Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office

Dedicated to Making Hillsborough County Safer!

2012 Annual Report
Overall crime in Hillsborough County decreased for the sixth consecutive year in 2012, thanks in part to the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, along with the support of countless citizens and community partners. The rate of crime dropped 7.2% from 2011, with 1,545 less crime victims in 2012 (20,072) than the previous year (21,617).

For the 848,660 residents who live in unincorporated Hillsborough County, the drop in crime marked the lowest crime rate since recording started in 1985. The milestone came despite the fact the Sheriff’s Office has just 1.5 deputies for each thousand citizens it serves – far less than the national average of 2.5 officers per capita. To offset those numbers, the Sheriff’s Office has employed new tactics in enforcement and investigation in order to maximize resources and police our community “smarter.”

Centered on the concept of Intelligence Led Policing, the transformation in our operations entered its fifth year with the Law Enforcement Intelligence Nexus Center (LINC) as the hub of operations. Each day both law enforcement and detention deputies, detectives, crime analysts and other law enforcement agencies, examine real time information and data about crime, offenders and crime patterns. The collective analysis in real-time becomes the basis for decisions on how and where to deploy resources in order to achieve maximum results and increase public safety. The analysis also identifies the most prolific criminal offenders responsible for many of the reported crimes.

The Sheriff’s Office is supported by citizens countywide, especially those that participate in Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch and the Volunteer Citizens Patrol. Working together, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and the people we serve are making for A Safer County!
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To the Citizens of Hillsborough County:

I am proud to highlight the accomplishments and hard work of the men and women of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office in this Annual Report for 2012. The privilege of leading more than 3,700 dedicated men and women of our agency is realized each and every day, but I am especially proud when I look at the results of their efforts for the year past and the reduction in overall crime for the sixth consecutive year. From the patrol deputies on the streets, to the civilians who support all aspects of our agency, to the detention deputies who staff our jails, and all the other law enforcement personnel working to combat crime, the men and women of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office are committed to your safety. With their efforts, I can say with certainty that this truly is “A Safer County.”

The 7.2% reduction in overall crime came without the benefit of additional manpower or assets. Instead, our agency focused on maximizing resources and engaging in an ongoing and evolving effort to analyze crimes and focus on prolific offenders. We empowered deputies and their supervisors to demonstrate initiative and innovation while working not just to combat crime, but to address broader issues that contribute to criminal behavior and detract from public safety. In addition, we reached out to many of citizens like you in the effort to continue maintaining and strengthening vital bridges to the people we serve, with a collective response that has been empowering and invaluable.

There were also many singular accomplishments in 2012 that you will read about in the pages that follow. In August, years of planning and preparation by many in our agency resulted in the safe conclusion of the Republican National Convention. We also undertook a focused effort to remove illegal guns from the hands of convicted felons, and cleared a number of violent crimes by taking the perpetrators off the streets. We targeted and reduced dangerous contraband in the jails and reduced jail operating costs through innovative initiatives.

In the year to come, we will continue to examine how best to serve the citizens and continue to be active partners in supporting charitable and community organizations. The men and women of the Sheriff’s Office are ordinary people who perform extraordinary work on behalf of the people we serve. It is our honor to perform these duties and we will continue to serve with professionalism and pride in 2013!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

David Gee
Sheriff’s Command Staff

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- Court Operations Division: Major Curtis Flowers
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The Office of Chief Deputy is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency. Five sections report directly to Chief Deputy Jose Docobo: Information Services Division; Community Affairs Office; Legal Section; Public Information Office; and Office of the Comptroller.

**Information Services Division (ISD)**  
Chris Peek, Director

The Information Services Division is involved with leveraging technology to provide expanded, efficient functionality while controlling or reducing budgetary costs. Additionally, a number of projects are focused on replacing legacy systems that are at the end of their useful life.

**Beyond the above major initiatives, the following projects were completed in 2012:**

The replacement of the telephone system was completed in April 2012. In all, 2030 telephones were replaced. The project was officially completed in June 2012 with 20 servers and 14 new technologies.

Began the transition to the Versadex Evidence module in the RMS.

In 2012, the ISD electronics group began the task of replacing the intercom system at the Orient Road Jail. This required the new PLC-based system be installed while maintaining the existing Telecor system due to the facility being occupied.

Replacement of 230+ Panasonic Toughbook computers and 300+ Dell desktop computers with new models.

Completed the deployment of advanced authentication (RSA) to all mobile devices used throughout the office.

Upgraded the CCTV system and 330 cameras at the Orient Road Jail from analog to digital.

Built new Orient Road Jail Operations Status Center including operator work areas and visual display systems consolidating the functions of two separate control rooms (MCC and OSC) into one, and integrated the new CCTV platform with the a new intercom system.

Completed the implementation of the CTS Smartcop System for the entire agency.

Performed extensive upgrades and enhancements to the HCSO backup infrastructure, resulting in a nearly 50% increase in capacity and speed.

ISD successfully negotiated an upgrade to the HCSO storage infrastructure that resulted in a nearly 1200% increase in overall processing capabilities as well as a roughly 30% increase in total capacity.

Completed the upgrade of all installed Versaterm MDT software to version 7.3.

Training and deployment of FDLE Rapid ID DNA Scanners and printers.

Expansion of the Orion Court Notify Subpoena System to include the University of South Florida Police Department and State Attorney’s Office.

Upgrades to the the Eye on Crime CCTV environment included the addition of 5 additional camera locations in District 1 as well as AutoVue License Plate Recognition.

ISD also spent numerous hours in the first half of 2012 meticulously reviewing HCSO’s Information Technology security procedures, processes, and vulnerabilities. Numerous improvements were made, to include increasing the frequency of patch applications and auditing all security controls to provide only the minimum level of access needed for official HCSO business. Additionally, ISD leveraged advanced technology to mitigate the threat of DDoS (distributed denial of service) attacks during the highly visible Republican National Convention.

**Community Affairs Office (CAO)**  
JD Callaway, Director

The Community Affairs Office maintains the public web site and attendant social media to inform, notify, enlighten and entertain. Our YouTube Channel is one of the most popular law enforcement channels in the Southeast. At the end of 2012, our channel garnered 1.5 million views with more than 600 subscribers. Our Twitter account, our Facebook page and our Google+ page continued to enjoy growth as we populated each with current and relevant information and events. Our public web site, www.hcso.tampa.fl.us, generated hundreds of thousands of hits during the year, from arrest inquiries to career information.

Throughout the year, the Community Affairs Office staff supported major media initiatives through innovative graphics, posters and other material to enhance the informational goal. We printed thousands of pamphlets for distribution to the public on a variety of topics, from burglary prevention to identity theft.

**Legal Section**  
Tony Peluso, Chief Legal Counsel

The Legal Section is the in-house law firm for the Sheriff’s Office and acts to provide legal services and advice to the Sheriff, along with all of his personnel.
For the fifth year in a row, the Legal Section was under the direction of Chief Legal Counsel Tony Peluso. The Legal Section litigates lawsuits ranging from personal injury and issues involving the Child Protective Investigations Division to complex multimillion dollar cases in both state and federal Courts.

An attorney is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to answer questions or respond to critical incidents. Examples of such incidents are the use of deadly force and motor vehicle crashes involving Sheriff’s Office vehicles. In order to reduce civil liability, it is vital to have an attorney on scene to preserve evidence critical to the defense of any such claim that may arise.

The attorneys handle the vast majority of incoming lawsuits and ongoing litigation. Examples of such claims defended by the Legal Section include excessive force, auto negligence, civil rights violations, vehicle pursuits, employment issues and the forfeiture of seized property. Each attorney has an area of specialty, yet all are qualified to handle the legal issues that may arise for the Sheriff’s Office. In addition to the attorneys, Claims Manager Brenda Day acts as an in-house insurance adjuster for the Sheriff’s Office and handles any and all property damage claims received.

The attorneys also play a role as Instructors at the Law Enforcement Academy and in the Sheriff’s Office Module Training. This type of training serves to further the goal of the Sheriff’s Office to have the best trained and most up-to-date personnel of any law enforcement agency in the state.

The Public Information Office is one of the busiest law enforcement public information offices in the state of Florida. The Tampa Bay area is the nation’s 14th largest media market. The Public Information Office 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 Sheriff’s Office personnel. It is also the responsibility of the Public Information Office to advise the Sheriff on media relations and potential media issues. Public Information Officers, Debbie Carter, Larry McKinnon and Cristal Bermudez Nuñez, along with Office Assistant Melissa Kincheloe, staff the Public Information Office. In 2012, they issued more than 525 press releases to the media along with performing hundreds of on-camera interviews. The Public Information Office also answered more than 120 written public records requests submitted by news media and generated almost 900 electronic “Media Alerts” on breaking news.

The OTC performs a variety of accounting and finance functions designed to support the "mission" of the Sheriff’s Office as listed below:

**Budget** – Creates financial plans through budget development, implementation, and submission of budget amendments totaling more than $374 million. A detailed line-item budget is prepared annually by Command Staff.

**Payroll** – Processes payroll for more than 3,500 employees on a biweekly basis and ensures that payroll taxes, and other payroll related items are accurately and promptly remitted to the appropriate agencies.

**Grants** – Saves county taxpayer funds by seeking reimbursement of expenditures through state and federal grants and contracts (more than $25 million for FYE 9-30-12).

**Purchasing, Accounts Payable and Purchasing Cards** – The OTC Purchasing Card Program is designed to improve efficiency in processing purchases, travel expenditures, and emergency purchases.

**Cash and Investments** – Ensures the safety and preservation of investment principal, provides for liquidity, and maximizes return on investment in that order.

**Accounts Receivable and Cash Bonds** – Prepares deposits, records revenues, and monitors accounts receivables. Receivables are comprised of administrative charges, employee reimbursements, and charges for services.

**Capital Assets** – Records and depreciates capital assets which include vehicles, equipment, and software totaling $31.3 million. Per Florida Statutes, the OTC performs a physical inventory of all assets to ensure that they are being properly secured, safeguarded, and disposed.

**Canteen and Inmate Cash** – Manages and presents financial statements of Canteen activities to the Oversight Board and records the activities related to inmate accounts, such as deposits or withdrawals for fees or purchases of goods through the commissary.

**Reporting** – The OTC safeguards the Sheriff’s financial resources and promotes fiscal accountability by recording all financial transactions and preparing financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
In 2012, District I encompassed 142 square miles. In 2013, a modification of the district geographical boundaries will occur with an additional patrol zone added in the Grant Park and Six Mile Creek area.

The District I 2012 Uniform Crime Report reflects a 6% reduction in Part I crimes in comparison to the previous year (2011). District I has repeatedly shown a crime reduction rate the past three years.

During the 2012 calendar year, District I personnel handled 125,676 calls for service. Personnel initiated 23,947 incident reports, which resulted in 6,323 criminal arrests. A total of 106,198 traffic stops occurred, which resulted in 13,450 traffic citations issued to violators.

Tampa was the host city of the 2012 Republican National Convention, which allowed for Federal funded Safariland police bicycles used during the convention to be awarded to the Sheriff’s Office. The police bicycles have been deployed in the District for burglary suppression, along with other law enforcement initiatives.

The “Eye on Crime” surveillance cameras remain operational in specific locations in the district. Six additional camera locations have been added since the program’s inception, with a cumulative total of twenty-six. Additional cameras are tentatively projected for the Nuccio Park Community, located in the vicinity of 50th Street and Sligh Avenue.

During this last year, the District I Street Crimes Unit conducted operations addressing crime trend issues noted by the District Detectives and the District Intelligence Unit. Five separate multi-agency/jurisdictional operations were conducted involving city, state and federal agencies. Two of those operations addressed the selling of alcoholic beverages to underage persons working with Florida State Beverage Agents. All violations lead to criminal arrests and this information aided ABT agents in their follow-up investigations. The other three operations consisted of round-ups for wanted persons, FDOC offender checks to include sex offenders, and decoy/bait-style operations. During these operations, members from the City of the Tampa Police Department, Florida Department of Corrections, and Homeland Security/ICE participated in the operation. During the last three operations, the Traffic Section, Bike Patrol, and Detective Unit were utilized to target Fowler Avenue East, which was our focal point.

During 2012, the District I Traffic Section personnel completed 18 high school safety belt operations, four Florida Department of Corrections (PPO/HTO) details and 21 Habitual Traffic Offender details (with covert cars). The Traffic Section also conducted 159 Designated Patrol Activities on traffic enforcement, which were held monthly and targeted enforcement along high traffic crash corridors. In 2012, there was a 5.44% increase in traffic crashes for District I from the previous year. In 2012, the District I Traffic Section conducted 9,853 traffic stops and investigated 3,201 traffic crashes, which resulted in 7,507 traffic citations issued to violators, along with 4,399 traffic warnings.

In July 2012, the District One Intelligence Unit received a confidential tip that an individual by the name of Michael Thomas was in possession of eleven firearms inside of a vehicle he was operating. During an initial inquiry, it was determined that the subject was a convicted felony offender from Georgia. Members from the District’s DIU and SCU located the vehicle at a residence and conducted surveillance. After a brief period of time the subject was seen leaving the residence driving the described vehicle. Units were able to develop probable cause for a stop, leading to the execution of a search warrant on the vehicle recovering the eleven firearms, and drugs.

Two of the firearms recovered, a 12 gauge shotgun and AK style rifle were previously reported as stolen during residential burglaries that occurred in the county and the City of Tampa. Cumulatively, approximately $100,000 of property was recovered from this one investigation alone.

In 2012, District I Detectives continued to investigate person’s crimes in addition to property crimes. Detectives were assigned 3,002 cases. They were able to make 420 felony arrests, and execute 34 search warrants.

Community Resource Deputies (CRD) participated in the Great American Teach-In at the schools in their respective communities. Community Resource Deputies were an integral part of many local events.
In 2012, the District II Intelligence Unit (DIU) identified criminals committing the district’s residential burglaries and metal-related thefts. These offenders were then targeted for enforcement action resulting in 61 arrests and related arrests of an additional 50 individuals. The District II DIU organized several multiple-offender operations resulting in the arrest of 147 individuals. The District II Juvenile Probation Program that monitors juvenile offenders with felony criminal histories resulted in the arrests of 147 juveniles for probation violations. During a recent investigation involving the theft of lawn equipment from adjacent counties, deputies identified and linked to 56 thefts where more than one million dollars in property had been stolen. More than $150,000 in stolen lawn equipment has been recovered by D2 detectives.

The District II Patrol Operations Bureau is comprised of approximately 135 sworn law enforcement deputies. These deputies patrol 250 square miles and serve a population of nearly 200,000 residents. During the 2012 calendar year, patrol deputies handled 156,848 calls for service, originated 22,668 incident reports, completed 5,210 street checks, authored 403 intelligence reports, initiated 21,786 traffic stops, and issued 6,872 traffic citations. The District’s crime-fighting efforts led to a crime rate reduction of 5.5%. Patrol Deputies are always first on the scene and play a major role in identifying and arresting habitual and career criminals that target our community.

District II Street Crimes Unit (SCU) conducted a gang operation in the Clair Mel area which led to the recovery of 16 pounds of marijuana, 3 firearms and the seizure of $1,800 cash. The operation ended with approximately 60 traffic stops, and 25 arrests. District II SCU has made great strides in identifying and locating gang members in the Dover and Plant City areas, in an effort to combat gang issues. Operations have led to the arrest of 45 offenders, the recovery of two firearms, and numerous traffic stops. District II SCU arrested 298 individuals resulting in 384 charges, seized over 150 pounds of marijuana, 1.4 grams of Xanax, 47.6 grams of methamphetamine, 59.25 grams of opiates, 8.4 grams of OxyContin, 27.4 grams of cocaine, 9.5 grams of Soma, 10.3 grams of hydrocodone, authored 12 search warrants, seized $7,604.00 US currency, nine firearms and one vehicle.

The Operation 3D Squad is a countywide DUI Squad based out of the District II office. Operation 3D is a three dimensional approach to include Enforcement, Education, and Prevention. In 2012, Operation 3D conducted twelve DUI checkpoints. The squad made 1,336 DUI arrests which accounted for 85% of the total DUI arrests for the agency. The Sheriff’s Alcohol Vendor Enforcement (S.A.V.E.) deputy spoke with 82 vendors, and conducted 22 employee education presentations. DUI prevention presentations were conducted at 27 area high school driver education classes. The Sheriff’s Underage Compliance Checks Education & Enforcement Detail (S.U.C.C.E.E.D.) conducted 354 compliance checks of businesses which resulted in the arrest of 65 persons for the sale of alcohol to a minor. The S.U.C.C.E.E.D. program also conducted investigations at large events which resulted in the arrests of 50 minors for possession of alcohol.

In 2012, the District II Investigations Unit conducted latent investigations on 1,337 crimes within the geographical boundaries of the district. The unit arrested 175 suspects, obtained arrest warrants on 92 others, for a total of 637 charges. The unit executed more than 30 search warrants and recovered thousands of dollars of stolen property. The unit also assisted victims of crimes in recovering more than $14,000 of stolen property that had been pawned.

In 2012, Traffic Crash investigators completed 2,517 crash investigations. The Motor Units conducted data-driven enforcement, to include traffic blitzes within high traffic crash corridors and conducted monthly seat belt campaigns at high schools. Motor Units were also tasked with conducting funeral, fallen soldier and dignitary escorts. This year was especially busy with Tampa hosting the 2012 Republican National Convention. The Motor Units worked with other local and federal agencies in conducting numerous escorts for visiting dignitaries, to include the President and Vice President of the United States.
District III is located at 7202 Gunn Highway and is responsible for providing law enforcement services for the Northwest portion of Hillsborough County, which includes the communities of Town ‘N Country, Egypt Lake, Westchase, Odessa, Carrollwood, Keystone, and the western parts of Lutz. In 2012, under the continued leadership of Major Ray Lawton and Captain Andy Ross, the district experienced a crime reduction of 9.1%. The Sheriff's Office vision of providing effective, efficient, and professional law enforcement services while maintaining the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and community service drives the day to day operations in District III. During 2012, District III deputies took their call to duty seriously and fulfilled this vision with remarkable care and compassion.

Compassion and empathy are always priorities when dealing with victims of crime and the mentally ill. In many encounters, citizens are pleasantly surprised when they observe the empathy, care and compassion that our deputies demonstrate while carrying out their duties. Examples of these actions can be found in the following comments taken from citizen appreciation letters received in 2012.

A great testament to the success of the Sheriff’s Crisis Intervention program was received in April when Dr. David Kershaw, the Director of Northside Mental Health Center personally observed deputies working with a person suffering from serious mental illness. Dr. Kershaw was so impressed with the knowledge and sensitivity displayed by Corporal Jean Becker, Master Deputy Phil Acaba, and Deputies Steven Delre and Stephanie Krager, that he remarked, “I am positive that this case would not have been handled in such a positive fashion had it been in another law enforcement agency’s jurisdiction.”

In April, the victim of a burglary was moved by the dedication and compassion of Detective Calvin Boyd and Deputy Chuck VanSickle. She contacted a local news reporter to publicly express her gratitude. More than $100,000 worth of stolen property was recovered through their tireless efforts.

In October, while conducting a death investigation, Deputy Kirby Lavallee displayed such kindness that a relative, who described the incident as the worst day of their life, took the time to commend Deputy Lavallee for helping them through such a difficult time. Deputy Lavallee downplayed his actions and noted that he is “just doing his job”. Lavallee strives to have a positive interaction with every citizen he meets, and emphasizes the importance of care and compassion.

In October, a local sports radio host was the victim of a burglary during which his expensive custom bicycle was stolen. He was so appreciative of the extra efforts taken by Street Crimes Deputies in recovering his bicycle that he acknowledged the hard work and dedication of Deputies Brad Sutter and Justin Fisher on air during his morning talk show.

In late 2012, Deputy Orenthial Nicholson was faced with a difficult child abuse investigation. He developed a rapport with the child who was subsequently placed in temporary shelter and transferred to a new school. When Deputy Nicholson went to visit the child at his new school, the child told his friends that Deputy Nicholson was his "buddy." Deputy Nicholson was heartbroken over the case and said, “You never know when that one case happens and a child needs someone to hear their cry for help.”

These are just a few examples of District III deputies remaining committed to the core values of the Sheriff’s Office and taking immense pride in serving their community with care and compassion.
District IV is located within the southeastern part of Hillsborough County and is comprised of approximately 420 square miles. The District is the largest and most populated of the four districts with approximately 259,000 citizens. Major Ronald Hartley, a thirty-eight year veteran, is the current commander of 194 law enforcement and civilian personnel. District IV experienced many successes in 2012, even with its unique challenges due to the size and population growth within the District. As a result of both hard work and dedicated commitment to the community, District IV experienced the smallest percentage of crimes (District portion - 22.1%), as compared to the other three districts. The overall 2012 crime rate dropped by 13.5% as compared to 2011.

Approximately 183 sworn law enforcement deputies are assigned to District IV. These deputies responded to nearly 145,000 calls for service, an increase of 6.77% as compared to 2011. In addition, they conducted over 21,000 traffic stops. There were also 30 recruits in various phases of training in the District during 2012.

2012 was a very productive year for the District’s two Street Crimes Squads. The squads conducted 1,045 traffic stops, issued 653 citations, investigated 196 drug complaints, conducted 3,856 hours of undercover surveillance, confiscated 254,156 grams of marijuana valued at $1,993,751.00, seized 64 weapons, 18 vehicles and $76,435.00 and conducted 34 search warrants. In addition, nine underage alcohol compliance details were conducted at 161 businesses, resulting in the arrests of 23 store clerks.

During 2012, the District’s Traffic Unit conducted 3,970 traffic stops, which resulted in 6,447 traffic citations. The Unit also investigated traffic complaints from citizens, participated in funeral escorts and provided numerous dignitary escorts during the Republican National Convention and the National Presidential Election. Additionally, the Unit coordinated the Office’s “Lives Before Property” grant from the Florida Department of Transportation using plain clothes personnel in covert vehicles to identify and arrest aggressive and reckless drivers.

2012 was a busy year for the nine detectives and two supervisors assigned to this section. During the year, detectives completed a total of 3,645 cases for latent investigation, which resulted in 308 individuals being arrested on felony charges and 74 felony warrants being issued.

In 2012, the District’s Intelligence Unit completed a long-term investigation involving the Port of Tampa. Detectives purchased 75 tons of stolen fertilizer, including 25 tons of ammonium nitrate. The theft losses to the victim totaled over $1,000,000.00. Four individuals were arrested. The Unit also initiated a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Fraud detail which to date has resulted in 10 arrests involving over $268,000.00 in fraud to tax payers and the revocation of twenty Section 8 Housing Vouchers. Due to the success of this initiative, it has been established in the other districts as well.

During 2012, the District’s five Community Resource Deputies (CRDs) and five Community Service Officers (CSOs) assisted the District in the origination of more than 1,300 incident reports and supplements. They provided meals to over 550 senior citizens at the annual “Seniors Christmas Party” and provided Christmas gifts to 208 children within 54 families in through the District’s “Deputy Darlins” Program. The CRDs and CSOs also participated in the annual Riverview “Trick or Treat Street,” which provided a safe venue for approximately 10,000 children and Shop with a Cop, which provided Christmas gifts for six children and two families.
General Services Bureau

The General Services Bureau is responsible for providing support services to the various organizational components within the office. The Bureau is comprised of three sections which provide technical support to our customers.

Fleet Maintenance

The employees of this section are responsible for a vehicle fleet of 2,500 vehicles. During 2012, we purchased, equipped, and issued 175 new vehicles as part of our Vehicle Replacement Pan. In 2012, the staff of the section responded to more than 21,000 requests for vehicle service and repairs. Collectively, our fleet of vehicles traveled more than 25 million miles during 2012, as our deputies responded to requests for service while providing public safety to the citizens of this county.

Communications Maintenance

The employees within this section provide technical support towards ensuring that the 800/700 MHz trunked communications systems utilized by the first responders in the county operated properly. These networks were responsible for processing more than 27 million radio transmissions throughout the year. During 2012, the Plant City Police Department, Fire Rescue, and Public Works Department joined the countywide network. During the Republican National Convention, the section was responsible for ensuring the programming of more than 1,700 portable radios. During 2012, the personnel was responsible for responding to more than 12,000 requests for equipment repairs and service.

Maintenance Support

During this past year, the employees in this section processed more than 60,000 requests for inventory items stored in four warehouses. As a result of these requests, more than 263,000 inventory items were issued from the warehouses. In order to continue to meet our agency’s requirement for inventory and services, our employees prepared and awarded 31 contracts. In addition, this section was also responsible for sorting, processing, and delivering more than 283,000 pieces of U.S. mail and interoffice correspondence throughout the various organizational components of our office.

Human Resource Bureau

The Human Resources Bureau maintains responsibility for the Personnel Processing Section, Records Section, and the Organizational Research Section of the Sheriff’s Office.

Personnel Processing Section

In 2012, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) requirements, the Personnel Processing Section revised guidelines for processing employees, and updated Standard Operating Procedures, applications, and filing systems. Employee processing between the Recruitment and Screening and the Personnel Processing Section was streamlined bringing about full electronic exchange of information.

Records Section

In 2012, the Records Section collectively supported various functions of the Records Managements System by scanning, auditing, editing and assuring quality assurance associated with the approximately 97,793 offense and traffic reports generated. The Records Transcription Unit, a 24-hour operation, processed more than 28,000 entries into the Florida and National Crime Database (FCIC/NCIC) of missing persons, stolen vehicles, and serialized stolen articles. The Customer Service and Records Processing Units processed more than 25,000 requests for information.

Organizational Research Section

During 2012, the Organizational Research Section completed the 2012 HCSO Promotion Exams for Law Enforcement and Detention for the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. It also collaborated on the research for an Assessment Center for the rank of Law Enforcement Lieutenant. The Section completed a long-term agency project to manage more than 2000 electronic control devices, allowing the agency to save funds through the streamlining of all repairs and supplies through one controlling area within the HCSO. The Section provided law enforcement and administrative planning services (tactical operations studies, job processes, Republican National Convention data security credentials, and budget preparation) as requested. The Organization Research Section submitted six grant proposals, coordinated quarterly reports for seven active grants, and provided $631,642 in grant funding for traffic patrol programs and equipment for several Divisions drug enforcement, court security, and training projects.
The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Communications Bureau consists of five sections/units: Dispatch Operations Section, Training Section, Teleserve Unit, Switchboard Operations Section, and Red Light Camera Enforcement Unit.

Dispatch Operations Section

The Dispatch Operations Section is responsible for answering all incoming emergency and nonemergency telephone calls, as well as voice dispatching all calls for service for the Sheriff's Office. In 2012, the Dispatch Operations Section entered a total of 674,258 calls for service into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System. In addition to the nonemergency and emergency lines, the Dispatch Operations Section is also responsible for answering the agency-to-agency “ring down” lines, media lines, and dedicated Command Position lines. The overall call volume for this Bureau for 2012 was 1,474,844 calls.

Training Section

The Training Section of the Communications Bureau consists of a Training Manager, two Training Supervisors, a Training Coordinator, and two dozen certified Communications Training Officers. In 2012, this Section’s personnel were responsible for training eighteen new full time dispatchers and call taking personnel. In 2008, the Denise Amber Lee Act was passed by the Florida State Legislature. This act provided for the voluntary training and certification of 9-1-1 operators. In 2010, this legislation became law and made it mandatory for all 9-1-1 public safety telecommunicators to be certified by October 2012, thereby ensuring a statewide standardization minimum training requirement for all 9-1-1 telecommunicators. At years end, the Communications Bureau Training Staff successfully achieved State Certification on all current dispatchers and have made it mandatory for all new hires to meet minimum state qualifications.

Teleserve Unit

The Communications Bureau Teleserve Unit is staffed with eight Community Service Officers and one designated Impound Officer. In 2012, this unit initiated approximately 2,632 offense reports, 1,365 supplements to existing offense reports, and logged over 8,561 vehicle private impounds and repossessions called in by wrecker companies. Types of calls handled by the staff of this unit include criminal mischief, auto tags, decals as well as reports of runaway juveniles from group homes. Light Duty Deputies initiate reports and assist the Community Service Officers as well. In 2012, Light Duty deputies entered approximately 2,271 offense reports and 1360 supplements. In total, 20,921 calls for service were logged by the Teleserve Unit in 2012. All personnel in this unit are trained to use the Mobile Report Entry (MRE) to generate paperless reports.

Switchboard Operations Section

The Switchboard Operations Section, staffed with six full time receptionists, answers all incoming calls to the main Sheriff's Office number (813-247-8000). The Switchboard is staffed Monday thru Friday from 6:30 am to 11:30 pm. In addition to handling calls from the public relating to HCSO related issues they also field requests for information regarding other county services and resources. The Switchboard employees also assist with internal requests from the different departments within the Sheriff's Office including assisting detectives in facilitating international or overseas telephone calls. In 2012, the Switchboard Operations Section averaged approximately 21,000 calls per month.

Red Light Camera Enforcement Program

On July 1, 2010, the State of Florida enacted the Mark Wandall Safety Program, F.S.S. 316.0083, which authorized the use of traffic cameras to enforce red light violations. The software to view the violations was installed in the Communications Bureau where the images and videos are reviewed by Deputies. In 2012, there were a total of 26,931 violations captured by the ten cameras. A portion of each violation is deposited in to the Hillsborough County Unincorporated General Fund.

Republican National Convention

During the Republican National Convention, the Communications Bureau worked a total of 1,435 man hours of overtime to supplement staffing at the Traffic Management Center (Sun Guide Building/FHP pictured above), the Tampa Police Department Tactical Dispatch Center (pictured above) as well as our Communications Bureau.

Awards

Our Dispatcher of the Quarter awards for 2012 were:

- Dispatcher Barbara Williams
- Community Service Officer Allen Feldman
- Senior Dispatcher Sherry Naurn
- Senior Dispatcher Rosie Vidal
The Criminal Investigations Division provides law enforcement investigative support to all divisions within the Sheriff's Office. Division personnel are also responsible for providing forensic law enforcement services within the unincorporated county and Plant City.

**Violent Crimes**

The Violent Crimes Section investigates Commercial Robberies, Adult Sex Crimes, Kidnapings, Jail Investigations, Domestic Violence, Crimes Against the Elderly and other violent crimes. The Violent Crimes Section investigated 1268 incidents in 2012.

One significant investigation began on the night of July 22, 2012 when two unknown male suspects entered a convenience store and robbed and beat the 71 year-old clerk at knife point.

Detectives impounded a video from the store’s surveillance cameras. The compelling video of the robbery and beating received widespread media attention. Subsequently, a citizen’s tip from Wisconsin provided information about two escaped convicts who resembled the suspects in the robbery. That information resulted in the identification of the robbery suspects as fugitives James Misleveck and James Newman. The two were on a multi-state crime spree. The suspects were arrested in Broward County, Florida.

**Homicide Section & Cold Case Investigations**

The Homicide Section is responsible for investigating all homicides, deputy-involved shootings, adult missing persons, aircraft crashes, and other critical incidents. In 2012, the Homicide Section investigated 35 homicides, including those ruled as justifiable by the State Attorney’s Office. The Homicide Section’s clearance rate is 91%, compared to the national average of only 65%.

The Homicide Section also investigated 15 incidents where a deputy was involved in a Use of Deadly Force (UDF). A UDF includes situations where either an armed assailant confronts a law enforcement deputy, an attack by a vicious animal places a deputy or other person in physical danger, or a deputy unintentionally discharges their weapon (Unauthorized Discharge).

172 Missing Persons investigations were closed during 2012. Also, there are 32 historical missing person investigations, which are reviewed every 30 days.

The Cold Case Section investigates cold case homicides, as well as historical missing person cases. These detectives investigate unsolved murders dating back to 1956, and since their inception have cleared seven unsolved murders. Currently, the agency has 204 cold case homicides.

**Traffic Homicide Section**

The Traffic Homicide Section investigates traffic related homicides, serious bodily injury crashes, hit-and-run crashes with serious injury, and agency related injury crashes. In 2012, the section investigated 50 traffic fatalities, 38 hit and run crashes with injuries, and 22 agency related crashes involving injury to a deputy or citizen.

During 2012, detectives completed a year-long investigation into a hit and run crash involving a drug buy which resulted in the death of a participant. The offenders were charged with felony murder. Two separate investigations involved crashes which occurred while the vehicles were racing on the streets of Hillsborough County.

**Auto Theft Section**

In 2012, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office Auto Theft Section investigated 1,061 Grand Theft Auto (GTA) cases in unincorporated Hillsborough County. Auto Theft Detectives focused their efforts on identifying prolific vehicle thieves who are responsible for a large percentage of the thefts. Once identified, these criminals were made an investigative priority. This resulted in the auto theft crime rate being reduced by 11.1% from 2011. This is the ninth consecutive year the auto theft rate in Hillsborough County has been reduced.

**Juvenile Services Section**

The Juvenile Services Section consists of three investigative components: Crimes Against Children, Missing Persons and the Sexual Predators Unit. Crimes Against Children investigates the physical and
sexual abuse of a child. Missing Persons investigates missing, abducted and runaway children. The Sexual Predator Unit monitors and maintains contact with all registered sexual offenders and sexual predators residing within Hillsborough County.

In 2012, detectives investigated 1287 crimes committed against children and recovered 1212 missing and runaway children. Fortunately, no child abductions occurred within Hillsborough County. The Sexual Predator Unit monitored 1729 registered sexual offenders and predators. This watchful eye resulted in new criminal charges on 60 offenders for failing to comply with the conditions of their offender/predator status.

During 2012, detectives made 20 arrests for capital sexual battery, arrested two teachers for inappropriate physical relationships with children and investigated the production and possession of child pornography. Additionally, detectives began enforcing a new state statute prohibiting “sexting”: the transmission of inappropriate sexual pictures or messages in electronic communications.

Economic Crimes Section

The Economic Crimes Section investigates Identity Theft, Forged or Counterfeit documents, Fraudulent Use of Credit/Debit Cards, Embezzlement, Schemes to Defraud and other related crimes. The Economic Crimes Section also has a detective assigned to the United States Secret Service Task Force.

During 2012, a Tax Fraud Alliance was developed through a partnership of local law enforcement agencies, the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office dedicated four investigators, one supervisor and one criminal analyst to investigate the growing number of tax fraud complaints in Hillsborough County. During 2012, more than 1400 tax fraud investigations were conducted and more than three million dollars in US Currency was seized/frozen.

Forensic Services Bureau

The Forensic Services Bureau is comprised of the Identification Section, the Crime Scene Section, LODIS and the Photo Lab. This bureau is responsible for all forensic-related services employed by the Sheriff’s Office.

The Identification Section

The Identification Section provides all fingerprint-related services for the Sheriff’s Office and the community, including expert analysis of latent fingerprints lifted at crime scenes, the identification of arrestees’ fingerprints, fingerprinting citizens and maintaining criminal histories of all arrestees in the county. In 2012, this section conducted expert fingerprint analysis in 70,556 cases.

The Crime Scene Section

The Crime Scene Section responds to all major crime scenes investigated by the Sheriff’s Office. The Crime Scene Investigators perform tedious, difficult tasks, often under trying conditions, as they search for trace evidence to prove the facts of the case. In 2012, this section responded to 1212 crime scenes and assisted in an additional 1011 investigations.

Local DNA Index System

In 2012, in addition to collecting traditional evidence at crime scenes, deputies began collecting potential DNA evidence. Additionally, DNA is now collected from adults and juveniles, subsequent to arrest, when they are processed at a detention facility. This DNA information is analyzed at a laboratory and the results are stored in a database, known as the Local DNA Index System (LODIS).

In 2012, this section collected 10,939 DNA swabs. The total number of profile matches was 11 and it is anticipated many more crimes will be solved in the future as additional DNA profiles are submitted.
The mission of the Training Division is to support all divisions of the Sheriff’s Office by providing training, recruitment and applicant services. Comprised of both sworn and civilian personnel, general duties include the identification and recruitment of qualified applicants for sworn and civilian positions. Additionally, they provide polygraph services for applicant backgrounds, internal agency investigations and criminal investigations as well as providing annual in-service and advanced training courses for all personnel.

Division personnel facilitate leadership training for newly promoted supervisors and assist in the administration of promotional examinations for the ranks of corporal, sergeant and lieutenant. Division personnel ensure all training provided is conducted in compliance with Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) rules and mandates. Activities are conducted at three facilities, two of which are located in Brandon and the third in Lithia, Florida.

Training Center

The Training Center, located in Brandon, is comprised of state of the art classrooms, training labs, a defensive tactics facility and administrative offices for division personnel. In addition to the Sheriff’s Office, it is used by more than 20 other law enforcement and public safety agencies from around the Tampa Bay Area.

During 2012, more than 3,000 law enforcement and detention personnel attended training at the facility. Additionally, another one-thousand local, state and federal law enforcement personnel attended advanced specialized training opportunities ranging from Gang Awareness, Criminal Investigations and training for the Republican National Convention.

Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training Site

The Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training Site (WCHPTS), located in Lithia is the home of all high liability, firearms, tactical and driver training for the Sheriff’s Office. During 2012, more than 2,600 law enforcement and detention personnel attended training consisting of firearms qualifications, advanced carbine classes and field force training in support of the Republican National Convention.

The Sheriff’s Orientation Training Program

The Sheriff’s Orientation Training Program, commonly known as S.O.T., is also housed at this facility. Created by Sheriff Gee in July 2008, this training of newly hired recruits provides initial training prior to a cadet’s start in an academy. The program challenges recruits at every stage and seeks to instill our agency’s goals and values within each one. Recruits are required to demonstrate a number of qualities before being allowed to continue in the training program.

During 2012, three Sheriff’s Orientation Training Sessions were conducted for 92 recruits. Of those classes, one graduated during 2012 with the remaining two scheduled to graduate during the first half of 2013.

Facility Improvements

During 2012, progress continued on the Sheriff’s Office Tactical City with the successful completion of Phase #3. The interiors of several structures to include a bank, school, convenience store and gas station were completed. Each now compliments the residential structures and open roads course previously completed during Phases #1 and #2.

In an effort to increase safety and provide training opportunities, the Hufcor Tactical System was installed within the Tactical City. It provides personnel the ability to train utilizing simunitions in scenarios. The system allows the facility to be reconfigured based upon the course of instruction being taught and provides flexibility in creating tactical environments. It is being currently used in response training for active threats and active shooters.

Recruitment and Screening Section

The Recruitment and Screening Section saw continued progress through the use of enhanced technology, automation and an increased public awareness strategy. Used to identify, attract and retain the highest caliber of applicants for positions with the Sheriff’s Office, a structured mechanism was established to streamline, modernize and enhance applicant processing and eliminate unsuitable applicants before the application phase. Known as “iCIMS”, this customized computer application allows the tracking, scheduling and reporting of all applicants for sworn positions. It allows the pre-screening of applicants, assignment, tracking, and monitoring of the application process.
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The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office is one of six Florida sheriffs’ offices that investigate child abuse, neglect, and abandonment. These services are contracted with the Department of Children and Families. The Child Protective Investigations Division (CPID) marked its six year anniversary on July 1, 2012. CPID investigated nearly 14,600 reports of abuse, neglect, and abandonment this year.

CPID has 163 allocated positions, of which nine are sworn personnel, to include: 1 Major, 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Program Administrator, 5 Sergeants, 3 General Managers, 20 Child Protective Investigator Supervisors, 101 Child Protective Investigators, 20 Community Service Officers, and clerical support personnel.

The mission of CPID is to safeguard, protect and promote the well being of the children within our community by conducting quality investigations while preserving families through advocacy, guidance, education and supportive services.

The role of a Child Protective Investigator is to respond to reports accepted by the Florida Abuse Hotline, interview and observe the child victim and all household members, and determine if the child victim can remain in the home, or if removal is necessary to keep the child victim safe.

Training for new CPID personnel is provided within the division. Classroom training is enhanced with various experts from the child protection and law enforcement community. Structured field training, developed after the San Jose training model used in law enforcement, is also provided.

Community service officers within CPID provide analytical, data entry and other investigative support to child protective investigators, to include: background checks, supervision and transportation of children.

CPID participates in numerous community initiatives to support both local and HCSO charities. CPID also coordinated an effort to provide food and gifts for the holidays to disadvantaged children and families.

This year, an HCSO Life Saving Award was presented to a Child Protective Investigator for rescuing a toddler left in a hot vehicle. CPID is committed to protecting the children in our community.
The Special Investigations Division (SID) consists of investigative and intelligence gathering sections and support elements that conduct covert and sensitive investigations. The main investigative functions include targeting illegal firearms distribution, narcotics trafficking, prolific and violent offenders, gang activity, fugitive apprehension and online child pornography. SID makes use of its robust crime analysis section to support investigations within the division and promote the gathering, evaluation and dissemination of actionable intelligence information for all of the districts and divisions throughout the agency.

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. SID specializes in investigations aimed at reducing the overall crime rate in Hillsborough County and targets criminal organizations. There are SID representatives on 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.

The LINC has also assigned a detective to work full-time within HCSO detention facilities. Intelligence information developed aided in numerous investigations involving homicides, robberies, burglaries, narcotics, firearms, vehicle thefts and tax fraud. The LINC has also worked extensively with the Detention Security Team (DST) to streamline the process of efficiently gathering information from inmates and sharing it in a time sensitive manner.

Internet Predator Unit (IPU)

During 2012, the Internet Predator Unit (IPU) continued in their efforts to investigate online threats to children in Hillsborough County. The IPU cleared numerous Cyber Tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and arrested 16 defendants. Many of these defendants received lengthy prison sentences.

Warrants Section

The Warrants Section removed more than 4,175 warrants from the system with the assistance of the Hillsborough County State Attorney’s Office and our Legal Staff. This enabled detectives to operate more efficiently and effectively by concentrating their efforts on prolific and violent fugitives.

Select Detail Unit

Detectives in the Select Detail Unit investigated sensitive cases to include, but not limited to threats against public officials, county facilities and radical individuals and/or groups who may potentially pose a threat to the community.

In addition, the Select Detail Unit coordinated agency efforts to enforce newly enacted laws banning synthetic marijuana products. During 2012, the Select Detail Unit participated in “Operation Log Jam,” a nationwide initiative aimed at dismantling and destroying synthetic marijuana manufacturing and distribution operations. Detectives from this unit served five search warrants and seized 24 bank accounts. Their efforts resulted in the seizure of approximately $431,892.00 in U.S. currency and approximately $17,000,000.00 from the bank accounts. There were more than 500,000 packets of finished products seized.
Gang Unit

During 2012, the Gang Unit concluded a RICO investigation of a gang known as The Cross Fletcher Hot Boys. Nine members of this street gang have been convicted and one is awaiting trial.

Crime Analysis Unit (CAU)

During 2012, the Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) realigned staffing levels to place greater emphasis and focus on strategic level intelligence analysis. Analysts assigned within the central CAU completed strategic analysis for the four patrol districts by focusing on district and division priorities and producing projects that will serve to address crime trends that are problematic.

Major Violators Section (MVU)

Detectives from the Major Violators Section (MVU), in cooperation with the Tampa Police Department (TPD), and several federal agencies, dismantled a major heroin trafficking organization, based in Hillsborough County. This group was responsible for importing large quantities of heroin into the United States. The investigation culminated in the arrests of 18 defendants, and seizure of more than one pound of heroin, three kilograms of cocaine, 23 pounds of marijuana, and more than $100,000 in U.S. currency.

The MVU, along with several federal law enforcement agencies, disrupted a methamphetamine trafficking organization, responsible for distributing hundreds of pounds of methamphetamine within Hillsborough County. Several high-level drug traffickers were identified through the use of wire intercepts, surveillance, and undercover operations. More than 38 pounds of methamphetamine was seized.

Through the assistance of concerned citizens, confidential sources, and the DEA Task Force, the Major Violators Section discovered and destroyed 49 clandestine methamphetamine laboratories in Hillsborough County during 2012. This was a 47% increase over the previous year.

The number of indoor marijuana grow operations steadily grew during 2012. In total, there were 40 indoor marijuana grows seized, which is 57% more than the previous year.

Tactical Intelligence Team (TIN)

Taking guns out of the hands of violent felons remains a priority in the Special Investigations Division. In 2010, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office formed Tactical Intelligence Team (TIN) Alpha, a specialized unit which focuses solely on crimes involving guns and felons in possession of those firearms. In 2012, detectives in TIN Alpha bought 52 guns during undercover operations (41 of the 52 firearms were sold by 17 convicted felons).

In July 2012, TIN Alpha initiated “Operation Cease Fire,” a long-term undercover operation which focused on a criminal organization responsible for the distribution of handguns, sawed-off shotguns, assault rifles equipped with advanced night vision capabilities and silencers. “Operation Cease Fire” resulted in the arrests of 10 people and arrest warrants for three others. Ten are convicted felons, who sold 29 firearms and 40 silencers to undercover detectives.

During 2012, TIN Bravo continued to investigate mid-level narcotics dealers, and focus on the relationship these illicit activities have on Uniformed Crime Report (UCR), Part I offenses, and other serious crimes.

TIN Delta continued to target high priority offenders. In 2012, detectives from this unit supported operations throughout the agency and arrested 80 criminals. Most were categorized as prolific or habitual felony offenders. Many had violent criminal histories, gang designations, or were certified as sexual predators.

In one investigation, detectives from the LINC, TIN Delta and District IV investigated a series of commercial burglaries within Hillsborough County and throughout Florida. Many of these burglaries were characterized by the perpetrator’s use of a triangle-cut method to break into safes at these businesses. Charles Spillane was identified as a suspect. TIN Delta and the LINC conducted extensive surveillance on Spillane and eventually observed him commit a burglary at a Wendy’s Restaurant, in Town and Country. He was subsequently arrested and admitted that since his release from prison in 2007, he had committed an average of five burglaries per month (approximately 250) throughout the entire state.
In the post “9/11” era, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office recognized the increased risks to our citizenry and overall public safety as we created a specialized organizational component called the Homeland Security Division. The Division is composed of seven full-time sections, seven part-time specialty teams, and more than 150 sworn reserve volunteers who have dedicated themselves to ensuring the safety and security of Hillsborough County.

Special Incident Management Section

The Special Incident Management Section coordinated the agency’s public safety initiatives for the annual Gasparilla Parade celebrations, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and University of South Florida football seasons at Raymond James Stadium, the Florida State Fair, the Florida Strawberry Festival, and a variety of concert events at the Amphitheater without a single incident of civil unrest or breach of our critical infrastructure.

Off-Duty Events Section

The Off Duty Events Section coordinated more than 34,000 private security details at local businesses totaling more than $847,000.00 that was paid by the private sector.

The success of these many events and our other daily operations would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the 153 volunteer members of the Division’s Reserve Deputy Program. Our Reserve Deputies provided more than 44,782 volunteer hours in 2012, through traffic crash investigation, patrol saturation, undercover operations, and special event coverage.

Special Incident Response Team (SIRT)

The Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) is considered a Tier 2 team in accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - National Incident Management System (NIMS) and is designated as a regional response team for a nine county area within central Florida. SIRT has the capability of rapidly deploying specially equipped forces to conduct search and rescue operations, protect property and maintain order during incidents of civil unrest, and assist during natural or man made disasters. The Special Incident Response Team played an integral part in the success of the Republican National Convention controlling crowds and protecting persons and property.

Underwater Recovery Team

The Underwater Recovery Team consists of seven members, whose divers are specially trained in all types of underwater search, rescue and recovery situations. Their skills were utilized during 71 activations during 2012. The Underwater Recovery Team assisted in one high profile incident when a helicopter crashed in Tampa Bay. The team located the crash site using side scan sonar and recovered the pilot from the wreckage.

Port Security Section

The Port Security Section renewed its longstanding agreement with the Tampa Port Authority to ensure an increased law enforcement presence in the Port of Tampa. Our Port is one of the largest cargo tonnage and hazardous materials venues in Florida, encompassing more than 5,000 acres across a twenty square mile area. The Port Security Section responded to approximately 8,200 calls for service and made 100 arrests this past year. The Port Security Section provided security for a Presidential visit to the Port in April and during the Republican National Convention in August.

Marine Enforcement Section

The Marine Enforcement Section navigated throughout the lakes, rivers, and waterways of Hillsborough County during 2012 totaling 1,720 patrol hours. They conducted 854 Safety Inspections and 61 Search and Rescue missions during the year. The Marine Section also conducted 121 commercial and passenger ship escorts from the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico into the Port of Tampa.

Mounted Enforcement Team

The five members of the Mounted Enforcement Team worked closely with SIRT during a variety of field force operations, crowd control situations, and special events in 2012. They also assisted with several out of county events, to include a missing person search in Gainesville and high profile sports events.

Honor Guard

The Honor Guard provides Sheriff’s Office personnel with formal funeral ceremonies. They also provide color guard presentations at numerous meetings and official functions related to the Sheriff’s Office.
Crisis Negotiations Team

The Crisis Negotiations Team responded to 22 call-outs that involved a variety of situations to include: suicidal persons, hostage situations, domestics and barricaded subjects.

SWAT Team

The Special Weapons And Tactic Team (SWAT) participated in 51 activations associated with high risk search warrants, dignitary protection details, and public demonstrations. In 2012, our 22 members of the SWAT Team participated with security details for the Republican National Convention. Members underwent months of specialized training in preparation for this high security event.

Canine Section

The Canine Section has 18 handlers (2 supervisors and 16 deputies) and 22 canines. During 2012, the K9 Section responded to 2,234 requests for K9 assistance. They located and arrested 188 felony suspects. A total of 489 narcotic searches were completed as well as 247 explosive searches. They completed a total of 67 Bloodhound tracks and 46 public canine demonstrations.

Aviation Section

The Aviation Section is comprised of one supervisor, eight pilots and two civilian mechanics. During 2012, the Aviation Section handled 2,146 calls for service for a total of 1,610 hours of flying time. The calls included, 219 Assist Other Agency calls, 343 Assist Arrests, 98 Missing Persons calls, 26 Stolen Vehicle calls and 86 Search and Rescue calls. The Aviation Section also conducted 20 flights out of Hillsborough County or and the state of Florida, for prisoner transports and investigations, including a flight to Tennessee.

Bomb Disposal Team

The Bomb Disposal Team is Nationally Accredited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board. The Bomb Disposal Team is a tier one response asset statewide, including Region IV, Regional Domestic Security Task Force, which encompasses eight counties. The nine members of the Bomb Disposal Team handled 178 reports of suspicious packages and substances within the county. The Bomb Disposal Team was a part of the Regional Bombing Prevention Team for the 2012 Republican National Convention (RNC) in Tampa. During the RNC, the team worked for 12 days and provided round-the-clock bombing prevention security. Members also responded to numerous U.S. Secret Service requests for assistance during candidate visits.

Agricultural Crimes Unit

The three members of the Agricultural Crimes Unit responded to 1,176 calls for service that were related to animal abuse or neglect and criminal farmland complaints. They impounded 165 animals, providing them food, shelter and proper medical care.

Environmental Unit

The Sheriff’s Office Environmental Unit arrested 24 individuals for environmental-related offenses, issued 90 civil citations, and coordinated the clean-up of 404 sites from public and private lands. During 2012, the unit responded to 1,884 calls for service.

Parks Unit

The Parks Unit, which is funded by the County Parks Department has two detectives who actively patrol 230 county owned parks covering 105,000 acres. They responded to 1,649 calls for service and their criminal investigations resulted in five arrests during 2012. Their 144 citizen contacts and 1,342 park checks helped to make our parks a safer place for the citizens of Hillsborough County.

The Homeland Security Division is extremely proud of the men and women who have accepted the challenge to do their part in preserving the homeland, maintaining the safety of our local citizenry, and serving as the front line of defense in the protection of our great nation.
To Serve and Protect

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School Services Section

Instilling the power of knowledge in the youth of Hillsborough County is the primary focus of the School Services Section. Mentoring students in more than 142 public elementary schools, School Services promotes safety by teaching Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety, Stranger Danger, Firearms Safety, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, and the Junior Deputy Program. Through the tireless dedication of these deputies, 4,262 classes were taught in 2012. Each class taught by the School Services Section was an opportunity for a child to learn valuable lessons that will help guide and assist them through any future challenges they may face.

Crossing Guard Unit

With the streets and roadways of Hillsborough County becoming more congested, the safety of children walking to and from school is of utmost importance for the Crossing Guard Unit. Covering more than 86,760 school crossings each school year, the Crossing Guard Unit ensures the safety of elementary school children navigating through many busy intersections while traveling to school. In 2012, the Crossing Guard Unit maintained a 99% rate of coverage for all school crossings.

Community Services Section

The Community Services Section provides the public with a direct link to safety and education awareness programs. While coordinating Neighborhood and Business Watch, this section rallies citizens to join forces with the Sheriff’s Office to serve as extra eyes and ears in the community. In 2012, Community Services Section deputies taught 1,228 classes throughout the county which provided instruction to home and business owners on how to protect their properties.

The Sheriff’s Office works hard to ensure the public’s safety as well as strengthen its relationship with the citizens we serve. By utilizing the talents and skills of individuals in the community, the Volunteer Citizens Patrol assists the Sheriff’s Office by donating their time to patrol neighborhoods, respond to non-emergency calls-for-service, and assist with school crossings and disabled motorists. 75 volunteers strong, the Volunteer Citizens Patrol donated more than 14,500 hours in 2012. The Volunteer Citizens Patrol is an invaluable asset in helping the Sheriff’s Office maintain its mission to serve, protect, and defend the community.

Explorers Post

Law Enforcement Exploring is a program which mentors young men and women ages 12 through 21, for careers in law enforcement. The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office supported Explorer Post 238 - providing career orientation, leadership opportunities, and community service activities.

Their hard work and steadfast determination to excel proved gainful to Post 238 in 2012. The Explorers participated in the week long Florida Association of Police Explorers State Competition in July where they competed in eight law enforcement scenarios. Out of these eight events, the Explorers walked away with three first place trophies in “Court Room Testimony”, “Shoot Don’t Shoot”, and “Active Shooter”.

The Explorers also traveled to Fort Collins, Colorado where they participated with 4,600 Explorers from all over the country, in The National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference. Of the 1,200 teams, Explorer Post 238 placed 2nd in the nation for “White Collar Crime/Search Warrant” and 6th in the nation for “Arrest and Search”.

Refugee Services Unit

In an effort to build rapport with the growing Cuban and Haitian communities, the Refugee Services Unit acts as a liaison for the Sheriff’s Office providing outreach, community education, and crime prevention services to immigrants. In 2012, 115 programs were taught to familiarize the Cuban and Haitian communities with American laws, domestic violence awareness, and DUI education. The Refugee Services Unit made 2230 contacts within the communities, empowering newly-settled immigrants in Hillsborough County for common, non-serious delinquent acts. In the 2010-2011 school year, 106 civil citations were issued.

In 2010, the Community Outreach Division developed the “Sheriff’s Rising Stars Leadership Academy.” The second annual program in June 2011 resulted in twenty-six students graduating. Students were rewarded with a total of $13,000.00 in scholarship award monies, and each student received a laptop computer, a challenge coin, and a week-long leadership experience.

In August of 2011, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office School Resource Program received national recognition for their contribution and dedication to school safety in the community. The “Exemplary School Safety Award” was awarded to the School Resource Section at the School Safety Technology Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.
Jail Division I, part of the Department of Detention Services, includes the Orient Road Jail consisting of Central Booking, Intake and Housing Operation Bureaus, and Central Breath Testing Unit; Juvenile Assessment Center; House Arrest; Criminal Registration Unit; Hillsborough Re-Entry Center.

Central Booking

Central Booking staff booked 52,290 individuals into the county jail system in 2012. The Republican National Convention (RNC) and the potential for mass arrests required our agency to review and implement various jail operations at multiple locations to process the arrestees from the event. The planning and deployment proved to serve as a beneficial training exercise for all staff involved.

Intake Operations

Intake Operations is the initial housing for all inmates with the exception of those with specific medical needs or special classification indicators. Inmates generally reside within Intake Housing for a maximum of 72 hours, prior to their assignment within general housing.

Housing Operations

Thanks to an unusually low inmate population, Housing Operations was closed during 2012. Staff was redeployed to cover posts that in previous years were paid overtime positions. This contributed to the Department of Detention Services ongoing savings in overtime expenditures. In addition, needed repairs and upgrades to the facility could continue.

Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC)

The Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) serves as a national model for processing and evaluating juvenile offenders. In cooperation with other local agencies, the Sheriff’s Office provides deputies for security and to book arrestees. In 2012, the JAC processed 6879 juvenile offenders.

Central Breath Testing Unit

Last year, Central Breath Testing Technicians processed 4029 individuals, 2458 submitted to alcohol breath testing, 1571 refused testing.

House Arrest / GPS Unit

In 2012, over 801 individuals were placed on the House Arrest, GPS and Day Reporting programs. This resulted in a savings to the tax payers of Hillsborough County of over $3,000,000 in allocated direct costs versus housing them in the county jail system.

Criminal Registration Unit (CRU)

Staff members fingerprint, photograph and gather information on convicted felons, sexual offenders and sexual predators who reside in Hillsborough County. In 2012, the unit processed 5351 criminal registrants, 4786 sex offenders, 861 sexual predators and facilitated 4319 self arrests.

Hillsborough Re-Entry Center (HREC)

In partnership with the Florida Department of Corrections and local community based organizations, HREC was designed to enhance public safety reduce recidivism. Ex-offenders released from prisons and Hillsborough County jails receive assistance with education, employment, case management services and coordination with outside agencies to promote the likelihood of successful integration back into the community.

Community Involvement/Charities

Jail Division I staff continued to participate with the Meals on Wheels community program delivering meals to residents in need on Fridays.
Jail Division II is comprised of 615 sworn and civilian employees all of whom are assigned to the Falkenburg Road Jail. The Falkenburg Road Jail is the largest jail facility in Hillsborough County with a rated capacity of 3,632 inmates. The facility, which consists of 10 general population direct supervision housing units, two confinement housing units, and two medical infirmaries, sits on 160 acres approximately 1 mile north of State Road 60 in Tampa, Florida. The primary mission of Jail Division II is to provide pre-trial and sentenced inmates a secure and safe environment through efficient and effective methods of care, custody, and control.

Jail Division II is also home to the Video Visitation Center which services the Orient and Falkenburg Road Jails. The visitation center has state of the art computer equipment which allows inmates to visit with family members and friends seven days a week via 2-way video monitoring equipment. Visitation sessions are 40 minutes in duration and are pre-scheduled by the inmate one day in advance. Visitation center rules and information are available for viewing on the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office public website by entering “visitation” in the search area.

Jail Division II employees have donated countless hours to various charities and community outreach programs within the Tampa Bay Area. These charities and programs include Meals On Wheels of Tampa, the Boys and Girls Club, the Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranch, and the Special Olympics.
Jail Division III is considered the Support Services Division within the Department of Detention Services. It encompasses Records, Classification, Inmate Commissary, Transportation, Food Service, Accreditation, Inmate Programs, Central Laundry, Inmate Property and Medical Services. Comprised of a dedicated team of both sworn and civilian employees as well as countless volunteers, this division plays an integral role in the success of the department. During the Republican National Convention, all of the areas within the division underwent extensive preparation in the implementation of modified processes to accommodate the projected volume of arrests. In addition to supporting the agency, this division utilizes its resources to support the community and citizens of Hillsborough County.

Transportation

On a daily basis, the Transportation Bureau is tasked with transporting hundreds of inmates to court, prison, outside institutions, and between facilities; logging more than 600,000 miles a year. In 2012, the bureau began a cost savings initiative involving combining out of county trips and state prison runs thereby reducing mileage while still transporting the same number of inmates. This resulted in 133 fewer out of county trips and a savings of over 41,855 miles and $12,000 in fuel costs. Another cost savings initiative was the installation of the Fleetmatics software program and GPS devices in all of the transportation vehicles. In addition to providing enhanced security by constantly tracking vehicles and drivers, this program allows supervisors to monitor idling time and re-direct workload based on current location.

The Transportation Bureau also supervises workers performing community service hours as part of their sentencing. This program works to maintain the roadways within the county. They also work with code enforcement and the city of Tampa cleaning up abandoned properties. During 2012, they logged more than 24,000 hours of community service.

Inmate Commissary

2012 marked the first full year contracting with Aramark Commissary Services. This company provides items for inmate purchase such as snacks and hygiene products, processes the orders and delivers the products. The agency receives a percentage of the sales which is used for inmate welfare items such as GED books, barber kits, and program staff salaries. This partnership has been very successful, netting more than $960,000 dollars which has resulted in increased funding of educational opportunities and court-ordered substance abuse treatment classes previously cut due to budgetary constraints.

Central Laundry

The Central Laundry is responsible for sorting, washing, drying, folding, and delivering all of the inmate uniforms, undergarments, and linens throughout the facility. By operating during non-peak times, they are able to reduce electrical costs by over 30%. Last year, they processed more than 2.6 million pounds of laundry. On September 28, 2012, the Services Building was dedicated to retiring Laundry Supervisor James Turner, a long time employee who was instrumental in creating a state of the art operation.

Records & Classification

The Records and Classification Bureau was responsible for classifying 50,437 arrestees, processing more than 88,044 court dockets, and scanning 101,078 inmate files for digital storage.

Food Service

The Sheriff’s Office contracts with Trinity Services Group to provide meals for both the inmates and the employees. Inmate meals are prepared under the auspices of a registered dietitian using inmate labor. Special diet modifications are provided for medical and religious reasons. In 2012, more than 3.5 million inmate meals were prepared and delivered.

Inmate Property Section

The inmate property room is located in Central Booking at the Orient Road Jail. From the time arrestees arrive in Booking and relinquish all of their personal property, to the time they are released from custody with all of their belongings, the Property Room is responsible for the secure storage of these items to include searching for contraband and identifying counterfeit currency. Last year 121,330 bags of inmate personal property were processed and securely stored.
Civil Process Section

Civil process is a constitutionally required responsibility of the Sheriff. The Civil Process Section serves and executes various legal processes issued by the courts of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, as well as other Florida courts and jurisdictions throughout the United States which require service in Hillsborough County. During 2012, 141,457 civil process documents were received and served by deputies and civilian process servers, including 10,960 residential evictions and mortgage foreclosure processes. The Civil Process Section continues to provide the highest level of professional service at a reasonable cost, generating more than $1,000,000 in revenue for Hillsborough County during the past year.

Judicial Protection Bureau

The Judicial Protection Bureau is the largest component of the Court Operations Division. The Bureau has 136 Deputy Bailiffs and 11 supervisors assigned to provide courtroom security for 62 judges, eight general magistrates, and three hearing officers in courtrooms located within the George E. Edgecomb Courthouse and Annex, Traffic Court, and the Plant City Courthouse. The Deputy Bailiffs are responsible for the overall safety and security of employees, attorneys, litigants, victims, witnesses, jurors, defendants, and the general public while inside the courtrooms. They are also responsible for the security, movement, and the housing of hundreds of jail inmates present inside the facilities on a daily basis to attend court hearings.

Court Complex Security Section

The Deputies assigned to this section are responsible for all law enforcement responsibilities, crowd control and perimeter security. They also work closely with contract security officers to ensure thorough security screening of persons entering the facilities. Strong emphasis is placed on the safety and security of the public and employees working within the Courthouse Complex, which includes court facilities in the downtown area and the Plant City Courthouse. Additional responsibilities include building security and law enforcement presence at the County Center to ensure the safety of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners and other constitutional officers. During 2012, deputies and contract security officers provided security screening for 1,993,508 employees and visitors. As a result, 12,763 restricted items were recovered at controlled access points which included four firearms, 9,109 edged weapons, and 3,650 other items that could potentially be used as weapons. Throughout the year, 119 general offense reports were generated by deputies that resulted in 40 arrests, seven charges filed directly with the State Attorney's Office, and the submission of three requests for prosecution.
Statistical Data Through 2012

Traffic Crashes 2003 - 2012
Unincorporated Hillsborough County

Data Source: HCSO Traffic Crash Data

Traffic Fatalities 2003 - 2012
Unincorporated Hillsborough County

Data Source: HCSO Traffic Crash Data
Active Military, Retirees, In Remembrance

Active Military

Adams, George R
Adams, Jackie C
Addison, Waltrau
Alexander, Charles
Allen, Kristi L
Andux, Evelio A
Armstrong, Richard
Bailey, Brigitte
Bajnath, Jonah
Barchard Jr., Ken
Barnes, Eloise
Belo, Pamela H
Bennett, Kevin W
Benton, William
Bowman Jr., Donald
Bracero, Karen K
Braddock, Jeffrey
Bradish, Ronald
Branch, Royce A
Branscomb, Miche
Branstley, Regina
Brown, Gordon T
Caraballo, Linda
Caseber, Larry D
Castellano Jr., S
Cheney, Cynthia
Clinger Jr., Ant
Creeighton, Patri
Crompton, Verlyn
Cummings, Mark C
Custer, Donald B
Dawson, Eric D
Dickey, Steven J
Duncan Jr., Edwar
Dyer Jr., Robert
Ellison Jr., Thom
Fawley, Robert L
Fields, Ada P
Filep, Peter G
Flair, Dorothy J
Fox, Christopher
Franklin, Janet
Frost, Albert L
Gaquer, Aubert J
Garcia, Georgett
Geier Sr., Richar
Gomez Jr., Joe
Green, Fredia A
Green, Jerry
Hall, Barbara J
Hall Jr., Webster
Hall, Matthew S
Hanley, James P
Hathcox, Lois M
Henderson, Thelm
Hinson, Gary R
Hoehl, Irene J
Hoffman, Tracey
Hofschneider, La
Holton, Ronald G

Retirees

Hoskins, Kenneth
Hunter, Ellen R
Hunter IV, Reese
Hunter Jr., Leroy
Hurley, Cheryl A
Isaacson, Jill
Isaacson, Michel
Jerabek, Deborah
Keeffe, Paulette
Kelley, Thomas J
Koenig, David L
Lapsley, Kathlee
Lavender-Shakes
Lekan, Sheila E
Lemberg, Gary M
Leon, Ileana J
Leonard, William
Livingston, Mado
Luckey, Thomas W
Luis, Carl D
Manzano, Wilfred
Marsh, Andrew K
Mathias, Mike K
Mayle, Stanley L
McCoy, Malachi B
McDonald, Charlie
Mills, Avlyn A
Nassief, Marilyn
Natal, Ortiz Ram
Nelson, Patricia
Noble, Jayson D
Nott, Linda B
Obaugh, William
Odom, Christine
Palmer, Katherin
Passmore, Billy
Paul, Richard A
Pineiro, Felix
Pinkney Jr., Will
Reggiunti, Teres
Rivas, Carmen R
Rockwell, Robert
Saunders, Brett
Shaw, Janice D
Simpson, Robert
Smith, Allen G
Spano, Carlo J
Spencer, Tammy L
Stanley, Jack M
Stark, William L
Steiner, John C
Stephens, Connie
Strohsack, Bret
Tambe, Liborio J
Turner, James E
Ukleya, Gerald J
Walker, Judith W
Wallace, Barbara
Webb, Robert M
Wenzel, Trevor L

In Remembrance

Akridge, Acy
Alboth, William G
Anderson, William A
Arcuri, Nick
Arnold, Adam J
Bidoul, Edmond L
Branden, Kenneth W
Cornellas, Jerald
Connors, John
Cotham, Philip D
Downie, Charles V
Facey, Casseta
Fairburn, Donald L
Giddens Jr., John E
Gish, Florence J
Greco, Ross J
Hardy, John S
Hevel, Barbara
Howard, Carl A
Ingraham, Ruth
Irwin, Kenneth H
Kirby, Jeritza G
Lovitt, Earline
Marsh, Andrew k
Morris, Josephine
Norton, Melvin
Sala, Leon
Schmit, Robert F
Smith, Ricardo
Smith, Clifford C
Solomon, Freddie
Terrel, William M
Weatherman, Wade L
Woodworth, Jon M

Whitaker, Robert
White, Wallace
Willette, Michae
Williams, Robert
Wilson, Reba L
Wilson, Royce D
Wladyka, Robert
Young, Michele L
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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