Mission
The Mission of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office is to serve, protect, and defend the community while preserving the rights and dignity of all.

Vision
The Vision of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office is to provide effective, efficient, and professional law enforcement, detention, court services and child protective investigations while maintaining the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and community service.

Core Values
Integrity
Service
Fairness and Equity
Commitment to Quality
# 2014 Annual Report

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Dear Citizens of Hillsborough County:

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2014 Annual Report. In these pages, we highlight the year’s exceptional work by the men and women of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. I have been honored and humbled to lead our law enforcement and detention deputies and civilian support personnel of this Office and I know that you stand with me in thanking them for the services that they have provided.

Over the past year, the Sheriff’s Office continued to be successful in combating crime and improving the quality of service we provide. We continued to work hard at reducing operating costs while expanding our capabilities of serving and protecting Hillsborough County. As a result, we were happy to report another year of reduction in Part 1 crimes for the eighth straight year.

The future continues to hold unforeseen challenges and we will need to remain vigilant against new and emerging threats to public safety. I remain committed to ensuring that our deputies and support personnel have the very best technology, training and equipment to overcome those challenges and to provide the level of service in order to keep our community safe and secure. I appreciate the support of all those we serve and ask for your continued partnership as we move ahead.

Sincerely,

David Gee
Sheriff
Sheriff's Command Staff

Sheriff David Gee
Chief Deputy José Docobo

DEPARTMENT OF PATROL SERVICES

- District I: Colonel Greg Brown, Major J.R. Burton, Major Clyde Eisenberg, Major Ray Lawton, Major Ron Hartley
- District II: Colonel James Previtera, Major Al Greco, Major Alan Hill, Major Sankar Montoute
- District III: Colonel Donna Lusczynski, Major Thomas Feeney, Major Robert Bullara, Major Robert Ura
- District IV: Colonel Kenneth Davis, Major Michael Perotti, Major Curtis Flowers, Major Paul Adee, Major James Livingston

DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Homeland Security Division
Training Division
Community Outreach Division

DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Special Investigations Division
Child Protective Investigations Division
Criminal Investigations Division

DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION SERVICES

Jail Division I
Jail Division II
Jail Division III
Court Operations Division
Office of the Chief Deputy
Chief Deputy José M. Docobo

The Office of the Chief Deputy is responsible for the daily operations of the Office. Areas that report directly to Chief Deputy José Docobo include the Office of the Comptroller, the Professional Standards Section, Legal Section, Public Information Office, Community Affairs Section, TV Programs and the Information Services Division. Additionally, Colonels from the four Departments of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office (the Department of Patrol Services, the Department of Investigative Services, the Department of Operational Support and the Department of Detention Services) report directly to Chief Deputy José Docobo.

Office of the Comptroller (OTC)
Tina Porter, Comptroller

The Office of the Comptroller (OTC) is responsible for planning, directing, managing, and overseeing the financial activities and operations of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. Major responsibilities include: budget preparation and monitoring of an annual budget of more than $379 million, grant reporting and reimbursement, procurement, payroll and tax reporting, billing and collection of fees, administering off duty employment, vendor contracting, treasury management, safeguarding of capital assets and inmate funds, as well as preparation of the financial statements. In 2014, the OTC accomplished the following:

- Substantially reduced printing hard copy documentation for various grants thus decreasing paper and storage costs.
- Combined Inmate Canteen and Inmate Accounting functions resulting in staff reduction of four full-time positions to three full-time positions.
- Removed boxed records maintained at an off-site storage facility not required to be maintained by the State Records Retention Schedule resulting in an annual savings of $11,000.

Legal Section
Thea Clark, Chief Legal Counsel

While the majority of law enforcement agencies across the state contract out their legal defense work, the Sheriff’s Office has a devoted team of attorneys and support staff who serve to defend those who protect our community.

The Legal Section provides the Sheriff and his employees with legal advice and representation on official matters. Additionally, the legal staff assists in training deputies and cadets on matters of law and is available to answer questions or respond to critical incidents at anytime. Each Sheriff’s Office attorney maintains an area of specialty, but each are qualified to handle any legal issue that arises.

Public Information Office (PIO)
Debbie Carter

The Tampa Bay area media market is the 14th largest in the United States. The Public Information Office (PIO) disseminates information to the public and media on a wide variety of subjects, including agency facts, policies and procedures, breaking news stories and interviews with
The Information Services Division (ISD) is responsible for the installation and maintenance of technology-related components of the Sheriff's Office. Those components include hardware, software and network infrastructure. Technical services provided by ISD staff include maintaining legacy systems, developing new applications, as well as recommending and installing new public safety systems. Additionally, ISD manages and maintains secure custody of evidence obtained from arrests, crime scenes, etc., for the Sheriff's Office and other local agencies.

In 2014, ISD continued to apply technical expertise in support of all HCSO systems hardware, software and network infrastructure. The key to this process was the enhancements to both the Falkenburg Road Jail and Orient Road Jail security and safety systems; upgrades and automation of law enforcement documentation processes and procedures; as well as increases in the efficiency of the data center infrastructure. During 2014, the ISD accomplished the following:

- Expanded the Eye on Crime surveillance network by adding 11 new cameras and 4 license plate readers in the District I area.
- Updated the FRJ electronic security system with 400 high resolution digital cameras and new monitors in the Master Control Center.
- Replaced the Detention Overtime System with a web-based application to allow for better management of critical overtime tasks.
- Deployed the web-based Civil Process Inquiry application allowing attorneys to check the status of their various civil papers via the Internet.
- Launched a completely redesigned HCSO Career page sub-site to support civilian, law enforcement and detention recruitment.
- Deployed BlueCheck Rapid ID devices to sworn personnel throughout the Office.
- Migrated several substations from DSL to high speed Internet resulting in an exponential speed increase and overall cost savings.
- Designed and supported the new Criminal Report Affidavit in a PDF format to significantly reduce the amount of paper used.
- Upgraded to a new version of the Smartcop software allowing electronic transfer of all tickets to the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles as well as the local Clerk of the Circuit Court.
- Virtualized several additional servers, increasing the virtualization rate to 98% in addition to reducing administration costs and hardware footprint in the data center.

In 2014, over 500 press releases were issued to the media and hundreds of on-camera interviews were held. Over 700 electronic media alerts were sent out across the region and vital information was shared with the community via social networking sites. In addition, the Public Information Office answered almost 100 written public records requests submitted by the news media. The PIO staff remains on-call around the clock to respond to breaking news events.
The Department of Patrol Services (DPS) is comprised of the Communications Bureau and over 800 sworn and civilian personnel assigned to four patrol districts that are geographically dispersed to support quick response times and encourage community policing. Deputies handled more than 708,000 calls for service or incidents in 2014.

**Communications Bureau**
Personnel who work in the Communications Bureau are often the “very first responders.” The staff of professionals assigned to this area provides life-saving assistance over the phone and using technology to coordinate resources to the scene of an emergency. At the forefront are the state-certified Public Safety Telecommunicators in the Dispatch Operations Section, who triage over 4,000 phone calls each day, many for life-or-death matters. Dispatchers must pass the Florida Public Safety Telecommunicator examination, and undergo seven months of rigorous initial training to perform these high-stress tasks: monitor numerous radio channels and agency hotlines, track the safety of hundreds of law enforcement units, and conduct research in various complex databases. In 2014, the Communications Bureau received approximately 1.5 million phone calls and entered a total of 708,434 calls for service into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Communications Bureau personnel answer calls for service at a rate of three calls per minute for every twelve hour shift, while monitoring the agency’s dozens of radio channels in order to track the hundreds of law enforcement officers who are logged on at any given time.

**Tip411 Program**
In October 2014, the Communications Bureau became the epicenter for the Tip411 program, which allows citizens to send anonymous non-emergency tips regarding possible illegal activity occurring in Hillsborough County. The new system has already led to calls being dispatched for suspicious vehicles, illegal parking, and delayed burglaries. In addition, tips regarding possible leads on burglary suspects and drug houses have been forwarded to appropriate areas of the Sheriff’s Office for further investigation.
Communications Bureau Training Section
The Communications Bureau training staff maintained state certification for all personnel and trained new telecommunications personnel who were enrolled in the Communications Bureau’s own state-certified Law Enforcement Communications Academy. The Training Section assures that in-service, CPR training, and other special training hours are recorded for each Public Safety Telecommunicator’s biennial recertification. The Training Section also handles technical inquiries and serves as the agency’s liaison with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Teleserve Unit
The Teleserve Unit handles calls with fewer exigencies, but often requires experience and knowledge of community resources. Ten highly dedicated Community Service Officers comprise the Teleserve Unit who work with light-duty deputies and one designated Impound officer to initiate and supplement non-emergency reports over the telephone. Their efforts allow the availability of deputies on the street for higher priority incidents and in-progress situations. In 2014, over 9,000 calls were handled by the Teleserve Unit, saving tens of thousands of dollars in fuel and personnel costs while providing expeditious and personalized service to victims.

Switchboard Operations
Six receptionists staff the Switchboard Operations for the Communications Bureau. The receptionists answer calls made to the main Sheriff’s Office non-emergency line (813-247-8000) and routes the calls to the appropriate person within the HCSO who is best qualified to assist. In 2014, over 170,000 were answered and fielded by these friendly and knowledgeable employees to the appropriate area.

Patrol District Offices
District Patrol Operations personnel work around the clock and are primary responders to emergency calls including those for in-progress crimes, service calls, and life-saving emergencies. Patrol Operations personnel are also responsible for traffic enforcement, crash investigations and DUI enforcement.
Sheriff’s Office Stars  
*Operation Patriot*

Although generally “behind the scenes” while operating around the clock, the Communications Bureau prides itself on service to the community. In September 2014, the Communications Bureau participated in “Operation Patriot” by collecting health and welfare items for veterans at the Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home. Led by Dispatcher Carla Thigpenn and Senior Secretary Vida Morgan, the Bureau collected and distributed much-needed supplies for these veterans whose service spanned four different wars. During “911 for Kids” last December, the Bureau’s employees sponsored the entire first-grade class at Bing Elementary for the holidays, which offered positive exposure to law enforcement in the community, and provided gifts to all students.

“Seatbelt Blitzes”

Through targeted outreach to high schools, young drivers are educated about the life-saving importance of wearing seat belts. In addition to education, either traffic warnings or citations may be issued to violators.

In addition to having shared responsibilities, each of the four HCSO District Offices implements programs and initiatives that are unique to the communities and citizens they serve. Below are the reports of specific operations and accomplishments of each of the District Offices.

**DPS - Patrol Services District I**  
*Major J.R. Burton*

**District I Office**  
Serving: Northeast  
Hillsborough County including Lutz, Northdale, Temple Park, Lake Forest, New Tampa, Nuccio Park, Grant Park, and the University Community Area

**Fletcher Complete Streets Project**

According to the most recent statistics from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Crash Analysis Reporting System, Hillsborough County was ranked third in the state for traffic crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists, which resulted in injuries or fatalities. To combat this public safety concern, FDOT implemented and practically funded the installation of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), sidewalk construction and improvements, mid-block crosswalks, roadway improvements.

**2014 District Countywide Activities**

**Operation Safe Sale**

In 2014, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office began offering use of the four patrol district parking lots for residents looking for safe spaces to conduct transactions arranged online. The district parking lots are well-lit and offer videotape coverage to assist individuals with safe transactions.

**Operation Safe Steps**

As a participating member of the Florida Sheriffs Task Force, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office conducted proactive traffic enforcement in areas with dense pedestrian traffic with a goal of reducing pedestrian injuries and deaths resulting from traffic crashes.
and a reduction in the speed limit along the Fletcher Avenue corridor. These pedestrian crosswalks are equipped with signage, push button activators and natural barriers within the medians, to encourage pedestrians and bicyclists to use. When activated, the RRFB’s provide motorists with visual queues to stop, and allow the pedestrians and bicyclists to safely cross the road.

**Multi-agency Partnerships**

In an effort to target quality of life concerns, criminal activity and to facilitate criminal intelligence gathering, District I has a positive and proactive working relationship with surrounding law enforcement agencies. District I personnel coordinate with these agencies and conduct probation, prostitution, homeless and bicycle patrol initiatives. These initiatives have resulted in the arrests of prolific offenders, probation violations, intelligence gathering and community outreach, while fostering solid working relationships with the Temple Terrace Police Department, the University of South Florida Police Department, the Tampa Police Department and the Florida Department of Corrections.

**Eye on Crime**

With the continued integration of state of the art surveillance cameras, District I has recognized notable successes in this program. There are currently 38 of these cameras located within the University area and Nuccio communities. This past year, six (6) License Plate Recognition Cameras (LPR’s) were added to the system, which have been responsible for 102 arrests, the recovery of 36 stolen vehicles and 11 stolen license plates.

**District I Spice Investigation**

A month long investigation of spice/synthetic marijuana sales from four local businesses within the boundaries of HCSO District I netted a total seizure of the following: 647 packets of spice/synthetic marijuana, 24 packets of bath salts, 4.5 grams of Oxycodone, 50 tablets of Viagra, 4 tablets of Cialis, $1,813 in U.S. currency, a 2012 Nissan Altima and a .38 caliber revolver.
Additionally, partnering with Hillsborough County Schools, the 3D DUI Squad presented 47 educational programs on underage drinking, .02 violations, and DUI to 4,742 high school students. An innovative aspect of the educational program has the students operate a pedal cart while wearing “fatal vision” goggles that give the students a real-life simulation of the effects of driving while impaired.

Deputy Wetherington investigating a traffic crash

Operation Gang Out
During 2014, District II’s Intelligence Unit personnel identified criminals committing residential burglaries, retail and metal related thefts. One of their best known investigations during the year was “Operation Gang Out,” which targeted members of the Dover Locos criminal street gang. During a three-month investigation, investigators were able to execute four search warrants and recovered thousands of dollars in stolen property. Twenty-four subjects were arrested, including eighteen certified gang members.
Motorcycle Madness
In 2014, the District II Investigation Unit targeted a group of subjects responsible for stealing motorcycles throughout nine jurisdictions in the Tampa Bay area. The four-month investigation resulted in the execution of two search warrants and the arrest of eight offenders. Twenty stolen motorcycles were recovered along with three additional motor vehicles and trailers, valued at more than $110,000.

Seffner Spice
The District II Street Crime Units remained focused on reducing illegal drugs, crime and arresting criminals for various felony and misdemeanor crimes. Seffner Spice culminated with the execution of four search warrants of local convenience stores and tobacco shops. It resulted in the arrest of two suspects, the seizure of 219 packages of illegal spice, as well as the seizure of firearms and motor vehicles.

“Move Over”
The “Move Over Act” is a law enacted to minimize the danger that first responders and emergency personnel face when they are stopped along side the flow of traffic. Deputies Judy Whaley and Desira Penrose-Krouse of District II asking everyone to “Move Over.”

A Sheriff’s Office Star
Major Clyde Eisenburg, District II
Major Clyde Eisenburg began his public safety career as a Detention Deputy in 1980. During his career, he served as a Detective, Investigative Supervisor and was one of the first commanders within the Child Protection Division in its early years. Clyde, as he is known by friends and family, is a law enforcement innovator. As a testament to his forward thinking, when promoted to Captain, Sheriff David Gee placed him in command of the Research and Development Bureau in 2005. While there, he was instrumental in the creation of our current countywide public safety radio system (800 mhz), our employee evaluation system (EPMS) and developed and modernized our current patrol deployment. One of his biggest accomplishments, however, was the development and implementation of the Vehicle Intercept Program (VIP); a program to reduce the incidence of vehicle pursuits. In 2010, as a result of his continued hard work and dedication to the Sheriff’s Office, Sheriff Gee promoted him to the rank of Major and placed him in charge of District II. As 2014 draws to a close, Major Clyde Eisenberg prepares to retire after 34 years of service. He will leave behind a legacy of service, dedication and hard work to the members of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and to the residents of Hillsborough County.
In 2014, District III personnel continued to work hard on forming community partnerships. As a result, the district, which spans 100 square miles and serves over 230,000 citizens, experienced an overall crime reduction rate of 7.5%. Specifically, residential burglaries were down 32.6%. In all, District III deputies responded to over 160,000 calls for service during the year.

**DIII Street Crimes**
The DIII Street Crimes Units (SCU) were busy in 2014 targeting prolific offenders, assisting with the service of priority warrants, and combating complaints of drugs and other criminal activity. As a result, dangerous drugs and weapons were successfully removed from the streets on a regular basis. In one case, a Crime Stoppers complaint was diligently investigated by SCU deputies resulting in a search warrant being issued and the subsequent arrest of an individual wanted for armed bank robbery.

**Operation Store Safe** - An effort that focused on combating a noticeable increase in burglaries of storage units.

**District III Intelligence Unit (DIU)**
The District III Intelligence Unit (DIU) identified prolific offenders and other subjects derived from lead reports, arrestee interviews, and confidential sources. DIU detectives disseminated information to patrol deputies and supported other investigative personnel by conducting covert operations on persons suspected of participating in criminal activity. When an individual under surveillance broke into a house in Town N Country, he was quickly arrested and his arrest stopped a string of residential burglaries he was committing.

**Storage Unit Coalition**
As part of a district wide attempt to stop criminal activity and burglaries at local storage facilities, District III Community Resource Deputies (CRD) organized a Storage Unit Coalition. This afforded storage unit owners/managers the opportunity to receive key information as well as briefings from various areas within the HCSO. The networking among management staff affords them an opportunity to share resources and collectively discuss mutual concerns.
Serving Our Community:

The District III Community Resource Deputies partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Town N Country, volunteering their time to make an impact with children. A total of four events were held throughout the year consisting of a bicycle registration, Easter egg hunt, social media/anti-bullying awareness and an “angel tree” for Christmas.

DPS - Patrol Services District IV
Major Ron Hartley

District IV Office
Serving: Southeastern Hillsborough County including Apollo Beach, Bloomingdale, Brandon, Clair Mel, Gibsonton, Keysville, Lithia, Progress Village, Riverview, Ruskin, Sun City Center, Valrico, and Wimauma

Traffic Section

The District IV Traffic Section concentrated on building community partnerships with other agencies in an effort to reduce crime and increase citizen safety. A particular emphasis was placed on the enforcement of the Move Over Act to increase motorist awareness and keep Hillsborough County’s first responders safe on our highways. In addition to the numerous traffic complaints that were handled, the Traffic Section conducted 4,413 traffic stops, issued 4,492 citations, 1,228 written warnings, and investigated 2,248 traffic crashes.

Part I Crime

The DIV Investigative Section, the Street Crimes Unit, and the Intelligence Unit were busy in 2014 targeting known offenders and identifying criminal trends in order to reduce Part I Crimes. A total of 3,015 cases investigated resulted in 402 felony arrests and the issuance of 32 felony warrants. A total of 1,186 traffic stops were
conducted, 539 citations were issued and over $203,077 in illicit drugs were confiscated in 2014 by the Street Crimes Unit. In addition, 516 individuals were arrested, 25 search warrants were conducted, as well as the seizure of 11 vehicles and $42,247 in United States currency.

**Operation Medicine Cabinet**
Operation Medicine Cabinet continues to be a success as hundreds of pounds of medications were collected and destroyed in the Sun City area during 2014.

**Knight Investigation**
In 2014, a residential kick-in burglary occurred in District IV where property was taken from a residence whose father, Albert Knight, was a Deputy Sheriff in the 1940’s. Among the property taken from the home, were two HCSO badges, two firearms and a Rolex watch that had formerly belonged to late Deputy Albert Knight. Through investigative leads, outstanding detective work, and three court authorized search warrants, the stolen property was returned to Deputy Knight’s son.

**Homeless Initiative**
One Homeless Initiative identified 40 individuals living without housing within DIV. The individuals were given assistance in obtaining their lost personal information and housing was provided to one homeless veteran as a result of the efforts by our deputies.

**Fraud Seminars**
Three fraud, personal safety and identity theft seminars for senior citizens were held in 2014. Over 300 seniors attended the events and received information on staying safe if they become a victim of identity theft.

**Diesel Fuel Thefts**
In July 2013, the DIV Intelligence Unit formed a task force with personnel from all four districts to address agricultural diesel fuel thefts throughout the county. The task force concluded the investigation in October 2014. This long term investigation resulted in the arrest of 21 people, seizure of 23 vehicles, 1 motorcycle, 3 jet skies, a prefabricated barn and 2 marijuana grow operations.

**A Sheriff’s Office Star**
Deputy Phillip Merkle, District IV

On May 28, 2014, Deputy Phillip Merkle was recognized at the Coy Sykes Our Heroes Luncheon as the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year. Deputy Merkle has been with the Sheriff’s Office since 2003 and is assigned to the Detective Section in District IV. Over the past few years Deputy Merkle has demonstrated many acts of heroism to include saving the life of a citizen whose vehicle fell more than 70 feet off Interstate 75 into the Alafia River. Deputy Merkle went down the steep embankment and into the water to the severely injured citizen. He gave the citizen first aid to stop the bleeding and flagged down a boater who transported them to a boat ramp where the citizen could receive medical care. Deputy Merkle also conducted several investigations that resulted in the arrest of suspects who were involved in the theft of metals, tires and rims that occurred throughout the southern portion of Hillsborough County.
Serving Our Community:

Cub Scout Pack 603 Bear Den 7 paid a visit to District IV for the purpose of getting fingerprinted. Corporal Thornton took time to explain what deputy responsibilities include and how important their service is to the community.

Department of Investigative Services (DIS)
Colonel Donna Lusczynski

The Department of Investigative Services is comprised of the Criminal Investigations Division, the Special Investigations Division, and the Child Protective Investigations Division.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)
Major Robert Ura

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) provides law enforcement investigative support to all areas within the Sheriff’s Office. The Division is comprised of the Violent Crimes, Homicide Section, Cold Case Unit, Traffic Homicide Section, Auto Theft Section, Juvenile Services Section, Economic Crimes Section, Crime Scene Section and the Identification Section. A Forensic Services Bureau, Local Offender DNA Index System (LODIS), and the Photo Lab are also components of the Division.

Violent Crimes Section

The Violent Crimes Section investigated 1,596 cases in 2014. The cases were comprised of adult sex crimes, kidnappings, crimes in the jails, domestic violence cases, crimes against the elderly, violent crimes against persons and all manner of death investigations.

Homicide Section

The Homicide Section is responsible for investigating all homicides, police shootings, adult missing persons, and other critical incidents. In 2014, the Homicide Section investigated 22 homicides; approximately a 48% decrease in UCR homicides from 2013. This is
the lowest reported homicide rate since 2001 (21), and the second lowest in almost 30 years.

The expertise of HCSO homicide detectives resulted in an overall clearance rate of 88% for 2014. The national clearance rate average in 2013 was 64.1%.

Cold Case Unit
Two detectives and a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent are assigned to review cold case homicides, historical missing person cases, and cases involving unidentified remains. These detectives investigate unsolved murders dating back to 1956. Since the inception of this unit, nine unsolved murders have been cleared, including two in 2013. Currently, the agency has 202 cold case homicides. The Cold Case Unit has assisted the University of South Florida Anthropology Department with the Dozier Reformatory School project. The project has lead to the exhumation of 55 remains from unmarked graves. Three of the recovered remains have been identified using DNA and returned to the families for a proper burial.

Traffic Homicide Section
The Traffic Homicide Section investigated 47 traffic fatalities, 84 hit-and-run crashes with injuries, and 16 office-related crashes involving injuries for 2014. The Section received the Squad of the Quarter award in 2014 for its successful prosecution of a suspect charged with felony murder from what began as a hit and run fatality in 2014.

In 2014, the Traffic Homicide Section began utilizing the Faro Mapping System. It provides the ability to forensically map an entire scene in 360-degree three-dimensional processes.

Auto Theft Section
The Auto Theft Section was assigned an estimated 1,669 cases in 2014, which was comprised of not only vehicle thefts, but also commercial vehicles, buses, motorcycles, ATV’s, golf carts, scooters, jet skis and trailers. There were 1,049 Grand Theft Auto (GTA) cases reported to the FBI for the Annual Uniform Crime Report.

Juvenile Services Section
The Juvenile Services Section is divided into three investigative components: crimes against children, missing juveniles, and sexual predators. Crimes against children detectives investigate crimes that involve the physical and sexual abuse of children. Missing persons’ detectives investigate missing children including those abducted or who are believed to be runaways. The sexual predators’ staff oversees registered sex offenders and sexual predators living in Hillsborough County.

- In 2014, the Juvenile Services Section investigated 932 cases that involved crimes against children and found over 1,570 missing children.
- In 2014, the sexual predator detectives monitored some 1,802 registered offenders and predators.
Economic Crimes Section
The Economic Crimes Section (ECS) conducts investigations of crimes which have traditionally been referred to as “white collar” crimes. Detectives assigned to ECS are responsible for conducting investigations dealing with identity theft, forged or counterfeit documents, fraudulent use of credit/debit cards, embezzlement, schemes to defraud, identity theft as it relates to tax fraud, adverse possession and other financial related crimes. Although many of these investigations are ultimately deemed civil in nature, the region continues to be plagued by new types of financial scams. The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office works hand-in-hand with community leaders and the media to alert the public as soon as possible to mitigate the number of potential victims. During 2014, 1,468 investigations were investigated by ECS, with 122 of those ending in the arrest and prosecution of the offender.

Identification Section
The Identification Section provides fingerprint related services for the Sheriff’s Office and the community, including analysis of latent fingerprints from crime scenes, the identification of inmate fingerprints, fingerprinting citizens and maintaining criminal histories of persons arrested in the county. In 2014, the Identification Section analyzed/processed fingerprints in 200,451 cases.

Local Offender DNA Index System (LODIS)
The LODIS Section maintains and secures all DNA swabs from adults and juveniles who are booked into the Hillsborough County Jail System. The Section is also responsible for outsourcing all reference and evidence swabs to DNA Labs International where it is analyzed at the laboratory and stored in a private database known as Local Offender DNA Index System (LODIS). In 2014, the LODIS Section collected 15,847 reference swabs from the jails and districts, of which 2,265 were sent to the lab. In addition, there have been 28,528 evidence swabs collected throughout the Sheriff’s Office, of which 1,932 were sent to the lab which resulted in 34 profile matches in 2014.

Photo Lab
The Photo Lab is responsible for ensuring that photographs and digital images of all major crime scenes are stored, securely maintained, and available for detectives and investigators as needed. This unit provides photographic services to all areas of the Sheriff’s Office as well as the State Attorney’s Office.
Special Investigation Division (SID)
Major Thomas Feeney

The Special Investigations Division (SID) is comprised of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Nexus Center (LINC), Major Violators Section, three Tactical Intelligence Sections, Selective Operations Section, Warrants Section, and the Crime Analysis Unit. The SID consists of investigative and intelligence gathering sections and conducts covert and sensitive investigations. The investigations target organized crime, illegal firearms distribution, narcotics trafficking, prolific apprehension, and online child pornography. In addition, SID detectives participate in task forces including the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Joint-Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU)
The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) supports investigations and enforcement operations utilizing a variety of intelligence products focused on career criminals, crime patterns, geographic analysis of offender locations and crime, organized criminal activity, and social media. Using the Intelligence Led Policing (ILP) model, the CAU gathered, evaluated, and disseminated actionable intelligence information to all HCSO Districts and Divisions.

In 2014, the CAU teamed up with the Warrants Section on an initiative to analyze and review cold case warrants. During this review, an analyst identified the location of a fugitive wanted on a 2007 murder warrant living in New York. The subject was apprehended in cooperation with the U.S. Marshals Service and extradited back to Hillsborough County to stand trial.

Law Enforcement Intelligence Nexus Center (LINC)
In 2014, the LINC assisted with the implementation of a restorative justice program known as the Court Avoidance Program (CAP). This program, administered by third party vendor Turning Point Justice, makes it possible for qualified first time retail theft offenders to avoid criminal prosecution in exchange for paying restitution to the retailer and enrolling in a National Association of Shoplifting Prevention educational program. Sears, K-mart, Sports Authority, and Publix have adopted the program successfully.

LINC and SID detectives participated in a joint operation along with personnel from Patrol, FDLE, and the FBI. Detectives were able to identify a person of interest regarding two burglaries that occurred in District III. A surveillance operation lead to the arrest of five individuals, the seizure of four vehicles, and the service of a search warrant yielding marijuana, cocaine, fighting roosters, and property from multiple burglaries within Hillsborough County.
As a follow-up to the investigation, detectives obtained information on an additional suspect which eventually led the FBI to Tallahassee. There, FBI special agents and local law enforcement were able to apprehend two additional individuals during the commission of a burglary at a jewelry store.

The LINC established relationships with loss prevention associates throughout the county, collaborating with Turning Point Justice to develop and implement a program that allows low-level offenders to enter a diversion program and avoid being formally charged with a criminal violation. This reduces manpower requests and costs incurred by the State Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, and judicial system. Moreover, it allows the HCSO to better serve the community.

**Warrants Section**
During 2014, the Warrants Section cleared 2,060 warrants by arrest. Compared to 1,323 warrants cleared by arrest in 2013, that represents an increase of 55.7%.

Over 1,734 warrants were purged from the system with the assistance of the Hillsborough County State Attorney’s Office and our Legal Staff. The purge enabled detectives to operate more efficiently and effectively by concentrating their efforts on prolific and violent fugitives. Throughout the year, detectives participated in 8 warrants round-ups, and coordinated 1,614 extraditions from outside Hillsborough County.

**Selective Operations Section**
Detectives conducted 8 prostitution investigations, to include “Operation Summer Heat,” resulting in 28 arrests.

**Operation SURender** - In order to combat murders, violent crimes, firearm related crimes, and the sale of illegal narcotics, the SOS initiated a Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) investigation in 2013 known as “Operation SURender.” In 2014, the Gang Unit continued the investigation. The goal was to target the Surenos Criminal Street Gang members (A.K.A. Sur 13) who have continued to commit criminal gang-related acts. The arrest, prosecution, and subsequent incarceration of these members will result in the disruption of organized illegal narcotics sales and violent crimes that have plagued the local community. The operation resulted in 5 members of the organization being arrested and indicted on RICO charges; 2 other members, already serving time on previous charges, had additional charges added.

Gang detectives also recognized an up and coming gang known as the “Almighty Black Outlaws.” Members of the gang were identified and certified as gang members.

**The Internet Predator Unit (IPU)**
During 2014, IPU executed 7 search warrants on recovered electronic devices in Hillsborough County. In one instance, evidence obtained from an executed search warrant for a multi-agency investigation yielded over 1,000,000 images of child pornography.
Major Violators Section
In 2014, MVS detectives participated in two multi-agency federal wiretap investigations (1 Federal, 1 State). In addition, a number of long-term investigations were initiated in order to dismantle drug trafficking organizations operating within Hillsborough County. Two of the investigations were entitled Operation Coco Pelao and Operation Perfect Storm.

Operation Coco Pelao - This investigation resulted in federal indictments for 9 defendants of the drug trafficking organization. Seized during the operation:
- 4 kilograms of cocaine
- 12 pounds of hydroponic marijuana
- $49,000 in United States currency

Operation Perfect Storm - This multi-agency investigation involved a drug trafficking organization distributing powder and crack cocaine within Hillsborough County. A wiretap was utilized to dismantle the organization and 28 arrests were made. Seized during the operation:
- 7 kilograms of cocaine
- 6 vehicles
- 5 handguns
- 1 AR-15 assault rifle
- $584,511 in United States currency

Child Protective Investigations Division (CPID)
Major Robert Bullara

The Child Protective Investigations Division (CPID) safeguards, protects, and promotes the well-being of the children in our community. CPID personnel investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and abandonment by caregivers to include substance exposure, family violence, physical abuse, and sexual abuse. They also provide advocacy, guidance, education and support services. The HCSO is one of six sheriff’s offices in Florida that investigates reports of abuse and neglect received by the Department of Children and Families Florida Abuse Hotline.

- The CPID investigated nearly 14,800 calls for service of abuse, neglect, and abandonment this year.
- CPID personnel participates in the Eckerd Community Alternatives Annual Community Food Drive to provide food for families in need. This year, CPID collected over 950 items, and was awarded the annual trophy. CPID also provided over 150 backpacks as part of a Back-to-School Drive for children in need.
- CPID partners with several community agencies, to include the Junior League of Tampa and Safety Bears 4 Kids, in an effort to provide basic necessities and items of comfort to children who are removed from their homes.
The Department of Operational Support (DOS) is comprised of the Training Division, Community Outreach Division, Homeland Security Division, General Services Bureau, Human Resources Bureau, Risk Management Bureau, and the Legislative Affairs and Grants Section.

Homeland Security Division (HSD)
Major Al Greco

The Homeland Security Division is home to most of the Sheriff’s Office special operations units and teams.

Port Security Section
The Port Security Section continued its longstanding agreement with the Tampa Port Authority to provide law enforcement services in the Port of Tampa. In 2014, Port deputies responded to approximately 9,700 calls for service, which included death investigations and traffic enforcement. In addition, Port Security Section deputies worked with other agencies to conduct numerous cargo and vehicle inspections to ensure Florida’s largest port, encompassing more than 5,100 acres across a 20 square mile area, is kept safe and secure.

Marine Enforcement Section
The Marine Enforcement Section used nine tactical ready vessels throughout the waterways of the Tampa Bay area and logged over 4,097 patrol hours. They also conducted 1,761 vessel safety inspections, 72 search and rescue missions and 119 commercial and passenger ship escorts.

Jalessa Osborne receives Civilian of the Year Award

Maria Galaaza Hispanic Civilian of the Year Award
DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Canine Section
The Canine Section is comprised of 18 handlers (16 deputies and 2 supervisors) as well as 21 canines. During 2014, the Section responded to 1,982 calls for service which resulted in 162 felony arrests and $206,841 in U.S. currency being seized during narcotic searches. In addition, the Canine Section assisted other agencies 43 times with canine related searches.

Aviation Section
The Aviation Section pilots responded to over 2,723 calls for service and logged more than 2,725 flights resulting in locating 278 missing persons, conducting 45 search and rescue calls of endangered citizens, recovering 77 stolen vehicles, and assisting in the arrest of 348 criminal suspects. The Section also conducted 294 Assist Other Agency calls which included assisting Hillsborough County Fire Rescue in putting out several fires by dropping over 100 loads of water from the helicopter utilizing the Bambi Bucket.

Agricultural Crimes Unit
In 2014, the Agricultural Crimes Unit investigated more than 1,359 cases of animal abuse or farmland complaints. One hundred animals were impounded and received food, shelter, and medical care. Additionally, poaching-related arrests were made on protected public or private lands.

In April 2014, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office turned over 6 healthy horses to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. The horses were seized during an animal cruelty investigation, suffering malnourishment, mistreatment and were grossly underweight. The HCSO Agricultural Unit worked with veterinarians to nurse the animals back to health.

The Environmental Unit
The Environmental Unit handled 2,003 calls for service in 2014. Seventeen individuals were arrested for environmental-related offenses, 30 civil citations were issued, and 259 public and private land sites were coordinated for clean-up.

The Parks Unit
The Parks Unit patrolled the 230 county-owned parks, and responded to 1,745 calls for service.
Special Incident Response Team
The Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) is considered a Tier 2 team in accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency – National Incident Management System and is designated as a regional response team for a nine-county area within central Florida. The SIRT has the capability to deploy specially equipped forces to conduct search and rescue operations, protect property, and maintain order during incidents of manmade or natural disaster.

Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)/Crisis Negotiations Team
In 2014, the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) was activated a total of 41 times; 11 were emergency activations for barricaded subjects. In addition, the team was activated 19 times for high risk search warrants, and once for a dignitary protection detail. There were also 11 demonstrations conducted throughout the county, which were both static displays and dynamic demonstrations to give the public an opportunity to learn the capabilities and functions of the SWAT Team.

Bomb Disposal Team
The Bomb Disposal Team is Nationally Accredited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board. In addition, it is a Tier One response asset statewide, including Region IV of the Regional Domestic Security Task Force which encompasses 8 counties. In 2014, the 9 members responded to 190 calls for service involving bombing prevention and detection details as well as 8 reports of suspicious packages, unknown substances and post blast investigations within Hillsborough County and Region IV.

Honor Guard
In 2014, the Honor Guard represented the Sheriff’s Office at over 60 presentations for numerous meetings, formal funeral ceremonies and official functions, to include the Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Memorial and 9-11 Memorial, as well as a “Hero’s Welcome Home” for fallen soldiers of this great nation.

In 2015, we will continue our efforts to protect our homeland and preserve our quality of life.

Underwater Recovery Team
The Underwater Recovery Team consists of 8 members, who are specially trained in underwater search and rescue/recovery situations. These skills were utilized during 66 activations in 2014.
Special Incident Management Section
The Special Incident Management Section coordinated public safety initiatives of the Office for various events throughout the year. The events included the Annual Gasparilla Parade celebrations, the 2014 Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the University of South Florida football seasons, the Florida State Fair, the Strawberry Festival, as well as an array of concert events. In addition, the Section assisted with security at the International Indian Film Academy Awards “Bollywood” that was held Tampa, Florida; the first Bollywood Awards held in the United States.

Community Outreach Division
Major Sankar Montoute
The Community Outreach Division proactively provides for the safety and security of the citizens of Hillsborough County through educational, awareness, and public participation programs. Working within the Hillsborough District Schools’ elementary, middle and high school facilities, we ensure a safe learning environment while providing educational and awareness programs to students.

School Services Section
The School Services Section mentored students at more than 67 public elementary schools throughout Hillsborough County. Deputies promoted safety through topics such as pedestrian and bicycle safety, stranger danger, firearms safety, drug and alcohol awareness, and the Junior Deputy Program. Approximately 4,000 public safety and life skill classes were delivered to students in 2014.

Crossing Guard Unit
Covering over 85,000 school crossings each year, the Crossing Guard Unit ensures the safety of approximately 15,000 elementary school children who are navigating through busy intersections while traveling to school. In 2014, the Unit maintained a 99% rate of coverage for all school crossings on a daily basis.

Irene Rodriguez started in 1979 as a Crossing Guard for the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. In September 2014, she celebrated her 35th year anniversary.

School Resource Section
The School Resource Section is tasked with promoting positive interaction while fostering safety and security at public schools. The School Resource Deputy (SRD) program is a partnership that was established in 1977 between the Sheriff’s Office and the Hillsborough County School Board. It serves as a positive role model and lends support to school administrators, faculty, and parents. In 2014, Hillsborough County was the 8th largest school district in the country and the 3rd largest in the State of Florida with an average population of 209,289; approximately 108,133 were middle and high school students.

Community Services Section
The Community Services Section led Neighborhood and Business Watch programs countywide. In 2014, over 1,000 were conducted throughout the county which provided instruction to homeowners and business owners on the best methods to stay safe and keep their properties secure.

The Volunteer Citizens Patrol Program, which is assigned to the Section, donate their time for areas such as patrolling neighborhoods,
in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and the National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference in Bloomington, Indiana. Of the 1,200 teams that attended the Conference, Explorer Post 238 placed 3rd in “Domestic Crisis Intervention” and 4th in “Shoot, Don’t Shoot.” Two of the explorers also placed in the .40 caliber shooting competition.

**Refugee Services Unit**

The Refugee Services Unit assisted local Cuban and Haitian refugees in their efforts to integrate into the community. The Refugee Services Unit acts as a liaison for the Sheriff’s Office by providing outreach, community education and crime prevention services to immigrants. In 2014, over 10 programs were taught to familiarize the Cuban/Haitian communities with American laws, domestic violence awareness, and DUI education. In addition, nearly 2,000 contacts were made to assist refugees newly settled in Hillsborough County.

**Explorer Post**

The Explorer Post Program’s primary focus is mentoring and nurturing the interests of young men and women ages 14 through 21, who are interested in law enforcement careers. In 2014, the Explorer Post 238 traveled to participate in two events; the WinterFest Competition held...
The Freddie Solomon Boys and Girls Club
The Freddie Solomon Boys and Girls Club at Nuccio Park was established in late 2013. During 2014, enrollment at the Club increased 30%. In addition, many programs were implemented which includes after school tutoring, computer-aided music production and instruction on making “right choices.” The Club also partnered with several local entities to provide additional educational opportunities including the Tampa Bay Lightning, Hillsborough County School Board and More Health, Inc. According to the fourth grading period of the 2013-2014 school year, students who were served by the Freddie Solomon Boys and Girls Club showed a 250% increase in perfect attendance and a 250% increase in honor roll students compared to the second grading period of the school year.

Training Division
Major Alan Hill

The Training Division is comprised of the Recruitment and Screening Section and the Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training Site. The Training Division provides advanced, specialized, and leadership training to all divisions within the agency and provides recruitment and screening services, to include all polygraph tests for criminal investigations and screening of applicants. The Training Division also facilitates all promotional preparation and testing within the agency. The Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training Site provides annual training for law enforcement and detention deputies consisting of firearms qualifications, driving, CPR, and officer survival techniques. This training site also hosts training for outside agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.), MacDill Air Force Base, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.), and numerous local police agencies.

During 2014, training capabilities at the WCHPTS continue to expand with the installation of a modular wall system in the Tactical City School Building. This system allows trainers to reconfigure floor plans and create realistic platforms for tactical and investigative scenarios. The Division also purchased and installed two state of the art simulators, the VIRTA Shooting Simulator and Doran Driving Simulator.

In 2014, more than 100 recruits attended SOT, Sheriff’s Orientation Training. This is a rigorous and demanding two week residential program for sworn recruits, which incorporates physical conditioning, teamwork exercise, drill and ceremony and basic firearms training. The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office was identified by Military Times Magazine as one of the top “Best for Vets” hiring agencies in the United States.

Approximately 4,000 employees attended over 800 courses and seminars hosted by the Training Division in 2014. Some of the more notable courses included Fair and Impartial Policing, Crime and Social Media, CPR, Communications, Autism Awareness, and Campus and Student Safety.

In 2014, over 3,500 applications were processed throughout the year by the Recruitment and Screening Section.
The HCSO enhanced its strategy to identify, attract and hire the best qualified applicants by creating a marketing strategy that was broadcast on local television and radio, and published in print media. Internet advertising was expanded to major colleges and universities, military bases, and cities throughout the United States. A new Sheriff’s Office Careers website and Recruitment Facebook page was also designed and launched.

Human Resource Bureau
Director Michele Hamilton

The Human Resource Bureau is comprised of the Personnel Processing Section, Records Section, Organizational Research Section, as well as the newly formed Employment Services Section. In 2014, the Bureau continued its efforts to provide efficient, effective and comprehensive services to all Sheriff’s Office personnel and to the citizens of Hillsborough County.

- In 2014, the Employee Services Section was created and is responsible for all agency pre-employment testing, civilian recruitment and background activities, applicant databases and hiring manager databases.
- Consolidation of personnel actions, personnel recordkeeping and applicable standard operating procedures to create a more efficient process for all employees.

- Implementation of a new human resource information system to create a seamless interface with payroll functions.
- Over 1,900 potential applicants were reviewed in the last quarter of 2014 for 23 different job classifications and 63 positions. Additionally, over 1,000 applicants performed pre-employment testing in the new testing center.
- During 2014, the ESS processed 353 new hire full-time employees, 59 crossing guards and 323 contract employees.
- The creation and execution of six certified promotional exams, a promotional question database and an automated assessment center for the rank of law enforcement lieutenant, was accomplished in 2014 to identify the most qualified candidates for promotion.
- During 2014, the ESS coordinated over 23,000 in person and electronic law enforcement record requests and 25,000 entries of missing persons, stolen vehicles and stolen serialized property into the Florida and National Crime Databases (FCIC/NCIC).
General Services Bureau  
Director Stephen D. Mitchell

The General Services Bureau is responsible for providing support services to the various organizational components within the office. The Bureau is comprised of three (3) sections each of which provides technical support throughout the Sheriff’s Office; the Fleet Maintenance Section, the Communications Maintenance Section, and Maintenance Support Section.

- The Fleet Maintenance Section is responsible for 2,200 vehicles. In 2014, the Section’s personnel responded to over 21,500 requests for vehicle service and repairs. Collectively, HCSO vehicles traveled over 24 million miles in 2014.
- The Communications Maintenance Section is responsible for providing technical support towards ensuring that the public-safety wireless telecommunications systems that are utilized by our first responders in the county operate properly. Over 27.5 million radio transmissions were logged during 2014. In addition, Section personnel responded to over 14,200 requests for equipment repairs and service.
- The Maintenance Support Section is responsible for purchasing inventory items, procurement, and processing mail for the Office. Inventory items are categorize and stored within four specialized warehouses. In 2014, the warehouses processed over 62,000 requests and issued over 246,800 inventory items from the warehouses. In addition, courier personnel processed and delivered over 260,000 pieces of U.S. mail and inter-office correspondence throughout the Office.

Legislative Affairs and Grants Section  
Lorelei Bowden-Jacobs

The Legislative Affairs Unit is the primary liaison between the Sheriff’s Office and the Florida Legislature. Responsibilities include researching, recommending, drafting and providing support for legislation important to public safety. Additionally, the Unit coordinates HCSO personnel attendance at the Legislative Session in Tallahassee each year and assists the Florida Sheriffs Association in achieving their legislative priorities. The HCSO’s Grant Acquisition Unit seeks funding opportunities which align with the strategic goals and mission of the Office. Responsibilities include preparing and submitting grant applications, negotiating...
open enrollment video delivered the message regarding healthcare and benefit changes to personnel. It streamlined the process resulting in a 40% reduction in the number of open enrollment sessions.

During FY 13/14, there was a 17% reduction in reported Workers’ Compensation claims and an overall reduction in claims experience rating resulting in lower payments to the State of Florida.

The Occupational Health and Wellness Center (OHWC) recognized a 28% increase in patients the past fiscal year. In addition, total nurse visits rose from 948 the previous year to 1,555, a 64% increase. This has been beneficial in keeping health care costs down.

Personal and Workers’ Compensation claims have continued to be monitored to help protect employees from loss of income and minimize absenteeism. As a result, there was a 17% reduction in reported Workers’ Compensation claims in 2014 and an overall reduction in claims experience rating resulting in lower payments to the state.

In 2014, $1,876,828 was received in new grant funding to acquire training and equipment for personnel and to further the capabilities of the Sheriff’s Office.

The Unit expanded and added a strategic analyst. This position assists and supports the legislative process and grants acquisition by research best practices, compiles data and maps, and develops programs and organizational recommendations that support HCSO strategic operations.

Ten elementary School Resource Deputy positions were funded through a federal grant awarded to the Sheriff’s Office.

The Risk Management and Facilities Management Bureaus
Captain Richard H. Swann Jr.

There are 3 strategic sections of operation within the Risk Management Bureau: Claims, Employee Benefits, and the Occupational Health and Wellness Clinic. Bureau personnel provide healthcare products and services to HCSO employees and retirees to assist with being fit and achieving a healthier lifestyle. In addition, there are 3 components of operation within the Facilities Maintenance Bureau (FMB); Maintenance Support, Contracts Administration, and Construction. The FMB provides daily maintenance, management, and support for more than 40 different HCSO facilities and over 700,000 square feet of office and warehouse space.

In FY 13/14, Employee Benefits conducted over 300 new hire benefits orientations and processed over 3,000 benefits changes. This was the 2nd year that an
eventually become the Al Lopez Baseball Museum and the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office Museum.

- The HCSO also partnered with representatives from the City of Tampa, the Ybor City Development District, the BOCC and the Hillsborough County Public Arts Council in 2014 to create memorials for the HCSO Fallen Law Enforcement Officers and the September 11th Fallen Heroes.

**Law Enforcement Memorial**

In May 2014, a dedication was held for the new Sheriff's Fallen Heroes Memorial.

**9/11 Fallen Heroes Memorial**

On September 11, 2014, a dedication was held for the new 9/11 Fallen Heroes Memorial.

**Serving Our Community:**

For the 3rd year, the Risk Management Bureau and Facilities Management Bureau partnered in support of the Joshua House Christmas Initiative. In 2014, they provided 38 children with a $40 gift card and donated additional funds for the staff to buy holiday cookies and refreshments for the center’s Christmas Celebration.
Department of Detention Services
Colonel Kenneth Davis

The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office Department of Detention Services (DDS) is comprised of three divisions and maintains two detention facilities. The Department is also responsible for the security of the courts 13th Judicial Circuit and the Hillsborough County Center.

Jail Division I, Orient Road Jail
Major Michael Perotti

Jail Division I includes the Orient Road Jail which consists of Central Booking, Intake and Housing Operation Bureaus, Central Breath Testing Unit, Juvenile Assessment Center, House Arrest/GPS Unit, Criminal Registration Unit, as well as the Inmate Property and the Classification and Records Bureau.

- In 2014, 51,759 arrestees were booked into the Orient Road Jail.
- Over 5,900 juveniles were processed at the Juvenile Assessment Center.
- The Central Breath Testing Unit processed 4,180 individuals; 2,483 submitted to alcohol breath testing and 1,697 refused testing during 2014.
- Over 338 individuals were placed on House Arrest, GPS or Day Reporting programs resulting in a substantial savings to taxpayers throughout 2014.
- The Criminal Registration Unit processed 5,048 criminal registrants, 5,441 sex offenders, 894 sexual predators and facilitated 2,121 self arrests.
- The Records and Classification Bureau classified over 45,000 arrestees, processed over 8,400 court dockets and scanned 103,185 inmates files for digital storage.

Central Booking

Jail Division II, Falkenburg Road Jail
Major Curtis Flowers

Inmate Housing, Jail Infirmary, Inmate Programs, Video Visitation, Confinement Housing.

Jail Division II’s 593 sworn and civilian employees operate the Falkenburg Road Jail, the largest of the three Sheriff’s Office jail divisions. The facility is located on 160 acres and provides both pre-trial and sentenced inmates a safe and secure detention setting. Jail Division II manages the Video Visitation Center for the entire Jail System. The Falkenburg Road Jail has a rated capacity of 3,636 inmates. Inmates are housed in 10 general population direct supervision housing units and two confinement housing units. The jail also consists of the inmate programs center, the medical unit, as well as providing housing for juveniles.

- An existing building was renovated to create a new Professional Visitation Center. The 6,032 sq. ft. building is equipped with updated security and alert systems, contact and non-contact conference rooms, inmate holding cells and 23 visitation rooms. This will reduce

Master Control Center
wait times for professional visitors and eliminate the need to allow these visitors access into the inmate housing units. In addition, the threat of contraband and potential security breaches will be reduced.

- In order to educate the public on jail operations, Jail Division II facilitated tours throughout 2014 for community groups, leadership groups, and educational institutions.
- The Detention Recruitment Team was established to assist in finding qualified applicants for detention. The Team hosted the 2014 HCSO “Women in Law Enforcement” Career Event in an attempt to recruit female law enforcement and detention deputy trainees.

Inmate Visitation Building

**Serving Our Community:**

Jail Division II held several fundraisers in 2014 that benefited charitable organizations in the community. Jail Division II staff volunteered countless hours with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Youth Villa in Bartow, Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Homes for Heroes, Meals on Wheels, and the Ronald McDonald House.

A Sheriff’s Office Star

Deputy Saraque Stokes, Jail Division II

Deputy Saraque Stokes has served for over four years in the Department of Detention Services. Since her employment at the HCSO, she has set and achieved historical record setting performance goals and received multiple awards for her outstanding performance. Her selfless acts of service and tirelessly devotion extend beyond our agency into our community. On her own time, she extends her tireless energy to support the annual “Clean and Paint” efforts to the local Joshua House for abused, neglected and abandoned children in Tampa Bay. In addition, she has been a regular delivery driver for Meals on Wheels of Tampa Bay, using her own resources to extend “Goodwill!” She exhibits natural leadership characteristics of a high growth performer. As a result of her proven track record and exemplary performance, she was selected and accepted the role with an elite team of recruiters whose sole purpose is to strategically plan, implement and execute a recruitment vertical for the Office. Equipped with her energy, leadership and business savvy, she presented a well defined “Plan of Action” and devised a proposal for a successful Career Fair with emphasis on the recruitment of female deputies. The positive results were proven by the overwhelming amount of attendees.

Jail Division III

Major Paul Adee

Jail Division III provides operational support services to the entire Department of Detention Services. Inmate health care, food service, laundry, mail, canteen, and transportation services are managed by the more than 350 certified, non-certified and contract employees of the division.

- The Detention Transportation Bureau logged over 509,000 miles and transported 86,500 inmates to locations.
including local courts, state prisons, medical appointments and other jurisdictions throughout the state. The Bureau is home to the Sheriff’s Jail Work Crew which supervised 2,280 community service workers who provided over 13,680 hours of labor for the community.

Trinity Services Group provided food service for the Hillsborough County jails. The section prepared and delivered over 3.16 million inmate meals and over 35,000 staff meals during 2014. Inmates assist Trinity Services personnel in the preparation of meals to reduce cost, while introducing the inmates to food service skills that can be utilized upon release.

The Laundry Unit supervises inmate work crews who are responsible for sorting, cleaning, folding, and the delivery of inmate clothing and linens. Over 2.5 million pounds of clothing were delivered per week to the Orient and Falkenburg Road Jails in 2014.

The Canteen Unit is contracted with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC. In 2014, 56,710 canteen and ICare orders were delivered to inmates along with 25,207 indigent packages.

Inmate Services and Programs Bureau
Director Stephen Hogue

The Inmate Services and Programs Bureau provides inmates at the HCSO detention facilities the opportunity to participate in self-improvement activities to include substance abuse, re-entry, education and religious services. All personnel and associated expenses assigned to Inmate Programs are funded thru the Inmate Canteen Fund account.

The Inmate Treatment and Intervention Section (ITIS) provide various programs and life skills training in an effort to enhance an inmate’s successful re-entry into the community. In 2014, approximately 800 inmates attended ITIS programs.
The Hillsborough Re-Entry Center (HREC) is a collaborative effort between HCSO, the Florida Department of Corrections, and local community based social organizations. The goal is to enhance public safety by reducing recidivism by providing the ex-offender with services and programs in the community. In 2014, 650 ex-offenders were released from jail or prison and received case management and assistance from HREC.

The Adult Education Section in partnership with the HCSO and the Hillsborough County School District provides mandatory standard K-12 educational services to all juvenile inmates. Additionally, the partnership provides the opportunity to any inmate who does not possess a high school education and diploma to attend GED classes with the goal of obtaining a GED diploma. All costs associated with the GED test is provided free of charge through the Inmate Canteen Fund.

The Religious Services Section is responsible for providing the inmate population with access to convenient and responsive spiritual counseling, provide religious books/publications/materials, and coordinate/train/assist the 250 volunteers who provide various religious services.

**Detention Maintenance Bureau**  
**Angel Varela, Director**

The Detention Maintenance Bureau provides mechanical, electrical, plumbing, painting, carpentry, metal fabrication, refrigeration and a multitude of other general maintenance services to the detention facilities. In 2014, the Bureau performed several major construction projects.

The Criminal Registration Unit and the Hillsborough Re-Entry Center were moved from a facility to the north end of the Orient Road Jail. This will allow the previous facility to be utilized by Hillsborough County for the Homeless Coalition.

A new professional visitation center was constructed which will be utilized by attorneys and various other professionals who require direct access with their incarcerated clients.

The Bureau placed the concrete and performed masonry work for the two new bullet trap system at the Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training Facility.

**Court Operations Division**  
**Major James Livingston**

The mission of the Court Operations Division is to ensure a safe and secure environment at Hillsborough County court facilities, and the effective and efficient service of civil process. Locations secured by the Division include the Downtown Tampa Courthouse Complex, Plant City Courthouse, and the County Center.

The Judicial Protection Bureau is the largest component of the COD and is responsible for the overall safety and security of all individuals inside the courtrooms. It provides day-to-day security for 63 judges, as well as a dozen or more hearing officers and magistrates. In 2014, they were responsible for the security, movement, and housing of over 14,000 jail inmates who were inside the court facilities to attend court hearings.
The Court Complex Security Section is comprised of law enforcement deputies, civilian security personnel, and contract security officers. The section is responsible for all law enforcement responsibilities, crowd control, and overall security for the County Center and the Courthouse facilities. During 2014, over 1.5 million persons entering the facilities were screened for security purposes.

The Civil Process Section serves various legal processes and court orders issued by the local courts, other Florida courts, and courts in other states that require process to be served in Hillsborough County. In 2014, over 125,000 civil process documents were received and served, which included over 20,000 residential evictions, injunctions, and other enforceable orders.

**Serving Our Community:**

For the fifth straight year, COD personnel conducted an Annual Holiday Toy Drive for the Children’s Justice Center. Many of these children are in foster homes or subject to injunction protection, while others have been the victims of severe physical abuse or neglect. During the holiday season, the COD purchased, wrapped and delivered gifts to 140 children from 82 families who may not have otherwise experienced the joys and memories associated with this special time of year.
On May 27, 2014, 80 veterans and 80 guardians arrived at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport for the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. The veterans visited the Air Force Memorial, the Abraham Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial & Korean War Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, and the National World War II Memorial. Allegiant Air donated the plane and flight crew for the Honor Flight. Members of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office raised enough money to sponsor 4 guardians and their veteran for the flight. The cost for each guardian is $400.

Upon the veteran’s return, they received an escort by the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard. The veterans were presented with a coin as well as a photo of their trip. The veterans received a hero’s welcome as approximately 1,000 people honored the veterans home. Active duty military first responders, Bay Shore Patriot, Patriot Guard, American Legion groups and civilians were on hand to welcome the veterans home.

Military Heroes Top Shot
In November 2014, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office hosted the Military Heroes Top Shot event at the Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training Site in Lithia. The event was presented by the Black Dagger Military Hunt Club and the Sheriff’s Office. Twenty wounded and retired warriors put their shooting skills to the test in a variety of scenarios and competitions. The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office is honored to help Black Dagger and all of our U.S. Military Heroes. We appreciate their service and sacrifices to our country.

Community Enrichment Grant
The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office cares about the community we serve and firmly believes that criminals should pay to help make it better. For these reasons, funds which were seized from criminal activity are made available to put back into building our community. Directors or officers from non-profit 501-C-3
organizations apply for funds, through a grant application, for items such as improving parks, community buildings, recreational areas, recreational equipment, and projects that encourage community involvement. Monies must be used for tangible items. In 2014, a total of $25,000 was given to 22 different organizations. Below are check presentations to Ace Mentor and Jewish Family Services.

The 2014 HCSO Charities Fishing Tournament raised $17,500 to benefit the Judeo Christian Health Clinic.

In 2014, the HCSO Charities Ranch Run attracted record numbers of runners and raised $17,500, which will directly benefit delinquent and wayward youth through the many programs and services that are offered.

Sheriff David Gee’s Sporting Clays Shoot Out Hosted at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays supports Tampa Bay’s military and youth survivors of tragic circumstances. After a great day of shooting clays and a delicious barbeque lunch, checks were presented to the Jason Ackerman Foundation and USO of Central Florida totaling $25,000.

HCSO Charities, Inc.
In 2000, HCSO Charities, Inc. was established as the private, not-for-profit charitable arm of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. Governed by an independent board of directors, this 501(c)3 charity benefits an array of organizations and groups. Since its inception, we have provided support to hundreds of people in our military and law enforcement communities, contributed to organizations dedicated to guiding wayward youth, and partnered with benevolent groups to enrich lives.

To date, the HCSO Charities has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars throughout the Tampa Bay area. This would not be possible without the generous donors who provide in-kind or other assistance.
Traffic Crash Fatality Rate per 10,000 Residents 2003 - 2014
Unincorporated Hillsborough County

Traffic Fatalities 2003 - 2014
Unincorporated Hillsborough County
Retirees

Alexander, William J
Allen, Christopher L
Anderson, Carolyn S
Ashley, Bobby
Balbontin, Luis M
Bargren, Sally L
Barr, Rita L
Becker, Jean L
Boetjer, Jennifer
Brigham, David B
Broadnax, Teresa W
Brown, Curtis L
Brown, Gladys J
Brown, Jarrell F
Brown, Darrell B
Brown, Christopher E
Buchan, Deborah L
Bukes, Robert B
Bulmer, Geraldine D
Burgess, Joan P
Carlton, Barbara J
Cashwell, Ronald E
Cheshire, Frank J
Collins, Jesse D
Coonce, Sheila W
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