of Police

3/16/26

Date

Mission

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A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

The St. Petersburg Police Department is able to meet the needs of the community by having a well-thought-out plan that allows for adjustments to be made in all areas of the Department as needed. The Department has a responsibility to have in place a definitive plan of action during times of crisis. To that end, the Department maintains the highest level of training for all sworn personnel, and supervisors are well versed in crisis management procedures to manage and respond to any situation that would require a large-scale response. In an ongoing effort to ensure the Department operates under best practices and the highest possible standards in its delivery of law enforcement services, the Department maintains accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA). This requires the Department to demonstrate compliance with several hundred standards during its scheduled assessments.

2025 saw a continuation in our resolve to achieve the Department's Five Major Goals:

- Crime – Safety, Drug/Gang Participation Reduction, Domestic Violence Reduction, Victim Support and Satisfaction
- Traffic Safety – Provide Safety, Quality, Education and Partnership
- Next Generation Workforce – Manage, Subscribe, and Foster
- Community Relations – Strengthen, Prevent Crime, Communicate, Enhance and Encourage
- Advance Policing Techniques – Utilize, Implement, and Support Application

As with any successful organization, the Department routinely conducts self-evaluations for the purpose of identifying strengths, areas for improvement, opportunities, and threats. Opportunities may include chances to expand recruiting initiatives or finding ways to provide quality service at lower costs. The St. Petersburg Police Department has long been a leader in innovative approaches to law enforcement and is committed to remaining a Department that is able to adapt to an ever-changing society.

St. Petersburg Police Department

In 2025, the **St. Petersburg Police Department**, under the command of Police Chief Anthony Holloway, served an estimated population of 258,201, with 602 sworn officer positions, 20 police cadet positions, 228 civilian positions, 22 part-time reserve officer positions, and 72 part-time crossing guards. The four organizational units that comprise the Department include: Office of the Chief of Police, Administrative Services Bureau, Investigative Services Bureau, and the Uniform Services Bureau. Each Bureau consists of associated subordinate units, which share responsibilities and provide operational support to street level operations. The primary roles and responsibilities of the Bureaus and subordinate units are summarized in the following pages.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Office of the Chief consists of the Chief of Police and three staff support functions, to include the Community Awareness Division, the Legal Division, and the Office of Professional Standards.

▪ **Community Awareness Division**

The Community Awareness Division is made up of Crime Prevention, the Volunteer Program, and the Public Information Office. The Community Awareness Division, under the direction of a civilian manager, provides a number of police services for the City: crime prevention activities and classes, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) surveys; volunteer services, including administrative volunteers, and one volunteer-run community resource centers in south St. Petersburg; and the Public Information Office (PIO), which is responsible for processing thousands of media inquiries for police information each year.

The Community Awareness Division administers the Department's website and all social media, including Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, Nextdoor, and YouTube, and coordinates police-related stories and information with the media. The Division also creates and produces printed material, pamphlets, posters, and flyers used for crime prevention and police initiatives. In addition, the Division coordinates all press conferences, promotions, and awards ceremonies for the Department. The Division also takes an active role in emergency communications during City Emergency Operation Center activations.

○ *Automated Telephone Notification System*

The Department implemented an automated telephone and electronic messaging notification system in 2017, called Everbridge. This same system is also being used by the Pinellas Emergency Operation Center, and all municipalities in Pinellas County. It is provided to the Department free of charge, through a state contract and county memorandum of understanding. In 2025, the system was not used.

○ *Citizen's Police Academy*

The primary goal of the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is to educate citizens about the operations of the St. Petersburg Police Department. We hope to create a partnership between the police and citizens by giving them information about their police department. Many of the citizens who attend the academy are community leaders and many become police department volunteers. These community leaders and volunteers increase their knowledge of the policies, procedures, and operations of the Department, and assist the Department by educating other citizens with what they have learned.

The Academy is a 3-hour class held once a week for 8 weeks. The Academy is usually held twice a year and has about 30 participants. The Department has offered this course since 1994.

In 2025, the department offered two Citizen Police Academy sessions. The first session was held earlier than usual to continue the Fall session from 2024 that had to be cancelled due to two hurricanes hitting the area in late 2024. For this reason, it had 13 participants, fewer than normal. The Fall session included 34 participants.

The Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), created in 2019, is for CPA graduates who want to continue learning about and help the police department as part of our administrative volunteer program. The group normally meets once a month. Throughout the year, members volunteered for various programs and events held by the Department.

- *Crime Prevention*

Crime prevention programs are one of the many tenets of our community policing philosophy. As patrol and community service officers work on their various quality-of-life and crime issues in the neighborhoods, they often use flyers and brochures created and printed by the Community Awareness Division. They also call upon the division to present seminars and perform security assessments.

During 2024, the division conducted 44 crime prevention seminars (down 21.4% from the 56 in 2024) on topics ranging from personal safety to identity theft. The division conducted 24 active shooter presentations (down 42.8% from the 42 in 2024) and conducted 17 CPTED security assessments as either part of the nuisance abatement process or as requested by businesses and houses of worship in the community (down 55.2% from the 38 in 2024). Part of the decrease can be attributed, in part, to Hurricane Hermine and Hurricane Milton in the Fall of 2024, which impacted operations and community interests through the Spring of 2025.

- *Public Information*

The Public Information Office is responsible for handling the media's day-to-day requests for information from our department. These requests involve researching incidents and then providing information to reporters from both the print and electronic media. In all instances, Department statements must be carefully reviewed before preparing a written press release or going live on camera to make sure they comply with Florida Statutes Chapter 119. In 2025, the Community Awareness Division distributed 148 press releases on behalf of the Police Department.

This office also handles all social media for the Department. It maintains active Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, Nextdoor, and YouTube accounts to interact with the public and highlight police employees and initiatives. We increased our following on social media during 2025 on all platforms. We also used Facebook live to livestream our press conferences and YouTube to stream our award and promotion ceremonies to employees throughout the police station. Social media has improved our outreach to the community, and we are able to interact with a segment of City residents who don't normally like to be seen talking to police. Social media has also generated useful tips from residents to help solve crimes.

In 2025, the Community Awareness Division posted 200 times on Facebook, 233 times on X (Twitter), and 204 times on Instagram.

The Facebook page has 89,000 followers, (up 15.1% from 77,300 in 2024); the Department has 33,300 X (formerly Twitter) followers (up 1.5% from 32,800 in 2024); Instagram has 10,700 followers (up 13.0% from 9,471 in 2024), and we have 1,640 YouTube channel subscribers (up 2.5% from 1,600 in 2024). In addition, we have 127,395 verified residents on Nextdoor (up 7.5% from 118,485 in 2024).

- *Volunteer Services – Community Resource Centers – Administrative Volunteers*

The St. Petersburg Police Department started 2025 with two Community Resource Centers, both in District 1; Bartlett Park and Midtown. Both are staffed by volunteers who are responsible for the Resource Centers' day-to-day operations.

In December 2025, the Midtown location permanently closed. This decision was made due to the funding from the JAG grant running out as well as the planned future redevelopment of the shopping center where it was located.

There are 28 administrative volunteers assigned throughout the Department in areas such as Fiscal Services, Economic Crimes, Training, and Community Awareness. In addition to those administrative volunteers who work in the station, we have seven chaplains who volunteer their services, the Volunteer Road Patrol, supervised by the Traffic Section and the Public Safety Cadets program, part of our Youth Resources Division.

During 2025, the administrative volunteers contributed 2,187 hours (up 166.0% from the 823 in 2024). CPAAA members contributed an additional 1,347 hours (49.6% decrease from the 2,674 hours in 2024).

Resource center volunteers contributed 1,208.25 hours of service (5.7% increase from the 1,143 hours in 2024).

The Volunteer Road Patrol contributed 1,216 hours of service (4.6% decrease from the 1,274 hours in 2024).

This volunteer force contributed a combined 5,958.25 hours of service, which has an estimated in-kind value of \$207,288 (based on the national average of \$34.79 per volunteer hour).

- **Legal Division**

The Legal Division is under the direction of a civilian manager and comprises a Police Legal Counsel, two Assistant Legal Counsels, and two Legal Assistants. With the support of staff, the Legal Division provides on call, 24/7 legal advice to the Chief of Police, the Command Staff, and to officers and personnel within the Department.

In addition to providing on call legal advice and responding to legal requests and questions, the Legal Division also manages a substantial docket of litigation on behalf of the Department. These matters include civil asset forfeiture, classic and chronic nuisance abatement, trespass appeals, traffic appeals, motions for return of property, violations of city ordinances, including noise, trespass, and sec. 20-122, petitions for return of firearms, and risk protection order proceedings under Florida Statutes Chapter 790.

The Legal Division spends a significant amount of time gathering and redacting records for discovery on behalf of the City regarding cases where the Department's action, inaction, personnel, or assets are at issue. This process involves reviewing the discovery requests, making any necessary objections, determining which Department documents are responsive, and then locating and redacting those documents. This cooperative work benefits and streamlines the litigation process for the City.

In conjunction with the Department's adoption of Body Worn Cameras and Axon Fleet Cameras, the Legal Division has undertaken the task of fulfilling discovery requests for electronic evidence stored on Evidence.com. This process involves reviewing the requests and accompanying documents, locating, and redacting the applicable evidence to protect confidential information, creating a discovery case file, and transmitting the file to defense counsel. During this process, it is necessary to ensure that all of the electronic files are in a format that is compatible with Evidence.com. At the start of the 2025 fiscal year, the supervision of the Body Worn Camera Unit was shifted to the Records Division as it closely aligned with the duties already assigned to the public records function of the Records Division. Two full-time Legal Assistant positions are assigned to that Unit. Though day to day management of this function is handled by the Records Division, the Legal Division still maintains a supervisory role of the project and handles any litigation as a result of this work.

To keep abreast of legal and legislative trends, the Legal Division proactively reviews and analyzes cases, legislative activity, and news sources to counsel staff in advance. The Legal Division prepares and publishes Legal Updates to alert officers of court decisions, legislative updates, and other areas of legal interest which have an operational or administrative impact on the Department. Members of the Legal Division also participate in the legislative process by drafting, reviewing, and commenting on proposed legislative changes and by working to encourage legislative changes – state and local – which benefit law enforcement and criminal justice.

The Legal Division conducts regular training on matters tailored to the needs of various units and personnel, including one-on-one trial testimony training and First and Fourth Amendment training. The Legal Division regularly consults on pending investigations and operational plans to provide a legal perspective on evidentiary, procedural, and substantive criminal law issues.

Additionally, the Legal Division conducts a monthly review of cases investigated by the Department, but which were “No Filed” by the State Attorney’s Office where the basis for the No File decision was “the facts and circumstances do not warrant prosecution” and which do not provide further explanation for the lack of prosecution.

The Legal Division also manages the Department’s forfeiture grant program and does significant volunteer work in the community.

- *Asset Forfeiture Program*

During 2025, the Legal Division reviewed and processed 100 State seizure cases and 22 Federal DAGs. The Legal Division deposited \$1,381,098.91 into the State Forfeiture Trust Account for 2025. These funds are used to support Department activities and training, and to purchase items that would have been otherwise unavailable. The Legal Division forfeited a total of seven vehicles in 2025 and negotiated for the release of thirty additional vehicles for monetary settlements.

Florida law requires the Department to utilize 25% of forfeiture funds to support neighborhood safety, crime prevention, and drug abuse education, prevention, and treatment programs. For the 2025 Forfeiture Grant Program, Chief Holloway exceeded this requirement and donated over 404.9% of the year’s revenue to nonprofit organizations, associations, and individuals who make a positive impact on our community in the areas of crime prevention, drug abuse education, prevention and treatment, neighborhood safety, and/or school resource officers’ programs.

- *C.O. 20-122 Impounds*

Pursuant to City Ordinance 20-122, vehicles that are used to facilitate acts of prostitution and narcotic drug law offenses or that were driven while under the influence of narcotics or alcohol are subject to seizure and impoundment. The effectiveness of the ordinance is demonstrated by the number of C.O. 20-122 impounds processed for the past seven years which is outlined in the following table.

Calendar Year	Number of Impounds	Impounds Paid	Hearings Requested	Improper Tows	Abandoned Vehicles	Total Deposited into General Fund
2019	291	261	7	0	30	\$130,650.00
2020	293	258	14	3	25	\$129,700.00
2021	381	342	16	1	28	\$171,450.00
2022	404	373	9	7	31	\$180,000.00
2023	452	425	13	0	27	\$209,450.00
2024	370	341	1	0	29	\$170,550.00
2025	438	408	6	0	28	\$203,200.00

- *Nuisance Abatement*

The Division sent 25 nuisance warning letters to property owners and operators/tenants in 2025. These warning letters were either mailed out at the request of a police officer, in response to a community concern, or because a search warrant was executed at the property.

- *Extended Hours Permits*

The Legal Division administers the Extended Hours Permit program for the City. Applicants complete a new application each year using the Department’s website to ensure the business information, including state licensing, does not become stale. Thirty-nine applications were received this year. Sixty-two permits were issued by the end of the year. A total of \$3,410.00 in application, renewal, and late fees were collected in 2025.

- *Motions for Return of Property*

The Legal Division participates in litigation regarding property taken as evidence or for safekeeping. These efforts include responding to Motions for Return of Property when the requestor was arrested and to Petitions for Return of Firearms under the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida Administrative Order 2016-006. During 2025, the Legal Division litigated or participated in approximately 25 of such matters.

- *Risk Protection Orders*

On March 9, 2018, Governor Scott signed into law section 790.401, Florida Statutes, which allowed law enforcement officers to seek a Risk Protection Order against an individual who poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to himself or herself or others by having a firearm or ammunition. The Department continues to be involved in the prosecution of these matters and assists the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in the prosecution of the Risk Protection Orders. In 2025, the Department initiated 59 Risk Protection Orders.

- *Trespass Appeals*

The Department's enforcement of City Ordinance 20-30 did not generate any requests for appeals this calendar year.

- *Noise*

The Legal Division monitors and tracks noise ordinance violations, reviewing all city code noise violations which result in either a written warning or a notice to appear on a weekly basis. Reports are reviewed to ensure that warnings and citations are properly issued depending on the time of day, the distance the sound can be heard, and where the violation is taking place. Information is compiled in a spreadsheet on a monthly basis and distributed to the Chief's Executive Command Staff along with the City's Planning and Development Director, the Zoning Official, and City Council. When a notice to appear is set for court, a Legal Division attorney liaises with the State Attorney's Office to offer assistance on the substantive case and procedural elements of the prosecution. The penalties for repeated noise ordinance violations have the potential to impact both a business's extended hours permit and sidewalk café permit, if applicable. By the end of 2025, 22 properties were issued written warnings, and 6 properties were issued noise ordinance violations.

- *General Information*

A numerical comparison of activities undertaken by the Division for the past five years is as follows:

Year	Forfeiture Trials	Forfeiture Hearings	Impound Hearings	Trespass Hearings	Other Hearings	Nuisance Abatement	Appeals
2021	0	12	16	1	2 Other	2 Classic	1 Traffic
2022	0	12	10	3	1 RPO 1 MFRP	0	2 Traffic
2023	0	16	7	8	5 MFRP 4 Other	1 Classic	5 Traffic
2024	0	25	1	1	5 MFRP 2 others	0	5 Traffic
2025	0	20	3	0	5 MFRP 3 Other	0	2 Traffic 1 Forfeiture

- *Legislation*

The Legal Division continues to work on legislative issues affecting law enforcement. Division personnel met regularly with officers regarding proposed legislation and worked with the relevant legislators for our City to maximize the opportunity for officers' input to be voiced in Tallahassee. At the end of the legislative session, the Legal Division sent an annual Legislative Actions bulletin to all personnel.

- *Training and Community Initiatives*

The Legal Division continued training initiatives this year, including the implementation of Department-wide Fourth Amendment and trial testimony training for all post-Academy cadets, body worn camera training, as well as individual squad trainings.

Division employees engage in volunteer work in our community. Their individual work spans the following: (i) Chair of the Florida Bar Animal Law Section; (ii) membership on the American Bar Association's Law Enforcement Committee (iii) President of the Barney Masterson American Inn of Court; (iv) membership in the Florida Association of Police Attorneys; (v) Parliamentarian of the Florida Bar's Criminal Procedure Rules Committee; (vi) pro bono work via the St. Petersburg Bar Association and the statewide Guardian Ad Litem; (vii) Vice-chair of the Florida Bar Law Related Education Committee; (viii) Member of the Florida Bar's Traffic Rules Committee; (ix) member of the Florida Bar's Governmental Public Policy and Advocacy Committee; (x) President of the Florida Association of Police Attorneys; (xi) committee member of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL) Webinar Committee; and (xiii) partnership with local high schools and elementary in the community to develop students' skills and understanding of the Department, the practice of law, and future career opportunities by participating in the Great American Teach-In.

- *Gaming Machines*

The Legal Division assisted the Florida Gaming Control Commission in coordinated enforcement operations with SPPD identifying two illegal arcade establishments within the City for enforcement. These joint efforts resulted in the seizure and removal of 59 illegal slot machines and six "fish tables," along with \$19,920 in associated cash proceeds. Multiple individuals were arrested and charged under Florida law for possession of slot machines and keeping a gambling house. The Legal Division also issued compliance letters to property owners and tenants and coordinated with officers to educate business operators regarding the illegality of these machines, which led to voluntary removal of additional unlawful gaming devices within the City.

- **Office of Professional Standards (OPS) Division**

The Office of Professional Standards, under the command of a police major, investigates allegations of misconduct by Police Department employees. Minor misconduct is referred to the employee's chain of command, and more serious matters are investigated by the Office of Professional Standards. The result of each formal investigation is presented to the Chief of Police. The investigation may then be presented to a Command Review Board consisting of the Chief and assistant chiefs. If appropriate, corrective actions may be imposed.

Citizen-initiated complaints are assessed by the OPS Division and/or the Chief of Police. The cases are investigated by the Division or are assigned for investigation by the employee's immediate supervisor at the Bureau level. In 2025 citizens initiated three complaints resulting in formal investigation, nine less than in 2024. Department-initiated cases are assessed and investigated in the same manner as citizen-initiated complaints. In 2025 the Department initiated 36 complaints, seven more than in 2024. Investigations, Board findings, and corrective actions, if any, were sometimes reviewed by the Civilian Police Review Committee (CPRC). The CPRC has transitioned to the Civilian Policy Review Committee.

The OPS conducts reviews and/or inquiries into any discharge of a firearm or Taser Energy Weapon (TEW), vehicle pursuits, and City-owned vehicle crashes. The Division also monitors all use-of-force incidents. During 2025 there were three instances of the discharge of a firearm. One investigation involved an officer discharging their firearm at vicious animal, and one investigation of intentional discharge of a firearm at a person. Both of these investigations into the discharge of a firearm were determined to be justified. There was also one accidental discharge of a firearm which was determined to be not justified. In 2025 there were 274 Taser Energy Weapon (TEW) deployments, including 160 incidents of TEW discharges. The remaining deployments (114) involved instances in which the TEW was only pointed at an individual.

In 2025 employee motor vehicle crashes decreased by 26% compared to 2024 (135 in 2024 compared to 100 in 2025). Of the 100 crashes, 33 were determined to be preventable. Of the preventable crashes, seven resulted in discipline, while the remaining incidents resulted in written counseling (Notice of Preventable Crash). Police cruiser damage estimates totaled \$379,412, and other vehicle and property damage estimates resulting from crashes totaled \$215,390.

All three pursuits reviewed in 2025 were compliant with Department policies. The three vehicles were pursued after committing crimes including shootings and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer and were justified. The Department has very strict policies and procedures governing the circumstances under which an officer may initiate, conduct, and terminate vehicle pursuits.

The OPS annually reviews agency policies and practices to include traffic stop procedures, searches, asset seizure and forfeiture, interviews and interrogations, and citizen concerns as they relate to biased policing as well as any corrective measures taken. Any revisions or modifications needed regarding policy and procedure are submitted for consideration and appropriate action. This information is then documented in the OPS Annual Report.

- Staff Inspections Unit

The Staff Inspections Unit conducts various inspections based on identified timetables, and as required, of all Department functions and applicable policies, procedures, administrative and operational activities, and resources in efforts to ensure accountability and maintain integrity. Through staff inspections, the Chief of Police is provided objective information regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of Department components, recommendations for the modification, revision, or creation of policies, procedures, and practices, as well as an evaluation of available resources to meet agency goals.

Noteworthy Events

In 2025 there were three investigations of note investigated by the Office of Professional Standards.

- An officer discharged their firearm, with one person injured. The Shooting Review Board determined the shooting to be justified.
- A sergeant abused the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and unscheduled sick leave policy. The sergeant resigned while under investigation but would have been terminated.
- A civilian communications center employee was insubordinate to a supervisor and received a forty-hour suspension.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

In 2025, the **Administrative Services Bureau (ASB)** was under the command of Assistant Chief David Gerardo. The Bureau consists of the Fiscal Services, Information and Technology Services, Records, Training, and Emergency Communications Divisions. The Bureau also oversees the Professional Compliance Unit, Building Maintenance Unit, Grants and Special Projects Unit, as well as labor relations and research/planning functions.

The Administrative Services Bureau Assistant Chief represents the Department during collective bargaining with three labor unions: The Police Benevolent Association (PBA) for Police Officers, Technicians, and Latent Print Examiners, the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) for Sergeants and Lieutenants, and the Florida Public Services Union (FPSU) Service Employees International Union (SEIU) for the White Collar, Blue Collar and Professional Employees Bargaining Units.

In 2025, collective bargaining contracts were negotiated and ratified between the PBA and the City of St. Petersburg for both sworn labor unions. The FPSU/SEIU Blue and White Collar and Professional bargaining units did not engage in contract negotiations in 2025. Both Emergency Communication Center bargaining groups requested a PERC election and selected the PBA as their collective bargaining agent.

During 2025, there were no grievances filed. The St. Petersburg Police Department Administration promotes open and active communication at all levels within the Department. This open communication generally allows issues that arise to be resolved at the lowest level, resulting in a minimal number of concerns being brought to the grievance.

▪ **Fiscal Services Division (FSD)**

The Fiscal Services Division is under the direction of a civilian manager. The Division is comprised of the manager, six professional positions: three Accountants, two Senior Operations Analyst, one Human Resources Specialist and two white collar union employees: one Accounting Technician, and one Human Resources Technician.

The Division provides fiscal support to over 800 personnel by auditing payroll entries and maintaining payroll related activities and personnel changes. In addition, the Division maintains the Department's personnel records for all active and retired personnel and tracks and maintains performance evaluations.

The Division is also responsible for accounting and finance related functions including reconciliations, generating ad hoc/monthly/quarterly/annual financial and payroll reports; processing accounts receivable invoices, processing payments for accounts payable invoices, cash fund audits and disbursements, fixed asset management, the p-card program, the fuel card (WEX) program and procurement administrative procedures. The Division is also responsible for internal audit compliance and the management of multiple federal, state, and local grant agreements.

The Division is responsible for coordinating, preparing, and monitoring the Department's annual budgets for operating and capital expenditures. The total adopted operating budget for the Department in fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025) was \$160.4 million.

Noteworthy Event

- Fiscal Services is overseeing implementation of a new timekeeping platform that integrates with Special Events scheduling, and the Emergency Communications Center timekeeping needs. These innovations aim to create a more efficient, accurate, and easy-to-use timekeeping system for department personnel. Fiscal Services will work with the vendor to configure the pay rules to automate some of the processes and reduce manual timecard entries. Ensure proper configuration of labor contracts and City pay policies for accurate compensation for all hours worked. Fiscal assisted in identifying an alternative timekeeping solution and is working with other City Departments on possible procurement and implementation.

- **Information and Technology Services (ITS) Division**

The Information and Technology Services (ITS) Division is under the direction of a civilian manager. In addition to the Division Manager, there are 13 technical/professional employees who operate and maintain the complex computer networks, systems, applications, and equipment for the Police Department. Members of the ITS Division provide technical support to ensure the systems are operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Division personnel maintain the hardware and software for nearly 1,000 desktop workstations and notebook computers, as well as the Department's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, field mobile system, Records Management System (RMS), Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS), an extensive camera system to include Body Worn Cameras (BWC) Fleet in-vehicle systems, smart devices and many other specific systems, applications, and interfaces. Department personnel access the network using PC workstations within the Department, and officers use removable notebook computers in their patrol vehicles to access the systems over a secure wireless network. The ITS Division develops software solutions to enhance the entry, processing and sharing of information within the organization and with other law enforcement entities. ITS also researches new technologies and their applicability to the Department's vision, and integrates the technologies with the Department's existing systems, as seamlessly as possible, to minimize the impact to front-line personnel and to maximize the ability to serve the public.

The Division uses an advanced Computer-Aided Dispatch (I/CAD) system and Field Mobile (I/Mobile) system from Hexagon Corporation. The systems include multi-year historical call data, ensuring that public safety telecommunicators and officers have instant visibility to prior calls for service at locations throughout the City. The systems are linked, so officers are able to view call details in real time via vehicle-mounted notebook computers. The system includes a map feature with Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) technology that provides up-to-the-minute locations of all patrol vehicles throughout the City. The systems also provide a detailed, multi-layered map that can illustrate and highlight the entire City, with zoom capabilities to a single address. The CAD system increases officer safety and enables more efficient and orderly tactical deployments in responding to large-scale operations.

The Department uses the Hexagon Corporation Records Management System (I/Leads), which is integrated with the Computer-Aided Dispatch (I/CAD) system. The RMS system provides fully integrated, report writing, researching, and real time data availability. The I/Leads system shares information, via network interfaces, with state and federal agencies in near real time, providing significant improvement in situational awareness related to victims, suspects, pawned property, and stolen property. The I/CAD and I/Leads systems have improved the efficiency of the Department's internal operations, as well as responsiveness and support to the citizens of the City.

The ITS Division is also responsible for the Business Intelligence operations of the Department. The Power BI platform is an on-premises browser-driven suite of applications that provides secure portal access to numerous highly customized dynamic and static reports. Likewise, these reports are intended to promote self-sufficiency among users seven days a week and have been developed to meet the strategic, tactical, operational, and planning needs of individuals and Units throughout the Department. In addition, numerous reports have been developed, deployed, and configured to be delivered to the Computer-Aided Read-off System (CARS), file servers and email to facilitate recurring access to data on a near real-time basis.

The Division utilizes and maintains the Geographic Information System (GIS) known as ArcGIS from the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI). The ArcGIS system is a suite of applications and software tools. These applications and tools are utilized on servers, desktop computers, laptops, and smart devices. This system utilizes data from various other systems including but not limited to the Department's CAD and RMS systems. The ArcGIS system displays and collects information through interactive Maps, Dashboards, Graphs, Charts, and Applications. This software aids the Department in understanding incident trends, analyzing the dynamics of an incident, allocating resources effectively to protect human life and property, and maintaining a quality of life for the citizens and visitors to the City.

The ITS Division also supports many technologies to aid in various aspects of the Department. Some examples are the complex camera operation throughout the downtown area, body worn cameras, in-car video recording, interview room recording, license plate recognition, building security systems, advanced authentication, audio/video technologies, drones, and various other applications used throughout the Department. All technology needed throughout the agency is purchased through the ITS Division. All technology contracts are maintained and procured within the Division.

The Division works to ensure that the security requirements of the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Security Policy are followed, and that the agency meets or exceeds all requirements. The Policy was developed by the FBI and is mandated to be followed by all Law Enforcement Agencies across the country. The Policy provides controls to protect the full lifecycle of CJIS, whether at rest or in transit. The Policy provides guidance for the creation, viewing, modification, transmission, dissemination, storage, and destruction of CJIS. Audits of pertinent systems are performed on a scheduled basis throughout the year by ITS staff. Also, on a scheduled basis the FBI, FDLE, DHSMV and other entities come on-site to perform audits of systems; both physical and logical.

Noteworthy Events

- Continued efforts to work with the PRIME team to upgrade our CAD/RMS systems to a countywide system
- Upgraded IAPro and Blue Team applications
- Upgraded the ESRI system
- Upgraded GeoMedia
- Migrated older server OS software to a newer supported version on multiple servers
- Upgraded Netmotion server and clients
- Upgraded MBIS
- Implemented Peregrine and training for all PD employees
- Implemented Navigator and training for all PD employees needing access
- Implemented the AllStar application for background and hiring process
- Implemented Verkada Visitor Management
- Implemented Eclipsium software used to track firmware on all hardware
- Implemented MFA for all users
- Installed four Starlink satellite dishes for redundant Internet connection in the case of an outage
- Implemented Lexis Nexis TRAX for cellphone tracking for cases
- Implemented SimpleK for physical key tracking
- Implemented GovWORx for the Communications Center QA/AI process
- Developed an application to map neighborhood door searches called Canvass
- Developed the Property Crimes Dashboard
- Held training for five post academy classes and two EOT classes
- FDLE CJIS tri-annual Technical Audit was held
- Annual DHMSV Audit

▪ **Records Division**

The Records Division is under the direction of a civilian manager. The Division is comprised of the Manager, three supervisors, and 27 administrative staff members. The Division has the primary responsibility for the receipt and custodial retention of the more than 49,000 police reports and associated records generated annually. The Division Manager also serves as the official records custodian for the agency. The Division is comprised of three sections: Information Services, Records Support Services, and Digital Evidence Management Services (DEMS)/Discovery Unit. The sections are further broken down into six distinct operational units: Information Desk, Records Counter, Administrative, Court Liaison, FCIC/NCIC, Uniform Crime Reporting.

○ *Information Services Section*

The Information Services Section includes the Information Desk and Records Counter. The Information Desk serves as the conduit for visitors seeking assistance at Police Headquarters, as well as maintaining the security of access to the main entrance of the building. The Records Counter provides services to the public to include responding to public records requests, fingerprinting, processing application permits for Solicitors and Fortune Tellers and providing local clearance letters. In 2025, personnel provided fingerprinting services for over 914 citizens, completed over 1,334 clearance letters, and processed over 8,138 pieces of incoming mail.

- *Records Support Services Section*

The Records Support Section includes the Administrative, Court Liaison, FCIC/NCIC, and Uniform Crime Reporting Units. In 2025, the Administrative Unit and Records Counter responded to over 15,448 public records requests. The Court Liaison Unit received 18,594 subpoenas for Department personnel, scheduled 3,716 State Attorney Invests, and personnel were scheduled for 7,194 court appearances. The FCIC/NCIC Unit performed over 145 criminal history checks, completed over 21,000 validations/postings/cancellations for stolen/recovered articles reported to the Department, and responded to 1,873 requests for radio and emergency communication calls.

- *Digital Evidence Management Services (DEMS)*

The Digital Evidence Management Services (DEMS)/Discovery Unit Section was created to manage the production of digital evidence to the state attorney's office and public records request. In 2020 when body cameras were implemented to manage the production of digital evidence to the State Attorney's Office and public records requests. In 2025, 1,013,079 items were added to the evidence management system, the Unit shared 6,844 cases with the State Attorney's Office, received 3,273 public records requests and reviewed/produced 46,125 electronic evidence for public records requests. The Discovery Unit has reviewed/produced 250,389 pieces of electronic evidence to the state attorney's office.

- **Training Division**

The Training Division, under the command of a police major, consists of the Background Investigation, Polygraph, Training Administration, High Liability, and Professional Development Units.

- *Recruitment*

The Division oversees the Department's recruitment initiatives, sustains a strong and viable applicant pool, and ensures prospective candidates are informed of available career opportunities within the Department.

In 2025, the Department established a full-time Police Recruiter position. Since its implementation, the recruiter has engaged with 1,183 prospective applicants, resulting in 228 submitted applications. The recruiter, supported by supplemental recruitment personnel, attended 32 outreach events, including four career expos, 12 criminal justice training programs, and nine military recruitment events nationwide to attract high-quality candidates.

In addition, the Department expanded its social media presence by developing targeted content highlighting the Police Cadet Program. The Department's official website was further enhanced by adding direct contact information for the recruiter and relocating the application link to improve accessibility and streamline the application process.

In 2025, 646 police cadet/officer applications were received by the Background Investigation Unit, and 36 cadets/officers were hired. Division personnel processed, mentored, and trained 36 new employees, including 34 Academy Cadets, 1 Equivalency of Training (EOT) cadets, and 1 pre-certified officers throughout the initial phases of their employment. This equated to five pre-academy classes, four academy classes, one EOT academy class, and four post-academy classes taking place throughout the year. The Division administered 120 hours of pre-academy training per person and 280 hours of post-academy training per person. Personnel worked closely with the Southeastern Public Safety Institute (SEPSI) at St. Petersburg College (SPC) to facilitate 790 hours of academy training per cadet.

- *Training Administration*

Division personnel scheduled 226 courses with 643 individuals attending advanced/specialty career training that was completed by Department sworn and non-sworn employees. In addition to booking and facilitating training related travel, the Division also secured 16 non-training related travel trips for 27 personnel. These were duty-related travel such as honor guard, meetings, recruiting, and Public Safety Cadet events.

Under requirements of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the Division monitored and scheduled mandatory retraining and recertified 145 officers and 22 instructors. Additionally, six (6) new instructors were certified.

Noteworthy Events

- Division personnel provided and assisted in coordinating the following in-service training opportunities for Department personnel: Firearms, Less-Lethal Weapons, Active Assailant and De-Escalation, Rifle Carrier Training and Qualifications, New Rifle Carrier Training and Qualifications, and Continuing Supervisor Training.
 - Division personnel assisted with two Countywide Active Assailant and Mass Casualty Exercises in partnership with surrounding law enforcement agencies and the Pinellas county school board.
 - Implemented All-star, an applicant tracker program utilized by the Background Investigations team along with the Police Recruiter.
 - Acquired a modular shoot house for various training needs. This shoot house has been used for scenario-based training, active assailant training, and building clearing for police cadets.
 - Acquired a Police Recruiter vehicle. This is the first time the department has implemented a police recruitment vehicle to serve as a mobile advertisement.
 - The Annual Fitness Assessment Program found 176 sworn personnel participating. There were 83 officers at a Superior fitness level, with 117 officers completing their mandatory fitness requirements and 59 participating in the voluntary Fitness Incentive Program.
- o *Emergency Communications Division (ECD)*

The Emergency Communications Division (ECD) is under the direction of a civilian manager. The Division's authorized strength is 79 which is comprised of the Manager, Operations Assistant Manager, Administrative Assistant, Administrative Secretary, Emergency Communications Supervisors (ECSs), Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainees (PST-Ts), Emergency Complaint Writers (ECWs), and Public Safety Telecommunicators (PSTs). ECD personnel work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are the first point of contact for the tens of thousands of persons who call for police services annually. Call takers gather information from callers, who often are upset or confused, to discern the situation, determine if police services are needed, and forward the vetted calls to the Dispatchers. Dispatchers select the most appropriate officers to respond to calls, and transmit the information received, via radio or electronically, to the officers, closely monitoring the police radio to help ensure the officers' safety. ECD employees play a vital role in the provision of law enforcement services.

In 2025, the Emergency Communications Division received 54,265 emergency (911) calls. In addition to emergency calls, operators processed 291,930 non-emergency, alarm, and administrative calls for assistance. Overall, the Emergency Communications Division received 346,195 inbound calls and placed 134,141 outbound calls conducting police business for a total of 480,336 calls processed. This is a 7.28% decrease from 2024.

Noteworthy Events

- PST Courtney DeClet was promoted to Emergency Communications Supervisor on July 28, 2025.
- The Division signed a contract with GovWorx-CommsCoach to better perform Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) reviews and expand the scope of work to complete hundreds more reviews than currently done by the manual process.

▪ **Professional Compliance Unit**

The Professional Compliance Unit manages the Department's international and state accreditation efforts and conducts policy review. Accreditation is a voluntary process whereby a law enforcement agency enters into an agreement with an accrediting body to have their practices and policies reviewed, and to demonstrate agency compliance with established professional law enforcement standards and best practices. The intent is to:

- o Enhance the Department's capability to prevent and control crime.
- o Enhance effectiveness and efficiency of Department services.
- o Enhance cooperation and coordination between the Department and other agencies.
- o Enhance citizen and employee confidence in the policies and practices of the Department.

The Department was first accredited in 1985 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) and was the sixth agency to be accredited. The Department is the longest CALEA-accredited municipal agency. In 2006, the Department was recognized by CALEA for its professional excellence for having been CALEA-accredited for 15 or more continuous years and received an enhanced Certificate of Meritorious Accreditation. The Department has been reaccredited ten 10 times and in July 2022, received its sixth Certificate for Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation.

In 2003, the Department was accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA). The Department was awarded its seventh reaccreditation in October 2024 and was recognized for a second time as an *Excelsior* agency.

The accreditation process is ongoing and challenges the Department to continually assess itself to ensure that it is providing best practices and services to its clients. The Department undergoes periodic on-site assessment by the accrediting bodies to ensure its compliance with professional standards; the next scheduled CFA site-based assessment will take place in 2027 and the next CALEA site-based assessment will take place in 2026. The Department is committed to this process and undergoes self-assessment through regular staff inspections.

▪ **Maintenance Unit**

The mission of the Maintenance Unit is to provide a safe, fully functional work environment for the entire Department and the public alike. The Maintenance Unit is responsible for maintaining approximately 383,138 square feet of structures, including 10 police facilities and 2 off-site resource centers scattered throughout the city. The Department buildings are equipped with some of the most complex systems and advanced equipment currently available in the industry. The Unit endeavors to support all aspects of the Police Department and strives to ensure the well-being of all who engage in activities in and around these facilities.

The Maintenance Unit continues to work with the City Asset Management Office to identify pathways to upload the data collected in our Asset Essentials asset system into their WACS asset reporting systems. To date, we have provided building structure information at the highest level and some major capital asset data, which resides in our Asset Essentials system, so they can manipulate it to meet their office needs.

The Custodial Team, which consists of eight staff members, is solely responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of all our police sites. This is a large task, given the increased use in many of our buildings. This group conducted several large cleaning projects over the past 12 months, such as carpet cleaning in all buildings, shampooing office chairs, and stripping and waxing floors in buildings that never shut down.

The 2025 hurricane season, thankfully, was very calm. The maintenance staff took this time to continue hardening the critical infrastructure at the Headquarters site. As a group, we strategized on which systems were most adversely affected by the Helene and Milton Hurricanes. Plans were formulated and schedules established to implement alterations and improvements to our systems. Last year, our team completed a total of 3556 work orders, consisting of 1603 reactive maintenance work orders and 1956 preventive maintenance work orders. On September 15, 2025, we surpassed 10,000 total work orders in our new Asset Essential work order system since we began using it in February 2023.

Operations and Maintenance Projects:

HVAC Upgrades:

- Project managed the air handling unit replacement in Building F so that it was completed on time, on budget, and with minimal impact to the building occupants by coordinating the control work with the contractors, designing the new control system, rewiring the new points, writing the new program, starting up the units, and commissioning the units.
- Converted the controls on the six Training Center rooftop unit air conditioners from Carrier to KMC. This was converted from Carrier because Carrier would not allow us (the customer) to have their software to communicate with the units' controls, whereas KMC does provide programming tools to the customer.
- Improved the CRAC unit program and graphics so that all alarms and information from the DataAire controls integrate into Honeywell. This required researching all available points from DataAire, entering them into the Honeywell system, and adding the new points to the graphic. Each Honeywell graphic was updated with the actual layout and piping for each unit to aid troubleshooting.

- Replaced all outside air dampers on 19 AHU systems at the headquarters site. The dampers, installed as part of the original project, had seized and were inoperable, making it difficult to control airflow and temperatures in our workspaces.
- Completed the rewrite of the chiller program to improve chiller transitions and cooling tower water temperature control. We rewrote the program and updated all the graphics with new point names. We also wrote a document that put the control program into words for quick, easy reference. Since the new program was installed, chiller transitions no longer require human intervention, and we have not lost the plant due to bad programming because it always starts up perfectly, with no alarms or errors.
- Designed and installed an isolation damper to separate AHU 3-2 and 3-3. The existing bypass damper did not fully seal, which allowed air to flow past and pressurize the air handler, making it impossible to open the doors to complete the required service. The new damper seals properly, and we can now safely open the units' doors to conduct service.

Electrical Upgrades:

- Rewired the feeds serving 4 AHU and their associated VAV boxes to generator power. Completing the work allows us to condition all spaces during power failures at the headquarters building. Previously, when staff were sequestered, those who slept in these areas did not have access to fresh air when we lost our normal Duke Energy power feed. To date, all AHU systems are powered by generator power during power outages.
- Designed and installed electrical infrastructure for the new drone system in room 2030. This project is ongoing into 2026 and is roughly 80% complete. We designed and engineered the drone landing platforms and created plans for contractors to follow, enabling them to install materials that met the drone vendors' specifications.

Base Building Upgrades:

- Began to institute a new Key Management System. The key system purchased as part of the new Headquarters project has become obsolete, and we do not have technical support. We are in the process of setting up the newly purchased system called SimpleK. The team has conducted an inventory of all police padlocks and lock boxes accessible to our officers and will be installing new combination padlocks and lock boxes to eliminate officers carrying keys. All officers and civilians have been loaded into the new system, and we are currently evaluating the key hierarchy.
- Created new office spaces in the Training Division, room 2210. The division identified a need to alter its existing office layout to accommodate the division's growth. We were asked to design and project-manage the creation of two new supervisor office cubicles and two cubicles for candidates completing documentation.

Operations Changes:

- The maintenance unit was asked to shift custodian start times to allow each custodian to clean their respective restrooms before most staff arrive at work. The goal was to get out of these spaces before staff arrived at work. To date, we have been very successful.

We continue to improve our inventory module, stocking both critical and frequently used parts to support the equipment serving the police department sites. By following this model, we have been able to expeditiously repair systems with minimal downtime and little to no disruption to the department operations.

The Maintenance Unit worked very hard behind the scenes to ensure all staff needs were met. The Unit seamlessly maintained all work areas, keeping them clean and sanitized, while ensuring that critical building services remained operational during events and every day. It is a pleasure to serve the police officers and civilians of the St Petersburg Police Department.

▪ Grants and Special Projects Unit

The Grants and Special Projects Unit is under the direction of a civilian manager, a Special Projects Manager, and includes no other staff. During 2025, the Unit was responsible for acquiring \$1,421,926 dollars in new funding for equipment, high-visibility traffic enforcement, fentanyl eradication operations, youth programming, and crime prevention activities. The Unit is responsible for managing active federal and state grants in the approximate amount of \$7 million dollars.

The Unit assists with oversight of the Community Assistance and Life Liaison (CALL) Program. The CALL program is a partnership between the Department and Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS) to provide alternative response and wraparound services for nonviolent and noncriminal 911/non-emergency calls and referrals. In 2025, CALL made over 4000 contacts with the community, including responding to calls from dispatch, employee referrals, and follow-ups. Approximately 98% of CALL's on-scene responses are without law enforcement.

Noteworthy Events

- January 2025, the St. Petersburg Police Department launched its Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Community Violence Intervention and Prevention (CVIP) Program to reduce youth violence through prevention-focused, community-based strategies. The program centers on early intervention, relationship-building, and coordinated support for at-risk youth through partnerships with Community Service Officers, licensed mental health clinicians, and community organizations. Youth participants in Jordan Park (District 1) received evidence-based group therapy services alongside wellness programming, including yoga and mindfulness practices, designed to strengthen emotional regulation, resilience, and coping skills. Through sustained outreach and engagement, the CVIP Program reinforced the department's commitment to proactive violence prevention, trust-building, and long-term public safety.
- April 10, 2025 marked a significant milestone for the St. Petersburg Police Department through the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project (NCVRW CAP) award, as the Department hosted its first Candlelight Vigil honoring victims of crime and recognizing the role of victim advocates. The vigil brought together community members, senior city leadership, service providers, and City Council representation to honor lives lost to violence and promote healing, solidarity, and awareness of victims' rights. In support of the NCVRW CAP objectives, the Department also participated in Saturday Shoppes on March 30 as an approved outreach activity, engaging residents through shared tabling with Gulf Coast JFCS' The HUB & CALL Program and distributing informational materials to increase awareness of available services and strengthen community trust. Collectively, these efforts advanced victim-centered outreach and reinforced the Department's commitment to advocacy, partnership, and community engagement.
- May 2025, the Special Projects Manager partnered with the City to assist with the Community Impact FY25 Summer Enhancement Grant Reason For Proposal (RFP) and continued that partnership in June through support of the City's Grant Management RFP.
- May 2025, a Providers Meeting was launched and designed as a collaborative space for sharing available resources and engaging in dialogue about programs serving the community. The convening ensured cross-sector representation with providers, including members of the PATH team, PD's Victim's Advocates, and the CALL TEAM, fostering coordination, shared understanding, and strengthened service delivery.
- October 2025 marked the launch of Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement, a new initiative funded through the COPS Office, U.S. Department of Justice, under the Support for Law Enforcement Agencies program. Implemented by the St. Petersburg Police Department in partnership with St. Petersburg College through its Center for Public Safety Innovation (CPSI), the project delivers comprehensive, evidence-based de-escalation and crisis response training to sworn officers, support personnel, and embedded mental health professionals. The initiative aligns with COPS Office priorities by strengthening officer safety, improving responses to mental health-, behavioral-, and substance-related crises, and enhancing public trust through safer, more effective encounters.
- The Special Projects Manager has presented on the CALL program to stakeholder organizations, including the Council of Neighborhood Associations and St. Petersburg Police Department's Citizen Police Academy, and presented a grants presentation to The Greenhouse.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The **Investigative Services Bureau (ISB)** is commanded by Assistant Chief Mike Kovacsev, who oversees the Bureau's four Divisions: Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property, Strategic Operations, and Youth Resources. The Assistant Chief, Investigative Services Bureau, also oversees the Intelligence Unit.

▪ **Crimes Against Persons Division**

○ *Major Crimes Unit (MCU)*

The Major Crimes Unit investigates homicides, robberies, aggravated batteries, suicides and various other crimes citywide. The Unit is divided into two squads that worked 10 homicide-related investigations occurring in 2025, closing all but 1 case. This is significant as it represents the lowest number of homicides recorded in the city over the past four decades.

The Major Crimes Unit also houses two detectives, who are sworn task force partners with ATF, and a group of four detectives specifically tasked with follow up work on non-fatal gun related violence.

○ *Cold Case Unit*

The Cold Case Unit was staffed by two full-time detectives and achieved significant advancements in solving long-unsolved cases through the integration of modern forensic techniques and strategic partnerships. In 2026, we will transition to one fulltime detective, and assign older cases to other members of the Unit to allow for opportunities to work more cases which were previously inactive.

Noteworthy Events

- **Advancements in Hair Analysis and DNA:** Leveraging breakthroughs in hair analysis and advanced DNA testing, detectives were able to reanalyze evidence from decades-old cases. These cutting-edge technologies have provided new leads in investigations that had previously gone cold.
- **Collaboration with Private Laboratories:** The unit collaborated with renowned private laboratories, including Othram and BODE Technology, to apply forensic genealogy and next-generation DNA sequencing techniques. These partnerships have been instrumental in identifying suspects and bringing resolution to cases that were once thought unsolvable.
- These innovations and collaborations underscore the Cold Case Unit's commitment to justice and its dedication to utilizing every available resource to provide answers for victims and their families

○ *Digital Forensics Unit*

The Digital Forensics Unit was formed in April 2018 to handle the Department's need to gather and examine digital evidence. Electronic devices used by suspects, victims and witnesses are commonly found at crime scenes and often are a valuable source of evidence. The handling of these devices for forensic examination requires specialized equipment and software to preserve the integrity of the digital evidence.

The Digital Forensics Unit currently consists of one sergeant and five detectives who have received extensive training in conducting digital forensic examinations and operating the equipment and software needed for the examinations. Members of the Digital Forensics Unit are available to assist personnel from all Bureaus of the Department and have assisted in the closure of numerous criminal cases. One detective in the Unit is assigned as a part time member to the FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force. The Unit also maintains close relationships with the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, the US Secret Service, and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

- *Personal Violence Unit (PVU)*

The Personal Violence Unit strengthened its commitment to addressing crimes such as domestic violence, sexual battery, stalking, missing persons, and the exploitation of the elderly. Collaborating with Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA), the PVU actively shared resources available to domestic violence victims and hosted a stop for the CASA Community Scavenger Hunt, engaging the community in awareness initiatives. Additionally, the detectives within the unit works with the Suncoast Center who provides comprehensive examinations and services for survivors of sexual battery, ensuring victims received necessary medical and psychological support.

The PVU also conducted thorough investigations into serious stalking incidents, missing person cases, and the exploitation of the elderly, employing advanced investigative techniques and community outreach to resolve these matters effectively. Despite managing a high volume of callback requests, the unit maintained a steadfast commitment to providing timely and effective responses to all cases under their purview.

- *Crimes Against Children (CAC) Unit*

The Crimes Against Children Unit works to protect the city's youngest and most vulnerable residents. Collaborating closely with Child Protection Investigators, the unit addressed numerous allegations of child abuse, ensuring comprehensive investigations and the provision of necessary support services. This partnership facilitated a multidisciplinary approach, combining law enforcement and child protective services to effectively safeguard children.

- *Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)*

Formed in 2024, the Internet Crimes Against Persons function (previously HEAT) focuses primarily on Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), collaborating with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). This function investigates child exploitation, human trafficking, and cyber-enabled crimes, addressing a growing area of concern in the digital age. The creation of ICAC reflects the Department's commitment to addressing complex and emerging threats in the online space.

- *Victim Assistance Unit*

The Victim Assistance Unit continued to provide comprehensive support to crime victims, ensuring they received necessary resources and assistance throughout the year. This ongoing support was made possible by generous donations from the Patterson-Foltz Crime Victim Compensation Fund, which enabled the advocates to offer services such as crisis counseling, assistance with victim compensation claims, and guidance through the criminal justice process. The fund's contributions were instrumental in allowing the advocates to maintain a consistent level of support for victims, addressing their immediate needs and facilitating their recovery. Additionally, our Victim Advocates concluded their participation in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Law Enforcement Victim Services Grant, with advocates attending in-person training alongside peers from across the United States. This experience enhanced their skills and broadened their understanding of best practices in victim advocacy, further strengthening the unit's capacity to serve the community effectively.

- **Crimes Against Property Division**

- *Property Crimes Unit (PCU)*

The Property Crimes Unit conducts follow-up investigations, proactive surveillance operations, and leverages technology to identify and apprehend criminals. Detectives focus on specific geographical areas and collaborate with units within the bureau to address burglary and auto theft patterns across the city. Case assignments are based on the Patrol District where the crime occurred. The Unit also shares information with neighboring jurisdictions to uncover connections in property crime cases.

In 2025, the Unit continued to build on its strong performance from the prior year, maintaining significant achievements across all three districts. Detectives made numerous arrests of serial burglars and prolific auto thieves, successfully identifying and addressing multiple commercial, residential, and vehicle burglary patterns. These efforts led to the arrest of both adult and juvenile suspects and the recovery of stolen property. Many incidents were connected to recurring patterns and known suspects, reflecting the Unit's ongoing analytical and investigative focus. The Unit also remained committed to community engagement by attending neighborhood association meetings to share crime prevention strategies and increase public awareness.

Noteworthy Events

- In 2025, the Unit's partnership with the FLOCK camera system continued to be a valuable and effective asset, building on the expansion efforts initiated in 2024. With the additional cameras fully installed and operational, the expanded network has provided broader citywide coverage across all three districts. This increased presence has enhanced investigators' ability to quickly identify suspect vehicles, track movement patterns, and corroborate timelines, leading to faster case resolution and stronger evidentiary support. The system has played a consistent role in advancing investigations, contributing to the identification of suspects and the clearance of numerous cases in 2025.
- 2025-20556 – Detectives had been monitoring a pattern of vehicle burglaries and attempted auto thefts involving forcible entry and ignition tampering. On June 13, 2025, patrol officers arrested suspects attempting to steal a vehicle in the same area where the pattern had been occurring. PCU detectives responded immediately and conducted an interview with one of the arrested subjects, which led to the identification of additional suspects connected to the pattern. Through continued investigation and follow-up interviews, detectives were able to clear 11 additional cases attributed to these suspects.
- 2025-28293 – This case was highlighted for Detective Larson's evaluation due to her exceptional investigative work following the arrest of a suspect by district 2 patrol officers in a just-occurred vehicle burglary. Detective Larson responded after hours, conducted a thorough interview, and obtained admissions to multiple offenses, including auto theft, armed vehicle burglary, and possession of a stolen firearm.
- Property Crime detectives worked a citywide vehicle burglary pattern involving a silver Ford Taurus with a single occupant. The suspect would target unlocked vehicles and steal valuables including firearms. Ultimately, the Ford Taurus was suspected to be involved in over 10 vehicle burglaries from April through September 2025. Detectives were able to identify the suspect and take him into custody. The suspect was charged with four vehicle burglaries and three armed vehicle burglaries.
- The Unit continues to collaborate with the State Attorney's Office through the ongoing use of the Cloud Gavel warrant system, expediting the issuance of arrest warrants for property-related crimes and enhancing investigative efficiency.
- In 2025, 13 new detectives and two sergeants joined the unit due to promotions, retirements, and transfers.
- Toward the end of 2025, the Property Crimes Unit began developing a Drone as First Responder (DFR) program, which will be known as the Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC). This initiative builds on the early successes of the Department's existing drone program and is designed to expand real-time response and intelligence capabilities. The RTIC will be supervised by a sergeant and staffed by two sworn officers serving as certified pilots, along with four civilian analysts assigned to the unit. Significant operational enhancements are planned for early 2026. Initially, the RTIC will fall under the Property Crimes Unit and report to the Major. As the program continues to evolve, its overall structure will be evaluated and adjusted as necessary to ensure long-term effectiveness and alignment with Departmental goals.

o *Economic Crimes Unit (ECU)*

The Economic Crimes Unit is tasked with investigating a wide variety of cases related to financial crimes. The Unit regularly investigates retail thefts, grand thefts, identity thefts, fraud, and periodically; embezzlement, money laundering and elderly exploitation cases. This year, members of the Unit were assigned a little over 2,800 cases to review and to investigate cases with potential leads. Several cases were closed out with an arrest or referred to the State Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Noteworthy Event

- 2025-006971 — While the Unit handled many noteworthy investigations in 2025, the most significant was Detective Deak's recovery of more than \$5.4 million stolen from victims' bank accounts. In February 2025, Unit detectives responded to a report in which \$5,421,353 was fraudulently withdrawn through 13 transfers to six separate financial institutions. Portions of these funds were subsequently moved into cryptocurrency wallets. Through immediate follow-up and thorough documentation, Detective Deak secured emergency Search and Seizure Warrants, allowing for the rapid recovery of funds. He also established critical contacts within the banking and financial sector to halt additional transfers, resources not typically accessible during the early stages of an investigation. In addition to warrants obtained through the State Attorney's Office for traditional banks, Detective Deak employed advanced cryptocurrency tracing software to identify additional financial pathways involving cryptocurrency exchanges. Working in coordination with the Attorney General's Office, he obtained further warrants targeting these exchanges. As a result, approximately 90% of the stolen funds were recovered or are in the process of recovery. Following the financial recovery efforts, Detective Deak coordinated with federal agencies to identify individuals involved in the scheme, determining whether they were money mules, additional victims, or suspects. Subpoenas generated multiple investigative leads, largely outside the local jurisdiction. Partner agencies conducted interviews, including one that identified a victim of a romance scam. The investigation has also identified three potential international suspects and remains ongoing. Through Detective Deak's efforts, \$4,901,835.89 has been recovered to date.

- **Evidentiary Services Division (ESD)**

- *Property and Evidence Unit (PEU)*

In 2025, 36,199 items were brought into the Department's chain of custody in the Property and Evidence Unit (29,777 were property and evidence items and 6,422 were narcotic evidence items). During 2025, 29,343 items were released (to lawful owners, other agencies, court), donated, auctioned, deposited into our City Fund, or disposed of in accordance with Florida Statutes. The Unit also received 341 bicycles into Property and Evidence and registered 252 bicycles for City residents.

The Property and Evidence Unit is commanded by one supervisor who oversees nine full time and one part-time Property and Evidence Clerks. The Property and Evidence Unit had three clerks resign during 2025. There have been four clerks hired, one of which was not retained, and the Unit is in the process of hiring a 5th. With this hire the Unit will be fully staffed. The Unit is also currently storing the property and evidence for the Treasure Island Police Department due to the 2024 hurricanes destroying their facilities. This was coordinated between the two departments immediately following the devastating events in October of 2024.

- *Forensic Services Unit (FSU)*

The Forensic Services Unit processes crime scenes for patrol officers and detectives to identify evidence that might point to the perpetrators of crime. The Unit maintains in-house training and further identified a need to conduct monthly refresher trainings on frequently deployed forensic techniques. The monthly training consists of two-hour blocks during which the technician completes an assigned processing task. The technician's work is evaluated, and feedback is provided to the technician. The unit utilizes conventional and advanced forensic processing techniques in their work. Two (2) members of the Unit serve as Lead Forensic Technicians, taking on administrative duties, training, and serving as a resource to the other forensic technicians within the unit.

- *Latent Print Examination Unit*

The Latent Print Examination Unit analyzes, compares, and attempts to determine the identity of latent print impressions. Personnel are responsible for performing all tasks related to receiving, comparing, and maintaining all latent lifts obtained during police investigations, which include postmortem prints, 10-print cards, and input into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The unit is currently evaluating a robust case management system to enhance our tracking and storage capabilities while further standardizing our reporting process.

Noteworthy Events

- The Forensic Services Unit received a Full Spectrum Imaging System (FSIS-II) in 2025, which allows for the advanced processing of evidentiary items using alternate light sources, coupled with a high-resolution camera. This equipment allows for the detection of latent prints on various surfaces. All the Forensic Technicians have been properly trained in its use and the system has already demonstrated its effectiveness by generating investigative leads in several cases.
- During 2025, members of the Forensic Services and Latent Print Units provided valuable testimony during multiple homicide trials which assisted in obtaining convictions in numerous cases.
- o *Records Support Operators (RSO) Unit*

Records Support Operators are responsible for the qualitative assessment and dissemination of police reports. Nine part-time Records Support Operators assist police officers with report revisions and provide instruction regarding report documentation and procedures, when necessary. They also review online reports from citizens and distribute police reports to external agencies, as necessary.

▪ **Intelligence Unit**

A unit of nine detectives supervised by a sergeant, the Intelligence Unit reports directly to the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) Assistant Chief and serves as the repository for information related to organized criminal activity, subversive activity, and domestic security. In addition, the Unit performs a critical liaison role with several state and federal agencies in the area and is specially trained in dignitary protection and surveillance. The Unit currently has two detectives assigned as full-time members of the regional FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), one detective assigned as a full-time member of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF, Pinellas group), one detective assigned as a full-time member of the U.S. Marshal's Task Force, one detective assigned as a full-time member of Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Threat Management Task Force, one civilian investigator handling all incoming tips from all our resources, and one intelligence analyst.

In 2025, the Unit responded to a range of critical threats, including those directed at elected officials, law enforcement officers, and threats related to mass shootings and other public safety concerns. Additionally, the Unit supported security planning and coordination for major city events, such as the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg and the Pride Parade. Throughout the year, the Unit also closely monitored various social movements across the city. Furthermore, the Unit has actively worked to increase its ability to provide protective services details for elected officials through training courses and new equipment.

Noteworthy Events

- Identified the need to centralize law enforcement investigative tools to maximize deployment of police resources and increase the efficiency of police investigations. As such, a plan to establish a Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) was implemented. The RTIC has been created and will serve as the central point for law enforcement investigative resources.

▪ **Youth Resource Division (YRD)**

- o *Habitual Offender Monitoring Enforcement (HOME) Unit*

The Habitual Offender Monitoring and Enforcement Operation is a collaborative effort between the Clearwater Police Department, Largo Police Department, Pinellas Park Police Department, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, St. Petersburg Police Department, Department of Juvenile Justice, Pinellas County State's Attorney's Office, Unified Family Courts, and law enforcement partners. The objective of HOME Task Force is to target hard-core juvenile offenders currently assigned to probation programs. Proactive enforcement with a zero-tolerance approach will be implemented to hold its participants accountable to sanctions put forth by the juvenile court system. The members of HOME Task Force, provide proactive enforcement through partnerships that build trust, reduce crime, and create a safe environment, which enhances the quality of life in the communities.

Noteworthy Events

- Armed Trafficking (Narcotics) – March 19, 2025 – During a random curfew/compliance check a subject was observed exiting a vehicle parked in front of the residence where the check was being conducted and quickly going inside the house. In plain view through the window of the vehicle a large amount of Marijuana was observed inside as well as a Glock model 19 that was observed on the driver's floorboard. Residents at the location would not provide information on the owner of the vehicle and it was towed to Tri-J. Once there the firearm was discovered to have been stolen out of Desoto County (ref. Desoto County Sheriff's Case Number P22-07071). Along with the firearm, 681 grams of marijuana, 48 grams of oxycodone, 93 grams of MDMA/Ecstasy, and \$3,676 were recovered from the vehicle. Positive identification of the suspect could not be made, and this is an ongoing case with the State Attorney in an attempt to work out a Motion to Compel for the possible suspect's DNA.
- Grand Theft Firearm, Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell, Possession of Drug without Prescription, Possession of Firearm by a Minor – During a random curfew/compliance check the subject being checked was found inside a vehicle parked in front of his house with three other juveniles. The juveniles were smoking marijuana in the vehicle and during a search 392.2 grams of marijuana were located along with five bottles of Promethazine Hydrochloride. A Springfield Hellcat 9mm firearm was located under the front passenger seat of the vehicle and it was discovered to have been stolen out of Manatee County. The juveniles were arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Juvenile Assessment Center (PJAC).
- Carrying a Concealed Firearm/Minor in Possession of a Firearm – While conducting a curfew/compliance check, a subject who was not known at the time was observed loitering and walking in between residences. Contact was made with the subject and an outline of a firearm could be seen in the subject's waistline. The firearm was recovered and discovered to have been stolen. The subject was arrested for the above charges and is now currently being monitored by the Task Force
- Task Force members were contacted by the School Resource Officer at Gibbs High School in reference to a juvenile currently being monitored by the Task Force possibly bringing firearms on campus. Probable cause for Violation of Probation due to failing to attend school regularly was established. Task Force members took the subject into custody and upon speaking with his mother and alerting her to the firearm allegations, she provided the subject's school backpack which contained an extended Glock magazine which held seven rounds of 9mm ammunition. No firearm was located in the backpack however the subject was charged with Delinquent in Possession of Ammunition.
- During the arrest of the subject a second juvenile (unidentified at the time) had fled the area and it was later discovered that he had thrown a backpack onto the roof of the house Task Force Members had effected the arrest of the first subject at. Inside the backpack was 498 Grams of Marijuana. An AR15 pistol was also located next to the backpack. The subject was later identified and there is currently outstanding probable cause for his arrest for Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell as well as Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony.
- H.O.M.E. Task Force Members identified two of the suspects of the Strong-Armed Robbery, that occurred at Tyrone Square Mall, due to having many interactions with them through compliance checks. Task Force members arrested both suspects in this case.

o *Police Athletic League (PAL)*

The Police Athletic League of St. Petersburg, Inc. (PAL) is a non-profit organization that provided recreational, athletic, social, and educational opportunities for youths. PAL was founded in 1960 for stopping juvenile delinquency before it is started by providing "crime prevention through recreation" programs. These supervised, multifaceted activities and events are intended as a means for police officers to have a positive influence and impact on youths. PAL is an autonomous youth serving agency governed by a board of directors, which is headed by a Chairman of the Board. Daily operations are managed by an Executive Director, Heather Robb. Officer Vincent Calvino is the police Department's liaisons to PAL.

PAL is continuing in its partnership with other community service agencies and businesses to maximize resources to increase the number of youths and families they serve.

- *School Resource Officers (SRO) Unit*

School Resource Officers Unit consists of two sergeants and 16 officers. The primary function of the Unit is to provide law enforcement, education, and counseling to students and parents at the four public high schools and five middle schools within the City of St. Petersburg. The sixth middle school in St. Petersburg is serviced by the Pinellas County Schools Police Department.

The Department currently has two SROs in each high school and one SRO in each middle school. In addition, the Department has three SROs who serve as “floaters” to assist with investigations, transports, evidence processing, and other issues occurring near or off campus so that the SROs assigned to a school may remain on campus. In addition, a Youth Education Officer oversees the St. Petersburg Public Safety Cadet Program.

- *Public Safety Cadets (PSC)*

In 2025, the Public Safety Cadets were actively involved in crime awareness and prevention within the City. The program had 31 different active members throughout the year. The Public Safety Cadets were involved in over 2,391 training hours on Monday evenings, 660 hours of Firearms training, 292 hours of Physical Training, and 1,524 hours of community/public service. This does not include the countless hours of competition training or honor guard training. Two different Public Safety Cadets earned a total of \$3,300 in college scholarships in 2025. Members also contributed 992 hours of service to the department through ride-alongs, role-playing or assistance to other various units. Three members hold statewide leadership positions on the Florida Association of Police Explorers Youth Board as the Youth Vice President, Co-Sergeant at Arms and the Secretary. The Lead Mentor, Ofc. A. Waldo is the current State Social Media Coordinator for the second year after finishing his term as State Advisor for the previous 2-years. Public Safety Cadet Unit #1969 actively participated in several state and national competitions and members have received many awards as a result. Most notably, three Public Safety Cadets received awards on the national level at the National Public Safety Cadets Conference in Ontario, California. The program continues to produce future police department employees through its paid Public Safety Cadet Intern position. The program is considered a valuable resource for the Department and the community.

- *Volunteer Road Patrol*

The Volunteer Road Patrol consists of four volunteers who are an essential element of the Department. The Volunteer Road Patrol addresses numerous non-criminal duties of police officers including tagging and impounding abandoned vehicles, issuing parking citations, assisting with traffic control at crash scenes, and handling minor found property reports. The Volunteer Road Patrol is staffed by one civilian supervisor, who serves as the Road Patrol Coordinator, with the volunteers under their direct supervision. The coordinator is responsible for the scheduling and training of the volunteers.

- *School Crossing Guards*

The School Crossing Guard Unit consist of 72 part-time employees that are responsible for 51 locations throughout the city. Thirty-five of these locations serve 23 elementary schools, and 16 locations serve six middle schools within the City. The crossing guards are under the direct supervision of one school crossing guard supervisor, who reports to the Major, Youth Resources Division. This is currently the same civilian supervisor that oversees the Volunteer Road Patrol Unit. The supervisor is responsible for the training and certification of each of the guards to the FDOT standard, assignment of the crossing guards to the locations approved through the Pinellas County School District, and processing payroll for the group.

- **Strategic Operations Division (SOD)**

- *Narcotics Unit*

The Narcotics Unit utilizes detectives to investigate street level, mid-level, and upper-level drug trafficking organizations to combat the spread of narcotics across the City. The Narcotics Unit’s mission is to detect and eradicate all illegal drug activity within the City. The Narcotics Unit is comprised of two components that work in unison to combat the flow of narcotics in the St. Petersburg area and beyond. The Narcotics Unit works closely with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the investigation of large and complex drug trafficking organizations.

- *Special Investigations Unit (SIU)*

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) conducts tactical surveillance and covert operations. The Unit regularly interrupts crimes in progress and apprehends dangerous fugitives. The Unit supports the entire agency with covert surveillance needs and special events.

Noteworthy Events

- October 24–August 25 – Beginning in October 2024, the Strategic Operations Division was tasked with investigating a legacy narcotics trafficker who had previously been arrested on federal charges of cocaine trafficking and served twenty years in federal prison. Detectives uncovered that the suspect and his son were operating drug houses within the city. Through extensive surveillance, social media exploitation, and coordination with multiple units, the investigation culminated in July 2025 with the simultaneous execution of search warrants at two residences and six storage units. The father and son drug traffickers were storing large amounts of cocaine and currency within commercial rental storage units. These operations resulted in the seizure of six firearms, four kilograms of cocaine, half a kilogram of crack cocaine, ten pounds of marijuana, and forty-three pounds of synthetic cannabinoids (“spice”). Additionally, over \$500,000 in cash and approximately \$150,000 in jewelry were recovered.
- Beginning in February 2025, working with FDLE, the Strategic Operations Division utilized SAFE (State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication) Grant funds to disrupt a major fentanyl trafficking criminal organization. The criminals were identified as a certified gang operating within the City of St. Petersburg, and used gun violence and intimidation to operate, including homicide. Detectives worked with the Pinellas County State Attorney’s Office to conduct a Title III investigation into the gang. The investigation culminated in numerous arrests, seizures of eight firearms (two stolen), and various narcotics. This investigation also led to identifying a suspect in an open homicide.
- 2025 also saw the advancement of the drone unit, including rolling out a pilot program to ISB personnel. This program effectively trained drone pilots within the Division and implemented a program for ISB detectives to utilize the services of drones for many different duties, from the apprehensions of fleeing felons to locating missing persons. The rollout was such a success that the program was ahead of schedule, and the decision was made to begin training patrol officers. The drone unit was moved from under the command of SOD to the Property Crimes Unit, where it is still advancing our methods in all different facets of police work.

UNIFORM SERVICES BUREAU

In 2025, the **Uniform Services Bureau (USB)** was under the command of Assistant Chief, Antonio Gilliam. USB is the largest Bureau within the Department and represents nearly 50% of the Department's personnel. The Uniform Services Bureau provides direct police services to the community, including response by uniformed officers to calls for service, and works to identify and develop solutions to police-related community problems. The Uniform Services Bureau provides police services 24-hours a day, responding to 911 emergencies, investigating crimes, crashes, and handling quality of life issues within the City. Embracing a community policing philosophy, all members of the Bureau work with the community to prevent crime and resolve neighborhood issues in a jurisdiction 60.9 square miles in size.

The Uniform Services Bureau is composed of three separate patrol districts, which include community service officers. Additionally, there are two support Divisions within USB, the Patrol Response Division, and the Special Operations/Disaster Operations Division. This includes specialty units such as traffic, K9, and personnel assigned to the downtown corridor.

▪ **Patrol Districts**

Sworn personnel are regionally assigned to one of the three Districts (Districts I, II, and III), each directed by a police major. Each District has a complement of three lieutenants and 10 sergeants to supervise field activities being performed by patrol and community service officers.

○ *Community Service Officers*

The community service officers are charged with developing and maintaining a meaningful and productive partnership with the community. Their goal is to achieve excellence by facilitating a partnership between Department members and the citizens in order to mutually identify and resolve community problems. This partnership will ultimately enhance the safety and quality of life for the citizens of our community. Community service officers work with a team of City employees dedicated to solving some of the more complex quality-of-life issues and works with neighborhood associations and the community, as a whole, in addressing and preventing the incidence of crime in our neighborhoods. This Community Service Model now includes not only every member of the Department, but every employee of the City. They also provide businesses and citizens of St. Petersburg with a centralized source of crime awareness and/or prevention information and assistance. They provide proactive crime awareness and crime prevention programs to the citizens and businesses of St. Petersburg to reduce the threat of crime.

• **Uniform Support Divisions**

The Uniform Support Division is divided into two different Divisions, each led by a police major: Patrol Response and Special Operations/Disaster Operations. Three additional specialty functions, the Crisis Negotiations Unit, the Special Event Response Team (SERT) and the Honor Guard, fall within the purview of the Uniform Support Division.

▪ **Patrol Response Division**

The Patrol Response Division was led by Major Bonnie Bush. The Division is comprised of the Downtown Deployment Team (DDT) Unit, the Mounted Patrol Unit, the Police Assisting the Homeless (PATH) Unit and the Traffic Section. The Traffic Section includes the Crash Investigations Unit, the DUI Enforcement Unit, the Marine Unit, Hit/Run Investigations, and the Traffic Enforcement Unit.

○ *Downtown Deployment Team (DDT) Unit*

On day shift, there are 14 DDT officers, one DDT sergeant, and one DDT lieutenant assigned to the Downtown District of the City. The DDT officers work independently of the patrol squads, providing accelerated police presence in the Downtown District. This police presence is intended to promote and maintain good community relations while performing all aspects of community, problem-oriented policing. They also focus on quality life issues that are unique to this corridor. Two of these DDT dayshift officers are also assigned to work at City Hall and one officer is assigned as the Transport Van Operator.

There are 13 DDT officers and two DDT sergeants on the evening shift. During 2025, a lieutenant was added to DDT evening shift. In addition, there are two mounted patrol officers assigned to this Unit who operate while riding a horse. The unit focuses on providing a more concentrated police presence in the Downtown Entertainment District, the Edge District, and the Grand Central corridor. This police presence is intended to promote and maintain both community relations, while also safeguarding the overall security of the citizens and businesses in this most densely populated and visited area of the City. The assigned officers work during the busiest bar and club hours, directly interacting on a personal level with residents, visitors, and merchants of the community. Officers utilize various modes of transportation to carry out their mission, including bicycles, carts, a horse, and walking beats. One officer on DDT evening shift is assigned as the Transport Van Operator.

- *Prisoner Transport Van (PTV) Unit*

The Prisoner Transport Vans are a function of the DDT Unit, with the vans being under the command of the Downtown Deployment Team sergeants. The Prisoner Transport Van Unit previously consisted of three officers, however there are currently two. One officer is assigned to the day shift unit, the other is assigned to evenings. They accept prisoners from patrol officers and transport them to the Pinellas County Jail, allowing the officers to return to service much quicker following an arrest.

- *Mounted Unit*

In 2025, the Mounted Unit was comprised of two full time officers assigned within the DDT evening shift. The Unit had six active alternate officers who assist with staffing coverage as needed for special events. The Unit had one horse, stabled in Pinellas Park. The Unit's primary mission is covering public relations events throughout the city as well as conducting high visibility patrol throughout many of the city parks. In 2025, the Unit assisted the downtown deployment officers for large scale events such as First Friday's, St. Patrick's Day, and the New Years' Eve celebration. They typically work Wednesday through Saturday; however, their hours are frequently adjusted to meet the needs of special events and other public events. The Mounted Unit is frequently requested by organizers of parades and other special events inside and outside St. Petersburg. In December of 2025, one of the police horses died, leaving only one horse in the unit.

- *Police Assisting the Homeless (PATH) Unit*

The Police Assisting the Homeless Unit is completing its seventh year as a full-time Unit. The Unit is comprised of one sergeant and six officers. In addition to these personnel, the Unit is assisted by a dedicated, full-time social worker who is assigned to City Hall, who reports directly to the Homeless Services Manager, Mrs. Helen Rhymes. The PATH Unit's mission is to address homelessness and transient-related issues utilizing a two-tiered approach of service referral and enforcement. They proactively contact members of the community struggling with homelessness providing service referrals to partner agencies. Officers provide reasonable transportation to service providers and can even assist in finding emergency shelters for homeless families in dire circumstances.

The PATH Unit also engages in enforcement activity in response to citizen complaints regarding nuisance issues related to homelessness, such as misdemeanor crimes and ordinance violations. Offenders of low-level offenses are provided with the opportunity to accept a service referral or other diversion in lieu of arrest for first offenses. The program goal is to decrease homelessness in our community through partnership and cooperation to reduce the effects of homeless-related nuisance for citizens, while reducing demand related to these issues on patrol officers city-wide. By the end of 2025, the PATH Unit had made a total of 2596 contacts, 698 referrals, and provided transportation assistance to 390 homeless individuals to one of our partner organizations or receiving facilities in the region. Additionally, the PATH Unit aided family units via 2-1-1, or through the city social worker.

The PATH Unit also continues to operate with a Registered Nurse (RN) from BayCare (St. Anthony's Hospital) riding with the Unit one shift per week. The nurse responds in the field with officers to treat minor ailments and medical needs of the homeless population to decrease the demand for emergency services and emergency room utilization within the homeless population.

In 2021, a collaboration was implemented with Gulf Coast JFCS to create a team to respond to calls that are non-criminal and non-violent to alleviate police officers from responding to such. The PATH Unit was selected as the team to work closely with the Community Assistance and Life Liaison (CALL) program to provide training and assist them in this venture. Although they do not currently work directly with the CALL program, PATH officers still refer subjects as needed for assistance from that program. CALL Navigators have responded to assist in Baker Acts, panhandling, neighborhood disputes, and mental health crisis incidents. The CALL Unit was well received by the community and continues its efforts to respond to non-violent and non-criminal complaints to reduce police involvement in these incidents. PATH officers continue to conduct ride-alongs with new CALL Navigators and assist with scenario-based training.

Noteworthy Events

- Supervisors from Patrol Response Division worked alongside City Transportation and ride-share companies to devise a strategy to reduce traffic congestion and safety concerns in the 200 block of Central Avenue. A designated ride-share lane was created for nighttime traffic management downtown in the 200 block of 1st Avenue North. This has eliminated the vehicular and pedestrian safety issues identified along Central Avenue.
 - Addition of a Downtown Deployment Unit evening shift lieutenant assisted the unit in our efficiency and effectiveness.
 - Incorporated both the Edge and Grand Central Districts into our patrol plans. We also regularly attend the neighborhood and business association meetings in these areas to maintain a positive working relationship.
 - An officer received the Chief's Award of Excellence in July 2025.
- o *Traffic Section*

The Traffic Section is composed of a lieutenant, three traffic sergeants, 21 officers specifically trained in a variety of fields, one civilian hit and run investigator and two civilian traffic specialists. Whether on land or on water, their mission is to deter crashes and, through enforcement, reduce the number of crashes that result in injury or death. Traffic officers are focused on the reduction of hazardous traffic conditions, speed measurement, and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement. The civilian investigator carries a caseload, while the civilian traffic specialists process the Department's citations and DUI packets.

In 2025, the Traffic Section investigated 24 fatal crashes that resulted in 24 fatalities. Five of these fatal crash investigations involved a pedestrian and five involved an e-bicycle. The Traffic Section is also responsible for the operation and maintenance of all speed measurement and breath-testing equipment. In 2025, throughout the City, 7,771 traffic crashes were reported, and 21,083 total Uniform Traffic Citations were issued, along with 1,115 parking citations and 55 uniform boating citations. The following individual units comprise the Traffic Section:

- Crash Investigation Unit

The Traffic Crash Investigation Unit is composed of six traffic crash investigators, a hit and run investigator, and a civilian hit and run investigator. This unit investigates vehicle crashes that range from fatality accidents (24) to hit-and-run crashes (1,453).

- DUI Unit

The DUI Unit is composed of four officers specifically trained in DUI investigations and are deployed four days a week. These officers not only generate their own cases but are often called upon to assist patrol units with DUI investigations. The DUI Unit made 434 of the Department's 696 total DUI arrests during 2025. Additionally, 12 drug influence evaluations were conducted this year.

- Marine Unit

The Marine Unit is comprised of three officers who utilize three patrol boats: a new 29-foot Intrepid, a 28-foot Metalshark Relentless, and an 18-foot SeaArk skiff. The Unit patrols nearly 325 miles of coastline, channels, and inlets within the city. The Intrepid is equipped with radar and a Global Positioning System (GPS) for use in inclement weather. The Marine Unit was responsible for the removal and disposal of derelict and/or abandoned vessels. They also conducted routine safety inspections, numerous water rescues, and issued 55 uniform boating citations. The Unit also has four Yamaha VX Jet Skis that are utilized during special events and can maneuver in tighter spaces than the other vessels. The Unit works closely with various outside agencies and assists with events throughout the Tampa Bay Area.

- Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU)

The Traffic Enforcement Unit consists of seven officers whose main objective is to educate and enforce traffic violators. One officer is deployed in an unmarked SUV, one officer in an unmarked pickup truck, one officer in an unmarked Ford Mustang, and one officer in an unmarked Chevrolet Camaro. The three other officers are deployed on marked police motorcycles. The Unit conduct traffic enforcement at high crash locations throughout the city, as well as respond to citizen complaints. The Traffic Enforcement Unit accounted for 8,697 of the 21,083 uniform traffic citations issued in 2025. TEU's other duties include dignitary and funeral escorts, as well as traffic control at special events and parades.

- Traffic Specialists

The traffic specialists are civilians who are responsible for processing all the citations issued by the Department and forwarding all DUI packets to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. They are also responsible for reviewing and processing all traffic crash reports.

Noteworthy Events

- Addition of another sergeant to the Traffic unit, establishing a more efficient and effective supervision of the traffic unit.
- Conducted a thorough and rigorous investigation into a traffic fatality that yielded a First-Degree Murder charge against the suspect. This was a first for the Traffic Unit.
- An officer obtained his Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certification and Agency Inspector certifications.
- An officer obtained his ACTAR certification- Traffic Accident Reconstruction- the first at the department.
- An officer received a community hero award in May 2025.
- An officer received the Chief's Award of Excellence in July 2025
- Marine Unit investigated 16 new derelict vessel cases and removed 18 vessels
- Marine Unit provided security for 22 water-related events
- The Traffic Enforcement Unit participated in multi-agency DUI Wolfpacks.
- The Traffic Section successful completed monthly traffic operations.
- The Traffic Section conducted multiple street racing operations.
- 31 vehicles were seized.
- E-bike operations were conducted citywide due to the increase of serious-injury and fatal crashes
- Narcotic Drug Law Violation Investigation and arrest resulted in the seizure of:
 - 380 grams of marijuana
 - 42 grams of meth and fentanyl
- Narcotic Drug Law Violation Investigation and arrest resulted in the seizure of:
 - 112 grams of cocaine
 - 10 grams fentanyl
 - 4 grams meth
 - 8 pounds marijuana
 - Seized vehicle.

- *Special Events Response Team (SERT)*

The Department provides a cadre of specially trained and organized personnel to respond to situations involving complex crowd dynamics and during disasters, which could result from both natural and man-made events. SERT is a function within the Department and not a standalone unit, and is staffed with sergeants, detectives, and officers from throughout the Department and is overseen by a lieutenant. The SERT team was not deployed 2025. SERT completed three training sessions and participated in a Multi-Agency Crowd Control Exercise (MACCE) hosted by Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Additionally, several SERT officers attended Field Force Operations (FFO) school at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Alabama in 2025.

- *Crisis Negotiation*

The Crisis Negotiation Unit consists of a lieutenant, who serves as the Negotiation Unit Coordinator, and four sergeants, who serve as the Unit Commanders. The sergeants supervise a cadre of 19 negotiators, comprised of detectives and officers from throughout the Department. Team members attend various crisis negotiation schools and conferences throughout the year. The Crisis Negotiation Unit was deployed four times in 2025 to assist with crisis intervention.

- **Special/Disaster Operations Division**

The Special Operations/Disaster Operations Division provides support services to other Uniform Services Bureau functions. It encompasses the Equipment Room/Fleet Management, the Special Events Unit, and the Special Operations Section. The Special Operations section includes the Field Training Section, the K-9 Unit, and the Police Reserve Unit. Major Markus Hughes led this Division.

- *Equipment Room and Fleet Maintenance*

The Equipment Room and Fleet Maintenance responsibilities operate under the control of the Fleet and Equipment Room Manager. This position supervises the storekeepers working in the equipment room and ultimately reports to the Uniform Support Division – Special Operations/Disaster Operations Major. This area is responsible for tracking and issuing equipment necessary for the field operations of patrol officers, including Taser Energy Weapons (TEWs), rechargeable flashlights and holsters, first-aid supplies, forms, biohazard mitigation equipment, police cruisers, etc. This area also ensures that officers' information is accurately entered into the CADDDBM System for effective tracking and location/officer safety purposes while in the field.

- *Disaster Operations*

Disaster Operations is responsible for planning and implementing disaster response plans for various disasters, including man-made (such as terrorism) and natural (such as floods, fires, and hurricanes). This function works closely with city, state, federal, and private resources such as the National Weather Service to plan and prepare for events.

- *Special Events Unit*

The Special Events Unit plans and staffs police coverage for events and circumstances outside those normally addressed by patrol and detective units. Known as "off-duty" jobs, these range from vendor requests, such as retail security, to City co-sponsored events. The City co-sponsored 100 events that required off-duty officers in 2025, including holiday parades, races, and concerts. In addition, the unit prepared the police security and traffic plans for more than 80 home games of the Tampa Bay Rays, even as they played their games off-site in Tampa due to damage caused to Tropicana Field. These off-duty events resulted in 71,266 total hours that officers worked in an off-duty capacity. The Special Events Unit invoiced just over \$5.1 million in billable off-duty work for 2025. In addition, the Special Events Unit reviews parade permits, outdoor assembly permits, and street closure permits for the Police Chief's approval. Many of these closures are actual events that require off-duty officers to staff as well.

- *Police Reserve Officer Unit*

The Police Reserve Unit comprises 20 fully certified reserve police officers. All these members are retired St. Petersburg Police Officers who wish to continue serving our community. Members of the unit are required to work a minimum of 10 hours per month and two special events per year. Each member of the unit fulfills their duty requirements in a variety of ways, including patrol, specialized units, and instructing.

- *Special Operations Section*

The Special Operations Section is overseen by a police lieutenant. It comprises the Intelligence-Led Policing Unit, the K-9 Unit, and the Field Training Section. The lieutenant also assists with daily law enforcement operations and administrative functions within the Uniform Services Bureau.

- Intelligence-Led Policing (ILP) Unit

The Intelligence-Led Policing (ILP) Unit is a data-driven fusion center that provides direct support to tactical, strategic, and operational initiatives. The unit aims to provide accurate, timely insights into emerging crime patterns and series to help Department stakeholders optimize resources and reduce crime.

- Field Training Section

The Field Training Section is responsible for the Field Training Program, which trains new officers after completion of the basic Police Academy. It consists of nine sergeants and 30 field training officers (FTOs). Officers selected to become FTOs are among the elite of the Department and are carefully chosen to provide on-the-job training and evaluate new officers. Once the new officers have completed the Police Academy and the in-house Post-Academy training, they enter the Field Training and Evaluation Program. The program involves 14 to 20 weeks of intense, structured training and evaluation to ensure the officers are prepared to work solo assignments.

- K9 Unit

The K-9 Unit is comprised of one sergeant, one training officer, and 15 K-9 officers. The unit's primary mission is to provide K-9 support throughout the Department, with an emphasis on patrol support. They also routinely assist other specialized units within the Department, such as SIU and ISB detectives. As a secondary mission, the unit also provides Explosive Ordinance Device (EOD) detection services for the agency. In 2025, "bomb dogs" conducted protective sweeps at approximately 14 different events. The number of these sweeps is drastically lower than previous years due to the Tampa Bay Rays games being displaced to Tampa for the entire baseball season.

- *Honor Guard*

The Department Honor Guard roster includes two sergeants and 22 officers, with a major overseeing the unit's administrative side. The unit is tasked with the formal, ceremonial representation of the Department at many events, including local and state events and, on limited occasions, national events. Some events requiring Honor Guard representation include memorials, Police Department graduations and promotions, and certain officer or other dignitary funerals.

2025 DEPARTMENT SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 01-18-2025 – Stabbing Homicide & Arrest - Officers responded to 2031 Queensboro Avenue South for a man stabbed. George Hudson (03/02/1968), suffered a fatal stab wound. Hudson had argued with Jonathan (aka Johnathan) Conyers (05/09/1975) earlier that evening. Conyers was arrested for 1st degree murder. Report 2025-002153
- 01-22-2025 – Forfeiture Fund Check Presentation - The Chief presented checks for approximately \$82,235 of asset forfeiture funds to 22 community-based programs that seek to improve neighborhood safety, promote crime prevention, and prevent drug abuse.
- 01-23-2025 – Stabbing homicide - Officers responded to 1904 54th Terrace South for a woman being stabbed by her son inside her home. When officers arrived, they found Barbara Pullaro (06/19/1971) dead inside the apartment from multiple stab wounds. Her son, Rafal Gajowczyk (04/04/2000), was arrested. Report #2025-002660
- 02-09-2025 – Club-related Homicide - At 3:19 a.m., a fight broke out in a club at 901 9th Ave. S. and continued into the parking lot. Delvin Jaquez Ford (09/12/97) was shot while trying to leave the scene in a vehicle, and he crashed into a pole and died of his injuries. A second victim, a 26-year-old woman, was hit in the leg. Report 2025-004560
- 03-07-2025 – Homicide Teen Girl Dismembered - A witness called with information about a possible kidnapping and homicide involving a missing teen, 16-year-old Miranda Corsette, from Gulfport. Through a social media app she met up with 35-year-old Steven Gress (07/01/1989) at his home, 2708 27th Ave. N. She was reported missing to Gulfport P.D. on February 24th. Detectives learned Gress and partner Michelle Brandes (02/24/1988) beat and killed Miranda, took her body to a 2nd location to dismember it, and then placed it in a dumpster at 2893 14th Avenue S.E., Ruskin. Gress was already in jail on unrelated domestic charges and was subsequently charged with 1st degree murder. Brandes turned herself in the day after our press conference. Report 2025-007786
- 03-09-2025 – Road Rage Homicide - Shortly before 8 p.m., Kyle Hill (10/04/1991) argued with his ex-girlfriend Sunday evening. As he was driving south on 34th Street near 30th Avenue North, he saw a Honda and assumed it was his ex-girlfriend. Inside the Honda, an innocent couple, Norbelis Figueredo-Campos (04/20/1989) and passenger Arislenni Blanco-Medina (07/23/1996), were on their way to Walmart. Hill forced them off the road, causing them to strike a concrete pole that fell and crushed the car. Blanco-Medina died and Figueredo-Campos was seriously injured. Hill's blood alcohol was more than twice the legal limit. Hill's charges were upgraded to 1st degree murder and attempted 1st degree murder. Report 2025-008175
- 03-17-2025 – Weedon Island Body Identified as Missing Teen - A body found deep in the Weedon Island Preserve was confirmed to be missing 17-year-old Allister Samer Nasr. No signs of trauma or foul play. Nasr was last seen on March 1st when he left his home on a bicycle. An area-wide search yielded no results. The bicycle was found days later near Weedon Island Preserve. Report #2025-007113
- 03-21-2025 – Ned March / Bud Purdy Award - Master Officer Quentin Brent and Lieutenant Thomas J. Qualey were honored with the 2024 Ned March/Bud Purdy Award, a prestigious award presented by the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg to recognize their outstanding careers.
- 04-10-2025 – Candlelight Vigil - Members of the community were invited to gather in front of St. Petersburg Police headquarters for a candlelight vigil to honor the lives lost to violence. There were several speakers and a good public turnout.
- 04-11-2025 – Homicide - Shortly after 11 p.m., officers were called to gunshots at 2421 11 St. S. When they arrived, they found a teenage boy, Jaden Hill (05-17-2011) of Largo, in the driveway with a gunshot wound. Report 2025-012826

- 04-15-2025 – St. Petersburg Officer Arrested -The Florida Department of Law Enforcement notified the St. Petersburg Police Department of potential criminal violations involving Officer Klaiber for sharing protected information from law enforcement databases with one of their suspects. Suspect Bryan Eckley was arrested in October 2024, for planting explosive devices at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Tampa. Report 2025-004679
- 04-16-2025 – Home Invasion with Suspect Killed - Two armed men had entered the home when the homeowner confronted them, fired shots and injured one of the suspects, Marcel Williams. He died of his injuries. The second suspect fled. Report #2025-013181
- 05-02-2025 – Suspicious Package at PD Headquarters - At 2:45 p.m., a woman left a suitcase under the Forensic Van. A civilian employee notified officers of the suspicious package. The parking area was blocked off, nearby businesses were evacuated, and the Tampa Bomb Squad was called in. SWAT took the woman into custody at her apartment, 249 4th Avenue North. Report 2025-015282
- 05-24-2025 – Homicide - Officers responded to a stabbing at 364 1st Avenue North, Ahi Tuna.Dustin Hedenberg engaged in a heated confrontation with business owner Fayun Zhang. Hedenberg struck Zhang, knocked him down and began punching him. Zhang grabbed a screwdriver and stabbed Hedenberg. He died of his injuries. Zhang has not been charged at this time. Detectives will confer with the State Attorney's Office as they continue to investigate to determine if charges are warranted. Report 2025-018017.
- 06-16-2025 – 2nd Arrest Made in Homicide of Anthony Ly - Datrik Pettis (11/22/2000) was arrested for the death of 20-year-old Anthony Ly. Pettis was charged with 1st Degree Murder.Anthony Ly was shot October 30th, 2024, in a driveway in the 2800 block of 16th Ave. S. Ly went to this location to meet with Pettis and Eddie Smith. They had an altercation and shot Ly. Detectives arrested Eddie Smith (08/09/1998) for Felony 1st Degree Murder on November 7th, 2024. Report #2024-038267.
- 06-25-2025 – Arrest in Daycare Death - Detectives arrested Desiree Rentz (07/04/1993) for the death of a 9-month-old baby in her care. She gave the child cough medicine without permission. She was operating an unlicensed daycare and had 12 children in her one-bedroom apartment when officers arrived on scene. Police Report 2024-026506
- 06-27-2025 – Pride Safety - Chief Holloway and the PIO office did several interviews about Pride safety and announced the use of drones for the first time in this event.
- 07-30-2025 – Homicide - 39-year-old Reginald Booth suffered multiple gunshot wounds in the 1200 block of 9th Avenue South. All four suspects were arrested by August 12. Report 2025-026082
- 08-29-2025 – Arrests at Black History Matters Street Mural - FDOT crews arrived to paint over the street mural on 9th Avenue South, west of 22nd Street South. Andrew Oliver and Benedict Atherton-Zeman walked past police officers and knelt in the road in an attempt to block the FDOT machinery. Officers warned them repeatedly to move, but they refused, and they were subsequently arrested.
- 09-7-2025 – Homicide - A vehicle crashed into a closed autobody shop at 3101 Emerson Avenue South. An 18-month-old girl was also in the car but was not injured. Responders determined that the victim, Tyrone Howard, had been shot before crashing. Detectives arrested Jamal Black one week later. The two men were known to each other.
- 09-24-2025 – Fatal DUI Crash - Brett McClelland was arrested for DUI manslaughter and DUI causing serious injury. He was driving westbound in the 7800 block of 38th Avenue North when he swerved into oncoming traffic. He struck a car head-on, killing an 89- year- old passenger and injuring the driver. Investigators determined he was impaired.
- 09-24-2025 – Fatal E-bike Crash at 15th Avenue South and 22nd Street South - a Nissan Sentra struck 73-year-old Sterling Hubbard Sr. on an E-bike. He died of his injuries. This was the first of five fatal E-bike crashes in the next few weeks. The trend prompted multiple special enforcement operations and Safety videos.

- 09-25-2025 – Open Carry- The Police Department provided guidance to the public about what to expect with the Open Carry of firearms. Officers also distributed flyers to private businesses explaining their rights under Open Carry. Chief Holloway and Asst. Chief Kovacsev spoke to several groups to provide education.
- 10-07-2025 – National Night Out - The PD hosted National Night Out in the parking lot of Tyrone Mall from 5-8 p.m. Several sponsors and vendors participated to make this a fun night for families to learn about the Police and Fire Departments.
- 10-28-2025 – St. Petersburg Police CALL Program Nominated for National Award - The St. Petersburg Police Department and its Community Assistance and Life Liaison (CALL) program were nominated for the first annual First Responder Community Impact Award. The nationwide contest recognizes agencies and departments making a positive impact on mental health in their community.
- 10-31-2025 – Homicide - 833 21st Avenue South - Jerome Smith (04/20/1981) was found bleeding from a gunshot in his home. He died three days later. Detectives arrested Corey Deron Battle (07/10/1978) for 2nd Degree Murder on November 3rd.
- 12-11-2025 – Annual Police Holiday Bicycle Event - Police officers partnered with the St. Pete Fool's Club Charity and CSX to host an event to give away bicycles and toys to children in need. A total of 196 bicycles were given out this year between this event and other community donations this month.

2025 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Ned March/Bud Purdy Award

Sergeant Joseph Clester, Property Crimes Unit, Crimes Against Property Division, Investigative Services Bureau
Detective Jason Harris, Major Crimes Unit, Crimes Against Persons Division, Investigative Services Bureau

Officer of the Year Award

2024 - Detective Cory Pope
2025 - To be named at a later date

Sworn Unit of the Year Award

Crimes Against Children Unit, Crimes Against Persons Division, Investigative Services Bureau

Civilian Unit of the Year

Communications Training Officer Unit, Emergency Communications Division, Administrative Services Bureau

Field Training Officer of the Year Award

Officer Quentin-Lee Morgan, District 3, Squad 31, Uniform Services Bureau

Reserve Officer of the Year Award

Captain Roderick Frankland, Reserve Officer Captain, Uniform Services Bureau

Probationary (Rookie) Officer of the Year Award

Officer Joshua Hughes, Squad 27, District 2, Uniform Services Bureau

Civilian Employee of the Year Award

Bruce Chau, Evidentiary Services Division, Investigative Services Bureau

Telecommunicator of the Year Award

PST Brett Dill, Emergency Communications Division, Administrative Services Bureau

Chief's Award of Excellence

January - June

Officer Wellington Bond, Uniform Support Bureau

Officer Richard Van, Patrol District 2, Uniform Support Bureau

Officer Matthew Andree, Patrol Response Division, Uniform Support Bureau

Officer Denia Diaz, Patrol District 1, Uniform Support Bureau

Drey Lamour, Fiscal Services Division, Administrative Services Bureau

July - December

Detective Rachel Hunter, ICAC Unit, Crimes Against Persons Division, Investigative Services Bureau

Detective Dagni Closser, Personal Violence Unit, Crimes Against Persons Division, Investigative Services Bureau

Detective Kaitlyn Larson, Property Crimes Unit, Crimes Against Property Division, Investigative Services Bureau

Officer Jordan Sisti, Squad 33, District 3, Uniform Services Bureau

Officer of Distinction

Detective Fredrick Jackson Investigative Support Bureau, Crimes Against Persons Division (January – June)

Officer Joseph Farina - Squad 12, District 1, Uniform Services Bureau (July – December)

Civilian Employees of Distinction

Sarah Campanelli, Administrative Support Bureau, Communications Division (January – June)

Ashley Limardo - Community Awareness Division, Chief of Police Bureau (July – December)

Life Saving Award

Officer Tyler Martnick, Uniform Support Bureau, Patrol District 1 (January – June)

Officer Ashley Kowalski - Squad 11, District 1, Uniform Services Bureau (July – December)

Officer Lenard Cox - Squad 30, District 3, Uniform Services Bureau (July – December)

Officer Meghan Rulison - Squad 30, District 3, Uniform Services Bureau (July – December)

Officer Brandon Bill - Squad 34, District 3, Uniform Services Bureau (July – December)

2025 NEW HIRES

Person Name	Job Name	Hire Date
Butler, Kyle James	Police Cadet	01/06/2025
Lared, Albert	Police Cadet	01/06/2025
Goodwin, Coby Charlotte	Police Cadet	01/06/2025
Brandon, Delaney Lee	Police Cadet	01/06/2025
Arocho, Cynthia Lian	Police Cadet	01/06/2025
Speight, Lindsay Klaire	Human Resources Analyst	01/13/2025
Cherico, Michael Kenneth Jr	Property and Evidence Clerk	01/27/2025
Gray, Kendrick Maxwell Jr	Police Legal Assistant	01/27/2025
Iskander, Nahed	Police Legal Assistant	02/10/2025
Samulian, Sophia Suzanne	Student Intern	02/18/2025
Wade, Ramonita Bradbeer	School Crossing Guard	02/18/2025
Wade, Joseph Sidney	School Crossing Guard	02/18/2025
Stradley, Nathan Andrew	Senior Operations Analyst	02/24/2025
Kohler, Patricia Lee	School Crossing Guard	02/25/2025
Gonzalez, Fabian	Police Cadet	03/17/2025
Pons, Michael Eddy	Police Cadet	03/17/2025
Briggs, Jacqueline Elizabeth	School Crossing Guard	04/04/2025
Albis, Sierra Marie Rose	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	04/07/2025
Kramer, Marina Kathleen	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	04/21/2025
Testerman, Trevor Lewis	Police Cadet	05/05/2025
Lumpkin, Barbara Jean	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	05/05/2025
Wright, Stephen Matthew	Police Cadet	05/19/2025
Davis, Colton Lee	Police Cadet	05/19/2025
Gainey, Kynedi Marie	Police Cadet	06/02/2025
Andrews, Ryan Michael	Police Cadet	06/02/2025
Luebbehusen, Alex Thomas	Police Officer	06/02/2025
Dietz, Lacey Renee	Police Cadet	06/09/2025
Lehr, Ethan Joseph	Police Cadet	06/09/2025
Lightfoot, Darren Roy	Police Cadet	06/09/2025
Donahue, Philisa Marie	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	06/09/2025
Young, Tkayla	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	06/09/2025
Mojarrieta Verdecia, Yadian (Mojo)	Police Cadet	06/09/2025
Randolph, Antoinette Nicole	Police Legal Assistant	06/16/2025
Cruz Fernandez, Janna Lisnell	Police Records Technician	06/30/2025
Santiago, Jacob Alexander	Police Cadet	07/14/2025
Hin, Kimhour	Police Cadet	07/14/2025
Sivillo, Jessica Lynn	Assistant Police Legal Advisor Manager	07/14/2025
Swanson, Franklin Timothy	Property and Evidence Clerk	07/28/2025
Teissedre, Christina Rose	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	07/28/2025
Finno, Melinda Charlene	School Crossing Guard	07/29/2025

Person Name	Job Name	Hire Date
Frisco, Randy Scott	School Crossing Guard	07/29/2025
Jaudon, Pamela Lanita	School Crossing Guard	07/29/2025
Reece, Samuel Clifford Jr	School Crossing Guard	08/04/2025
Mcneill, Alison Kelley	Administrative Assistant	08/11/2025
Smith, Mel J	School Crossing Guard	08/14/2025
Gist, Dominiq Darline	Police Cadet	08/25/2025
Mongalo, Jenna Rose	Police Cadet	09/02/2025
Halusic, Jeffrey Riggs (Jeff)	Police Cadet	09/02/2025
Silverman, Zachary Scott	Police Cadet	09/02/2025
Dillon, Sommer Jade	Police Cadet	09/02/2025
Ocken, Jacqueline Li (Jackie)	Police Cadet	09/02/2025
DeBoer, Daniel John	Police Cadet	09/22/2025
Watton, Fallon Rae	Police Cadet	10/06/2025
Bousson, Laura A	School Crossing Guard	10/14/2025
Hazoume, Raymond Hermann Ade	Police Cadet	10/20/2025
Rutledge, James William (Will)	Police Cadet	10/20/2025
Lucious-Stamps, Monique Renee	School Crossing Guard	10/21/2025
Johnson, Tiffany Fabray	School Crossing Guard	10/28/2025
Thomas, Consuelo (Connie)	School Crossing Guard	10/28/2025
Cabey, David Bernard	School Crossing Guard	10/28/2025
Robertson, Sierra Mckenzie	Property and Evidence Clerk	11/03/2025
Huber, Karen Jean	School Crossing Guard	11/04/2025
Williams, Veronica Latrice	Police Records Technician	11/17/2025
Granoff, Ethan Caleb	Police Cadet	11/17/2025
Abbott, Jennifer Lyn (Jen)	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	11/17/2025
Thomas, Andrew Konstantine	Police Cadet	11/17/2025
Monroe, Gilbert Warren III	School Crossing Guard	11/18/2025
Godinez-Paredes, Araceli	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	12/01/2025
Hardner, Owen Christopher	Police Cadet	12/01/2025
Thach, Sithia	Police Cadet	12/01/2025
Wilkes, Ty Jerod	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	12/01/2025
Kakara, Nolah Ilejay	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	12/15/2025
Clark, Talonda Michelle	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	12/15/2025
Logan, Kylie Ann	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	12/15/2025
Geritano, Teno Joseph	Police Cadet	12/15/2025
Haley, John Edward	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	12/15/2025

2025 CLASSIFICATION PROMOTIONS

Employee	Position	Promotion Date
Lingg, Alesha Nicole	Police Officer	01/13/2025
Bush, Bonnie M	Police Major	01/27/2025
Lopez, Gabiel	Police Major	01/27/2025
Miller, Shakir S	Police Major	01/27/2025
Alli, Anthony Nazim	Police Lieutenant	03/10/2025
Bates, Ethan John Rowe	Police Officer	03/10/2025
Battiest, Julian Peta Gay	Police Sergeant	03/10/2025
DeMark, Michael R	Police Lieutenant	03/10/2025
Desmarais, Regina L	Police Sergeant	03/10/2025
Gaddis, Marissa Marie	Police Sergeant	03/10/2025
Jackson, David Recardo III	Police Sergeant	03/10/2025
Jones, Ja'Terio Donnell	Police Lieutenant	03/10/2025
Long, Robert Adams	Police Sergeant	03/10/2025
Manville, Austin Claude	Police Officer	03/10/2025
McQueen, Thomas E	Police Sergeant	03/10/2025
Qualey, Thomas J	Police Lieutenant	03/10/2025
Rodriguez, Anthony	Police Sergeant	03/10/2025
Xavier, Moises Araujo	Public Safety Telecommunicator	04/07/2025
Brandon, Delaney Lee	Police Officer	06/30/2025
Butler, Kyle James	Police Officer	06/30/2025
Goodwin, Coby Charlotte	Police Officer	06/30/2025
Clark, Noah James	Public Safety Telecommunicator	07/28/2025
DeClet, Courtney Lynne	Emergency Communications Supervisor	07/28/2025
Samulian, Sophia Suzanne	Police Records Technician	07/28/2025
Thompson, Kaimee Rae	Public Safety Telecommunicator	07/28/2025
David, Amanda Kay	Public Safety Telecommunicator	08/25/2025
Chambers, Kyle John	Police Officer	09/08/2025
Gonzalez, Fabian	Police Officer	09/08/2025
Pons, Michael Eddy	Police Officer	09/08/2025
Childs, Richard Reade	Records Support Operator	10/20/2025
Andrews, Ryan Michael	Police Officer	12/01/2025
Davis, Colton Lee	Police Officer	12/01/2025
Dietz, Lacey Renee	Police Officer	12/01/2025
Dixon, Matthew John	Public Safety Telecommunicator	12/01/2025
Gainey, Kynedi Marie	Police Officer	12/01/2025
Langlois, Sarah Elizabeth	Public Safety Telecommunicator	12/01/2025
Lehr, Ethan Joseph	Police Officer	12/01/2025
Lightfoot, Darren Roy	Police Officer	12/01/2025
Testerman, Trevor Lewis	Police Officer	12/01/2025
Wright, Stephen Matthew	Police Officer	12/01/2025

Employee	Position	Promotion Date
Mojarrieta Verdecia, Yadian (Mojo)	Police Officer	12/15/2025
Russell, Britnie Samantha (Brit)	Public Safety Telecommunicator	12/15/2025

2025 SEPARATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Employee	Position	Separation Status	Separation Date
Smith, Torie Lee Opal	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	01/03/2025
Schwenk, Michael G	Police Officer	Retirement	01/08/2025
Deckert, Stanley C Jr	Police Officer	Retirement	01/10/2025
Hiznay, Edward J	Property and Evidence Clerk	Separation Retiree	01/10/2025
McKinney, Matthew	Police Major	Retirement	01/12/2025
Clarke, Daniel Enrique	Police Records Technician	Retirement	01/13/2025
Noble, Matthew Robert (Matt)	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	01/15/2025
Putyrskye, Karen Lynne	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	01/15/2025
Warden, Colleen Jessica	Police Legal Assistant	Resignation	01/24/2025
Keitt, Karyna Shanice	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	01/25/2025
Fite, Chad G	Police Sergeant	Retirement	01/26/2025
Torok, Daniel M	Police Officer	Retirement	01/28/2025
Cherico, Michael Kenneth Jr	Property and Evidence Clerk	Separated	01/31/2025
Aher, Noel	Police Officer	Resignation	02/01/2025
Beahn, Phillip J	Police Major	Retirement	02/03/2025
Luce, Andrea R	Assistant Police Legal Advisor Manager	Resignation	02/07/2025
Haughbrook, Keynon Jacobi Moses	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	02/07/2025
Huffman, Amelia Paige	Police Officer	Resignation	02/10/2025
Iannaccone, Dominic Kekoa	Police Officer	Resignation	02/11/2025
Cambeletta, Karen Ann	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	02/13/2025
Marzo, Mallory Anais	Police Officer	Resignation	02/14/2025
Leaman, Brittani Kaye	Public Safety Telecommunicator	Resignation	02/14/2025
Cristancho, Nicholas (Nick)	Police Officer	Resignation	02/19/2025
Strocsher, Suzanne Marie	Administrative Assistant	Retirement	03/03/2025
Saunders, Charity V	Property and Evidence Clerk	Resignation	03/04/2025
Long, Betty J	Records Section Supervisor	Retirement	03/07/2025
Schwartzmeyer, Austin Jaegar	Police Officer	Resignation	03/10/2025
Sorrentino, Vincent III	Police Officer	Resignation	03/11/2025
Lawson, Kimika T	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	03/13/2025
Snyder, Dana Joan	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	03/14/2025
Mills, Tesla Catherine	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	03/15/2025
Leister, Christopher M	Police Officer	Retirement	03/24/2025
Warner, William F	Armorer	Separation Retiree	04/10/2025
Willis, Holly Ann	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	04/25/2025
Rodke, Matthew Raymond (Matt)	Police Officer	Resignation	05/09/2025
Lindsey, Amber Renee	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	05/12/2025
Wilson, Sara Katherine	Police Records Technician	Resignation	05/16/2025
Seekamp, Graham L	Police Officer	Resignation	05/17/2025
Alves Do Nascimento, Jorge Jr (Jay)	Police Officer	Resignation	05/17/2025

Employee	Position	Separation Status	Separation Date
Mcswain, Stanley	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	05/29/2025
Smith, Barbara Alice	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	05/29/2025
Blakely, Sandra Gail	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	05/29/2025
Green, Tammy Sue	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	05/29/2025
Frisco, Barbara J	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	05/29/2025
Masle, Adam Daniel	Police Officer	Resignation	06/01/2025
Miguele-Ledbetter, Elizabeth J	Police Legal Assistant	Retirement	06/13/2025
Corbett, Shaun Patrick	Police Officer	Resignation	06/17/2025
Altman, Christen Jane	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	06/26/2025
Howard, Carolyn L	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	06/27/2025
Dize, Thomas Wesley (Wes)	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	07/01/2025
Helms, Hannah Noelle	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Separated	07/03/2025
McKnight, Phoebe Ann	Public Safety Telecommunicator	Resignation	07/05/2025
Lumpkin, Barbara Jean	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	07/16/2025
Maranville, Anna Nicole	Public Safety Telecommunicator	Resignation	07/23/2025
Murphy, Willie Edward	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	07/24/2025
Smith, Phillip William	Property and Evidence Clerk	Resignation	07/25/2025
Tully, Thomas J	Police Officer	Retirement	08/08/2025
Hart, Casey D	Systems PC Analyst	Resignation	08/08/2025
Messer, Joseph Behrends (Joe)	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	08/11/2025
New, Marguerite Ernest	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	08/13/2025
Ferris, Robert James	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	09/12/2025
Clark, Tyrone	Police Officer	Resignation	09/26/2025
Blackshear, Tanga A	Police Officer	Retirement	10/01/2025
Warner, William F	Reserve Officer	Separation Retiree	10/01/2025
Markowitz, William G Jr	Police Officer	Retirement	10/08/2025
Teissedre, Christina Rose	Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee	Resignation	10/09/2025
Callahan, Wesley S	Reserve Officer	Separation Retiree	10/09/2025
Davis, Tyrese Jahem	Police Officer	Resignation	10/17/2025
Brown, Alexis Dionne	Police Officer	Resignation	10/19/2025
Smith, William K	Records Support Operator	Separation Retiree	10/24/2025
Wade, Joseph Sidney	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	11/03/2025
Lared, Albert	Police Officer	Resignation	11/05/2025
Arocho, Cynthia Lian	Police Officer	Resignation	11/12/2025
Pitts, Francis Joseph (Frank)	Operations Specialist	Resignation	11/14/2025
Van Houten, Jonathan J	Police Sergeant	Resignation	11/15/2025
Watton, Fallon Rae	Police Officer	Resignation	11/19/2025
Mourino, Jaela Leigh	Police Officer	Resignation	11/21/2025
Mongalo, Jenna Rose	Police Cadet	Separated	12/03/2025
Wade, Ramonita Bradbeer	School Crossing Guard	Resignation	12/26/2025

Employee	Position	Separation Status	Separation Date
Ricciardi, Lois Anne	Administrative Assistant	Retirement	12/28/2025