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
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Dear Citizens of Hillsborough County:

In 2005, I was given the opportunity and responsibility to lead the men and women of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO). Since taking office as Sheriff, I have operated from some fairly simple philosophies. I believe citizens deserve the highest standards of integrity and service from those entrusted to serve and protect. I also believe law enforcement must provide easily-accessible information which allows the community to evaluate the effectiveness of services provided. In addition, exceptional public safety requires specially trained and motivated law enforcement personnel. Lastly, real community safety can only be maintained in communities where law enforcement is successful at earning the trust and support of the citizens we serve.

Last year marked the tenth consecutive year that Part 1 crime was reduced in unincorporated Hillsborough County. In fact, Part 1 crime is down by 55% from 2007. I believe this decade of dramatic crime reduction was achieved as a direct result of successful and sustained collaboration between the men and women of the HCSO and the citizens we serve. Your support matters... and your support has increased the safety of citizens in Hillsborough County.

Within the pages of the 2016 HCSO Annual Report, you will find stories and facts that demonstrate ways in which HCSO deputies and staff work side-by-side with citizens to faithfully put in the hard work necessary to serve and protect. I want to thank every citizen who stepped forward this past year to assist in improving the safety of our community, and every community leader and group who worked to strengthen collaboration and mutual understanding with the HCSO. Your support mattered. Only together, can we keep Hillsborough County a safe place to raise our children, build our lives, and prosper.

Sincerely,

David Gee
Sheriff
## Sheriff's Command Staff

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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 Financial Services Division, the Professional Standards Section, the Legal Section, the Public Information Office, and the Community Affairs Section. Additionally, Colonels from the four Departments (Department of Patrol Services, Department of Investigative Services, Department of Operational Support and the Department of Detention Services) report directly to Chief Deputy José Docobo.

Financial Services Division
Tina Porter, Chief Financial Officer

The Financial Services Division (FSD) is responsible for planning, directing, managing and overseeing the financial operations of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. Major responsibilities include: budget preparation and management of an annual budget of more than $400 million, grant reporting and reimbursement, procurement, payroll and tax reporting, billing and collection of fees, administering off duty employment, contract administration, treasury management, safeguarding of capital assets and inmate funds, as well as preparation of the financial statements.

During the 2016 fiscal year, the FSD focused on many areas to improve and streamline processes. Highlights are listed below:

- Increased P-card usage (over $5 million in purchases) resulting in a rebate increase of $5,234 over the prior year.
- Renegotiated the SunTrust Banking Contract in July 2016 resulting in a decrease of approximately $7,000 in bank charges.
- Recurring savings (storage costs) realized by attaching accounting documentation electronically to accounts receivable and payment records within the financial system.
Legal Section
Thea Clark, Chief Legal Counsel

The Legal Section is the in-house law firm for the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO). The team of attorneys and support staff are committed to providing a wide range of legal and litigation services to the Sheriff’s Office and its employees. The Section’s main goal is to defend those who work so hard to serve and protect our community. While each attorney maintains an area of specialty, each is qualified to assist with any legal issue that arises.

One of the Legal Section’s most critical services is our availability to answer questions from deputies in the field and respond to critical incidents at anytime. Additionally, some of the many important services provided by the Legal Section include representing deputies involved in civil litigation, as well as assisting in the legal training of Sheriff’s Office cadets, deputies and investigators assigned to the Child Protective Investigations Division (CPID). The Section also reviews contracts and Standard Operating Procedure revisions; conducts research on both criminal and civil issues; issues Legal Bulletins regarding changes in the law; and responds to public record requests.

Public Information Office (PIO)
Debbie Carter

The Public Information Office (PIO) is one of the busiest among law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida. Since the Tampa Bay area is the nation’s 11th largest media market, the demand for fast, accurate information is high. The PIO is comprised of three public information officers, as well as an office assistant and is responsible for disseminating information to the public and media outlets on a wide variety of subjects, including agency facts, policies and procedures, breaking news stories, public records requests and interviews with Sheriff’s Office personnel.

It is also the responsibility of the Public Information Office to advise the Sheriff and Staff on media relations and potential media issues. In 2016, over 500 press releases were issued to the media, along with performing hundreds of on-camera interviews. In addition, the PIO answered over 250 written public records requests submitted by news media, generated over 800 electronic “Media Alerts” on breaking news, and vital information was shared with the community via social networking sites.
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 2016, ISD focused on improving the productivity of several inter-agency systems that the HCSO shares with other law enforcement agencies throughout Hillsborough County. The ISD also focused on the continuing improvement of systems that support HCSO personnel. Implementation of enhanced softwares has helped improve overall efficiency and productivity throughout the Sheriff’s Office while reducing costs. During 2016, the ISD accomplished the following:

- Added several additional local law enforcement agencies to the Court Notify Electronic Subpoena Management application to allow electronic submission and management of court subpoenas for the Hillsborough County Public Defender’s Office and State Attorney’s Office.
- Worked with the Clerk of the Circuit Court to add traffic subpoenas into the Court Notify Electronic Subpoena Management System for all local agencies using the system.
- Developed and implemented the new web-based electronic Criminal Report Affidavit System employing an automated approval process and routing of CRA’s among county law enforcement agencies.
- Created a subpoena printing and mailing system that receives subpoena data electronically, verifies delivery addresses using various address validation technologies, corrects bad addresses were possible, prints subpoenas in a mailable format, and batch processes the data. This allows any subpoenas permitted by Florida State Statute to be delivered via mail versus in-person delivery by a process server.
- Upgraded the Computer Aided Dispatch and Record Management Systems.
- Completed the FBI mandated encryption of all fiber network communications throughout the agency.
- Performed major upgrades to increase network bandwidth and speeds on the HCSO network.
- Completed major network equipment replacement to address any end of life network equipment.
- Replaced the software used for the HCSO data backup system with a more advanced and less expensive solution.
- Designed and installed a new medical call button intercom system in the jail medical buildings.
- Created a new network design for jail control systems to reduce failure points.
- Implemented new controller hardware for handling incoming/outgoing phone calls to provide increased reliability, failover/redundancy and security protections.
- Installed and began deploying smart phone applications allowing users unified communications. This application enables full access to desk telephones and all its features all on the smart cellular telephone. Users are able to make telephone calls, receive desk telephone calls, access voicemail, and establish conference calls all from using this application on their Apple, Blackberry or Android smart phone. The application also introduces identity security by hiding the user’s cellular number and only sending out the user’s desk telephone caller ID information. The ISD has successfully begun deploying this to many of the investigative divisions.
The Department of Patrol Services (DPS) is comprised of the Communications Bureau and over 1100 sworn and civilian personnel. There are currently four patrol districts with a fifth district slated to be fully operational in early May 2017. The districts are geographically dispersed to support quick response times and aid with community policing. In 2016, approximately 1.5 million calls were received by citizens.

Communications Bureau

Personnel assigned to the Communications Bureau are often the “very first responders.” The staff of professionals provide life-saving assistance over the phone and use technology to coordinate needed resources to the scene of an emergency. At the forefront, are the Public Safety Telecommunicators (PSTs) in the Dispatch Operations Section. They are the link between the citizens of unincorporated Hillsborough County and law enforcement, fire rescue and emergency medical services. All 911 calls go directly to the HCSO 911 Center in the Communications Bureau. These urgent calls are answered by state-certified communications professionals, and then carefully triaged to law enforcement and/or fire rescue first responders. The PSTs must undergo up to eight months of rigorous training that includes a six week training academy, CPR and First Aid Certification, several emergency management/information security certifications, as well as on-the-job training.

In 2016, the Communications Bureau received over 550,000 emergency 911 calls – more than any other agency in the entire county. In all, over 1.5 million calls were handled in the Communications Bureau; roughly 17,000 phone calls received per each PST and approximately three times the ratio of some neighboring 911 centers. Out of the 1.5 million calls, a total of 907,886 calls were entered into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System and 328,848 calls were dispatched from those entries.
Tip411 Program

Utilizing technology, the Communications Bureau continues to receive valuable information from Tip411, a smart phone app which allows citizens to send anonymous non-emergency tips regarding possible illegal activity occurring in Hillsborough County. In 2016, approximately 1,700 tips were received about delayed and/or non-emergency incidents. The Communications Bureau acted as the “hub” by working with the tipsters (sometimes several messages per tip) to ensure that these situations were dispatched, disseminated and investigated.

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 also handles technical inquiries and serves as the HCSO liaison with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. To help keep up with this ever-increasing demand for law enforcement, the Communications Bureau Training Section hired 53 new PSTs to help answer these calls for assistance.

Tip411 Leads to Arrest

On April 6, 2016, HCSO deputies received information via Tip411 regarding a suspect who was selling narcotics. The comments also stated that the suspect was concealing the narcotics in a bleach bottle.

Angel Manuel Sanchez Acosta was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance (Cocaine), Possession of Cannabis Less than 20 Grams, Possession of Controlled Substance (Cocaine) within 1,000 ft of a Business, Transportation of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Controlled Substance (Cannabis) with Intent to Sell, Possession of Controlled Substance (Cocaine) with Intent to Sell, as well as Tampering/Fabricating with Physical Evidence. The arrestee was subsequently sentenced.

Teleserve Unit

The Teleserve Unit handles calls with fewer exigencies, but often requires experience and knowledge of community resources. The Unit is comprised of 10 community service officers, a designated impound officer and assigned light-duty deputies. They initiate and supplement non-emergency reports over the telephone, which increases the availability of deputies on the street for higher priority incidents and in-progress situations. In 2016, the Teleserve Unit handled approximately 17,000 calls over the telephone, saving thousands of dollars in fuel and personnel costs while providing expeditious and personalized service to victims.

Switchboard Operations

There are six receptionists assigned to Switchboard Operations of the Communications Bureau who answer calls made to the main Sheriff’s Office general inquiry non-emergency line. The receptionists are responsible for routing the calls to the appropriate person within the HCSO who is best qualified to
assist. Approximately, 98% of these calls were redirected to other areas within the Sheriff’s Office to help callers with various inquiries. In 2016, over 142,045 calls were answered and fielded 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. Personnel are also responsible for traffic enforcement, crash investigations and DUI enforcement. In FY 2016, the HCSO’s authorized law enforcement per capita staffing was 1.579 per 1,000 residents and filled law enforcement staffing was 1.33 per 1,000 residents. An important advancement to meet the public safety demands presented by the growing population the HCSO serves will occur in early May 2017, with the opening of District V. The opening of the new District, and the accompanying redeployment of personnel, continues the Sheriff’s Office longstanding community policing philosophy of locating personnel within the communities we serve to strengthen partnerships.

**DPS - Patrol Services District I**

*Major Scott Wellinger*

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. Sworn and support staff provide law enforcement, patrol and latent criminal investigations, traffic and community policing services to the citizens they serve. District I faces a wide range of challenging crime and quality of life issues that, if not addressed, can adversely impact the community.

**High Visibility Enforcement Grant**

District I continues to focus its traffic enforcement efforts in corridors with high traffic crash rates involving pedestrians and bicyclists. With both enforcement and educational components, pamphlets containing safety recommendations and bicycle lights are distributed by deputies. District I will begin a partnership with the University of South Florida and the Department of Transportation through a grant for additional enforcement of bicycle and pedestrian safety through the High Visibility Enforcement Grant. The goal in these initiatives is to decrease traffic crashes and fatalities, specifically those events involving pedestrian and bicyclists.

**Eye on Crime**

The Sheriff’s Office Eye on Crime system marked its seventh year since the overt surveillance project became active within the densest violent crime areas of District I. The system is a high definition, state of the art, video and license plate recognition initiative, which continues to aid in daily investigations and community safety. The project has 106 real-time video feeds and 16 tag reader systems to assist deputies in locating and recovering stolen motor vehicles.
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and suspects in crimes. In 2016, the Eye on Crime system accomplished the following:

- 265 cases were proactively initiated by the Eye on Crime Operators
- 81 arrests were based upon Eye on Crime information; a 23% increase from 2015
- 59 stolen motor vehicles and 16 stolen tags were recovered compared to 20 cars and 16 tags in 2015
- 10,248 incidents were investigated as a result of Eye on Crime and Tag Reader hits; a 75.5% increase over 2015

**ShotSpotter**

Building on available law enforcement technologies, a grant through the Crime Prevention and Safe Neighborhoods Trust Fund was utilized to acquire gunshot location technology known as ShotSpotter (SST). This technology permits rapid deployment of deputies to a precise location in response to outdoor gunfire, and compliments the existing Eye on Crime project in the investigation and curbing of gun violence. The ShotSpotter system can identify the type of weapon that was used and differentiate between gunfire and something along the lines of fireworks or a car backfiring. In 2016, District I deployed the ShotSpotter Flex Gunfire Detection system in the Nuccio and University Communities. In 2016, ShotSpotter accomplished the following:

- 432 incidents were recorded/reported by SST as detected outdoor gunfire
- 1,126 shots were detected

- 177 of the shots were multiple round events
- 432 shell casings were recovered
- 12 arrests were made in conjunction with a ShotSpotter alert
- Less than 10% of the shots were called in via 911
- 7 homicides were captured by SST sensors

**Investigations & Operations**

On March 17, 2016, members of the DI Intelligence Unit successfully infiltrated a group of subjects who were stealing items from individuals and businesses throughout District I. Undercover detectives were introduced by a confidential informant, and subsequently built relationships with the suspects who were orchestrating the criminal activity. During a month long investigation, detectives were able...
to purchase multiple stolen items that were valued at $6,700. All items were eventually returned to their rightful owners. The suspects were identified as Austin Jay Wyffels (7/1/1973) and Marvin Delma Swint (11/15/1970); Wyffels is a five time convicted felon and Swint is a 14 time convicted felon.

Community Partnerships

Working with a host of neighborhood partners this year, District I had their first property area fulfill the requirements to join the Crime-free Multi-Housing Program. District I partnered with USF to conduct bicycle safety clinics, and partnered with Home Depot to help a resident with safety upgrades to their home. Deputies removed several thousand pounds of garbage and litter from areas blighted by unwanted waste. Additionally, town hall meetings were coordinated and attended by staff to address community priorities and encourage trust and confidence with members of law enforcement.

DPS – Patrol Services District II

Major Alan Hill

The District II Office serves approximately 200,000 citizens and is comprised of approximately 150 sworn law enforcement personnel, who work varying shifts, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The boundaries extend from U.S. Hwy 301 and the Hillsborough River to the west, north to Pasco County, east to Polk County and south through the communities of Keysville, Durant, Valrico, Brandon, Clair-Mel and Palm River to Tampa Bay. Providing law enforcement services to such a wide spread area is unique and challenging.

In 2016, District II personnel handled more than 80,000 dispatched calls for service, investigated more than 3,900 incidences of Part I Crimes and made more than 3,200 arrests.

DII Traffic Squad

In 2016, DII Traffic Squad personnel began integrating “Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety” into operations. This model of enforcement is used to deploy resources based on data related to crimes, crashes, or other incidents causing social harm. Use of this model, or “DDACTS” as it is known, is intended to combine crime and crash data establishing methods to better deploy resources.
There are eight traffic crash investigators and six motor deputies assigned to the DII Traffic Squad. During 2016, 28,443 traffic stops were conducted. In addition, DII deputies responded to 10,038 traffic crashes.

**A Sheriff’s Office Star**

*Deputy Larry Morrell*

Deputy Larry Morrell has served with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office since 1992. During his 24 years of service, he worked in a number of assignments until he ultimately took a position that would define his career and leave an indelible mark at the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office.

Deputy Morrell was part of a collaborative effort in the creation of SUCCEED, Sheriff’s Underage Compliance Checks Education & Enforcement Detail. SUCCEED has been responsible in reducing underage alcohol and tobacco related incidents. Through his efforts, he and fellow deputies attended and monitored high capacity venues (concerts, sporting events, etc.) to reduce underage possession and consumption.

Deputy Morrell also fostered the Sheriff’s Alcohol Vendor Education program (SAVE) to a high level. The SAVE program is a partnership with alcohol vendors and retailers who works together to reduce alcohol-related traffic crashes and deaths in Hillsborough County by educating employees and managers. Deputy Morrell worked diligently and spent countless hours on this program in order to save the lives of others. In 2016, he was recognized as MADD’s (Mother’s Against Drunk Drivers) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for his dedication to traffic safety and his innovative prevention efforts. He also received the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association’s 2016 Innovator Award for his efforts. Deputy Larry Morrell retired in 2016, leaving a legacy of service, dedication and hard work.

**Investigations and Special Operations Bureau**

The Investigations and Special Operations Bureau is staffed with sworn personnel and support staff who perform investigative, support and selective enforcement operations. Personnel conduct latent criminal investigations, gather criminal intelligence on known offenders and perform specific crime prevention activities in order to reduce crime. In 2016, the Bureau’s General Offense Unit (GO) conducted more than 1,900 latent investigations of crimes reported in District II. Numerous arrests were made using information gained from criminal investigations, criminal intelligence and known offenders, while working with other state and local enforcement agencies. In addition, over $2 million worth of stolen property was recovered.

**DII Street Crimes Unit**

The DII Street Crimes Units (SCU) remained focused on reducing the sale of illegal drugs (especially the use of and sale of “Spice”), Part I crime and arresting prolific offenders causing the most crime. Operations culminated with the execution of multiple search warrants of local businesses, convenience stores and tobacco shops resulting in the arrest of numerous suspects, the seizure of packages of illegal spice, the seizure of firearms and of motor vehicles.
In 2016, the DII Street Crimes Units achieved the following:
- 19 Search Warrants
- 1,232 Surveillance Hours
- 26 lbs of Marijuana Seized
- 1 lb of Cocaine Seized
- 1.25 lbs of Methamphetamine Seized
- 27 lbs of Spice Seized
- 16 Firearms Recovered

Serving Our Community:

In 2016, District II Community Resource Deputies continued to network in the community to prevent crime and identify problems. Collaborating on quality of life concerns, deputies recommended solutions for problems ranging from the need to improve lighting at homes and businesses, to the installation of structural improvements to deter crime, to setting up methods via social media in order to communicate directly with the citizens on public safety and crime issues.

One of the districts biggest accomplishments occurred when the district was able to implement the full-time staffing of a deputy at the Dover Boys and Girls Club. This club provides a safe place for children and young adults to learn and grow through life-enhancing programs, to provide ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, as well as the opportunity for character development.

District II Intelligence Unit (DIU)

The District Intelligence Unit (DIU) continued to bridge the communication gap between patrol, latent, selective enforcement and crime analyst personnel, as well as supplying timely and actionable crime information and intelligence. Assigned personnel developed daily crime briefs, alerts, maintained listings of known offenders, and provided information to law enforcement personnel in order to assist in targeting crime areas and locating the criminal element.

DPS - Patrol Services District III
Major Kristi Poore


Encompassing over 100 square miles of Northwestern Hillsborough County, District III is home to 237,107 residents which increased by 2,200 people over the past year. Deputies responded to approximately 167,000 calls for service during 2016, and despite the increase in population and calls for service, the district was still effective in implementing crime reduction strategies which led to a 16.8% decrease compared to 2015.
District III Traffic Unit

There are eight traffic crash investigators and six motorcycle deputies who participated in over 40 “special” events throughout the year. In addition, the DIII Traffic Unit collectively handled 3,696 traffic crashes and conducted 5,282 traffic stops in 2016.

District III Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes Unit squads augment the Special Investigations Division by focusing on street level narcotics cases. Recently, a tip for a possible marijuana grown house led to the recovery of one of the largest seizures in recent years with 371 pounds of marijuana being seized by deputies.

District III Intelligence Unit (DIU)

The District III Intelligence Unit (DIU) is the intelligence collection and dissemination point for the district. Detectives review crime trends for patterns and work diligently with the General Offense Section, Street Crimes Units and Patrol to identify persons of interest. In 2016, 30 individuals were taken into custody for Part 1 crimes, and over $15,000 worth of stolen property was recovered.

A Sheriff’s Office Star

Deputy Stephanie Krager, District III

Deputy Stephanie Krager, who heads the Homeless Initiative, was awarded the Coy Sykes Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year for 2016. Over the past four years, Deputy Krager has been honored with over 40 awards for her work with the chronically homeless as well as those suffering from mental illness. She has placed over 200 homeless individuals into permanent supportive housing and has reunited countless others with their out of town families.

Homeless Initiative Success Story

On April 8, 2016, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new Homeless Initiative Office in District III. The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office has five deputies and one community service officer throughout the county dedicated to getting services and housing to the chronically homeless.
Joe, 55 years old, was a chronic alcoholic that lived in the woods or on the streets of Hillsborough County for over 20 years. Joe was suffering from throat cancer and after continued contact by deputies, he finally accepted help. After Joe went into detox, arrangements were made for him to stay at the Amethyst Respite Center to continue with his sobriety. Once Joe showed he wanted to stay sober, he was placed in a transitional housing program and eventually into permanent housing. Arrangements were made for Joe to get radiation treatment and after that he became cancer-free. During this process, Joe was able to obtain Social Security Disability. He has been permanently housed for over 19 months and continues to remain sober.

Serving Our Community:

In 2016, District III Community Resource Deputies hosted and attended numerous community events. Coffee with a Cop was held at four local McDonald’s restaurants where deputies met with citizens to discuss their concerns. On Halloween, District III held their fourth outreach to families who were trick or treating. Deputies handed out candy and provided activities in the District III parking lot to the over 300 in attendance.

DPS - Patrol Services District IV
Major Rob Bullara

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

Located in the southeastern quadrant of Hillsborough County, District IV is the largest and most populated of the districts. It is comprised of 211 law enforcement and civilian personnel. Due to available land,
there has been a drastic increase in new home developments as well as commercial businesses resulting in population growth. This rapid growth and development has brought crime and many new challenges to law enforcement. However, due to the hard work of both uniformed personnel and detectives, District IV continues to maintain a low crime rate per capita despite the increase in growth.

Investigative Section

In 2016, the District IV Investigative Section played a crucial role in solving and reducing Part I crimes. Through the use of the intelligence led policing model and sound investigative techniques, the 11 lat detectives reviewed and worked a total of 2,043 cases. The clearance of these cases resulted in a total of 356 felons being arrested.

Street Crimes Units

The Street Crimes Units played a key role in 2016 and were pivotal in the effort to reduce crime. The two squads investigated hundreds of drug complaints which resulted in the following:

- 4,530 hours of undercover surveillance
- $948,255 confiscated in illicit drugs
- 684 people arrested
- 31 search warrants conducted
- 6 vehicles seized
- Over $78,500 in United States currency seized

Intelligence Unit

In 2016, the District IV Intelligence Unit tracked and targeted known prolific offenders, identified criminal trends and investigated numerous incidents. The Intelligence Unit reviewed and analyzed over 21,000 offense reports most of which were related to Part I crimes. After a thorough review, detectives extracted critical information and intelligence, which was shared among law enforcement personnel and helped to suppress illicit activity within the district.

Traffic Unit

The District IV Traffic Unit worked hard to efficiently investigate traffic crashes and enforce traffic laws, thereby effectively addressing one of our citizens’ greatest concerns. Comprised of seven Traffic Crash Investigators and six Motorcycle Deputies, the Traffic Unit worked 2,070 crashes in 2016.

Move Over...It's the Law!

K9 Deputy Craig Lariz was conducting a traffic stop with emergency lights activated and was struck by an impaired driver.
The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of five investigative sections: Homicide, Violent Crimes, Juvenile Services, Traffic Homicide, and Economic Crimes. The Criminal Investigations Division is also staffed with critical components consisting of the Crime Scene Section, Identification Section, LODIS Section (Local Offender DNA Index System) and the Photo Lab. The work and dedication of the detectives, community service officers, forensic fingerprint experts, word processors, Photo Lab personnel and administrative assistants are the strength of this Division.

Homicide Section

The Homicide Section is responsible for investigating all homicides, deputy-involved shootings, infant death investigations, as well as missing and endangered adults. In 2016, the Homicide Section investigated 41 homicides, of which 27 met UCR standards. The work of the detectives resulted in an overall clearance rate of 80% in 2016. The national average UCR clearance rate for homicides in 2015 was 62%.

Homicide detectives also investigated four incidents where a deputy was involved in a Use of Deadly Force (UDF). These UDF investigations are complex cases that require detailed investigation and coordination with different components within the Sheriff’s Office. In addition, the Homicide Section reviewed and closed 204 missing and endangered adult cases during 2016. An example of the work from this unit included an investigation into a double murder which occurred on April 13, 2016. The victims, John and Nancy Engelhart, were killed by Michael Anthony Herald, a handy-man hired to perform work for the Engelharts.
As a result of their investigation, Mr. Herald was located and arrested by the Kentucky State Police on April 15, 2016.

**Violent Crimes Section**

The Violent Crimes Section investigated 1,310 cases in 2016. These cases were comprised of adult sex crimes, kidnappings, crimes in the jails, domestic violence cases, crimes against the elderly, violent crimes against persons and non-homicidal death investigations.

**Juvenile Services Section**

The Juvenile Services Section consists of four investigative components: Crimes Against Children, Internet Predators, Missing Juvenile Investigations, and the Sexual Predator Unit. The detectives in the Crimes Against Children Unit are responsible for investigating crimes committed upon Hillsborough County’s most vulnerable victims. These detectives utilize specially trained interview techniques and apply a multi-disciplinary approach to investigate crimes that involve physical and sexual child abuse, child neglect and exploitation.

The Internet Predator Unit utilizes proprietary computer software to locate individuals who use the Internet to exploit children through the sharing of computer files. The Missing Persons Unit investigates missing children, including those abducted or those believed to be runaways.

Below is information for 2016.

- The Crimes Against Children Unit investigated 1,151 cases
- The Missing Juvenile Investigations Unit found 840 missing children
- The Sexual Predators Unit monitored 2,008 registered sex offenders and sexual predators living in Hillsborough County

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**A Sheriff’s Office Star**

**Ernesto Rivera Borres**

Forensic Print Specialist

Ernesto Rivera Borres has been with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office for 15 years. He came to us from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with extensive training, education, and experience in fingerprint identification. His expertise in the science of fingerprints and the automated search of latent prints has contributed to the arrest, successful prosecution and enhanced sentencing of subjects in countless cases.

Mr. Borres is consistently generous with his time and knowledge and provided assistance in nearly every homicide case in 2016 that had latent print evidence. An example of Mr. Borres’ contribution to the Criminal Investigations Division, is illustrated in his work on a homicide investigation which occurred on May 13, 2016, at the Taiga Hookah bar. Steve Evans and David Smith were involved in an altercation at the bar. Mr. Evans retrieved a firearm from his vehicle and returned to the bar and shot Mr. Smith multiple times. Mr. Evans fled the area in a silver Jaguar. On May 13, 2016, Forensic Print Specialist Ernesto Rivera Borres searched latent prints lifted from a plastic cup and the suspect’s vehicle. These latent prints were identified as belonging to Steve Evans. These identifications assisted in providing probable cause for an arrest warrant for Mr. Evans for first degree murder. Mr. Evans was subsequently arrested by the U.S. Marshals Office in Las Vegas, Nevada.
Traffic Homicide Section

The Traffic Homicide Section investigates motor vehicle crashes involving life-threatening injuries and/or fatalities. This section also investigates agency related injury crashes. In 2016, the Traffic Homicide Section investigated 82 traffic fatalities and 24 agency related crashes involving injury to a deputy or citizen.

An example of the work this unit performed in 2016 includes the investigation into a DUI wrong way driver, head on crash, which took the life of Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Deputy John Robert Kotfila Jr. on March 12, 2016.

Economic Crimes Section

Detectives from the Economic Crimes Section investigate 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 related crimes. Members of the Section have been Federally Credentialed and are assigned to the United States Secret Service Financial Investigations Strike Team, the United States Secret Service’s Tampa Bay Electronic Crimes Task Force and the Internal Revenue Service’s Criminal Investigations Stolen Identity and Refund Fraud Alliance. During 2016, the section conducted 1,451 investigations relating to the above enumerated offenses, with 74 of those ending in the arrest of the offender.

Crime Scene Section

Crime Scene Investigators respond to all major crime scenes investigated by the Sheriff’s Office. In 2016, this section responded to 1,443 crime scenes and conducted 1,435 evidence processing requests. In addition, the Crime Scene Section acquired the IBISTrax system, which provides the user direct access to NIBIN, the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network. The system also enables the user to acquire and correlate firearm cartridge case evidence into a database. Currently, three Crime Scene Investigators and one supervisor are trained on utilizing the IBISTrax system. This program provides a timelier turnaround for NIBIN cases submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). It creates investigative leads and allows for data sharing of linked cases across local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

New construction on a Crime Scene Ballistic Testing Room began in 2016. When completed, this state-of-the-art room will assist provide crucial information in crime scene investigations.

Local Offender DNA Index System (LODIS)

The LODIS Section is responsible for maintaining and securing all adult and juvenile DNA swabs from individuals who are booked into the Hillsborough County Jail System. The DNA information is stored in a database known as the Local Offender DNA Index System. The section collected 11,610 reference swabs and
27,681 evidence swabs. These reference and evidence swabs were continually sent to a DNA lab for comparison, with a total of 88 profile matches in 2016. For comparison purposes, the total number of profile matches in 2012, the first year of implementation, was 11.

**Photo Lab**

The Photo Lab is responsible for ensuring that photographs and digital images of all crime scenes are stored, securely maintained, and available as needed. The Photo Lab provides these photographs and digital images when requested. In 2016, the Photo Lab completed approximately 7,700 digital media requests from the State Attorney’s Office, private law firms, insurance companies and citizens. In addition, the Photo Lab responded to approximately 165 photo assignments to include academy graduations and Sheriff’s Office events.

**Identification Section**

The Identification Section is responsible for assisting law enforcement personnel, prosecutors and the public with many forensic services. The Identification Section consists of the Latent Print, Ten Print, Clerical and Word Processing Units.

The Latent Print Unit is comprised of forensic experts whose primary duty is the identification of unknown prints located at crime scenes. More than 7,000 latent fingerprints and palm prints were examined in 2016.

The Ten Print Unit has forensic experts whose primary duty is the identification and verification of arrested individuals, deceased persons, victims of identity theft, and the processing of physical evidence for the development of latent prints. The unit processed more than 54,000 records in 2016.

Office Assistants assigned to the Clerical Unit provide the public with fingerprinting services and local background checks for employment, volunteer, and licensing purposes. They conducted over 39,000 background checks and fingerprinted more than 9,000 citizens in 2016.

The Word Processing Unit is responsible for transcribing interviews, 911 calls, controlled calls and radio traffic. More than 32,000 pages were transcribed in 2016.

**Special Investigation Division (SID)**

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The Special Investigations Division (SID) is comprised of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Nexus Center (LINC), Major Violators Section, three Tactical Intelligence Sections, the Selective Operations Section, the 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 and prolific offender. SID detectives participate in task forces including the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Joint-Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), as well as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

**Crime Analysis Unit (CAU)**

The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) has deployed new tools and analytical methods in order to provide additional support for investigations, and the identification of patterns and trends. New programs and tactics in the CAU’s fight against crime include the following:

- New/cell phone/tower analysis software
- CARFAX for Police
- LinX (Law Enforcement Information Exchange)
- NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) Analysis
- DDACTS (Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety)
- Social Network Analysis
As a result of direct investigative support and success, analysts are spending more time in court supporting the prosecution phase. In 2016, analysts received 48 subpoenas for criminal cases and appeared in court to testify 21 times; both figures represent a 100% increase from 2015. Analysts also added 50 supplements containing analytical findings to investigations; an increase of 150% from 2015. In addition, the analysts provided five training classes to 121 Sheriff’s Office employees in 2016, in order to roll out the deployment of the new LinX program.

**Law Enforcement Intelligence Nexus Center (LINC)**

The Law Enforcement Intelligence Nexus Center (LINC) is responsible for the collection, dissemination and coordination of information. The LINC partners with the Crime Analysis Unit and the District Intelligence Units to develop intelligence regarding persistent crime trends and career criminals. The LINC is comprised of several units; the Intelligence Coordination Unit, the Jail Intelligence Unit, the Career Criminal Unit, and partners with Crime Stoppers. Recently, the LINC took on the additional responsibility of reviewing firearms related crimes. Detectives research information from the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) to identify repeat violent offenders and reduce gun violence.

**Marijuana Grow House Task Force (MGHTF)**

The Marijuana Grow House Task Force (MGHTF) identified multiple individuals in the community cultivating marijuana, which led to the identification of a drug trafficking organization (DTO) and its leader, Julio Alvarez. The DTO consisted of individuals purchasing and renting homes, which were converted for the sole purpose of cultivating marijuana.

In March 2016, the investigation concluded resulting in the execution of 10 search warrants within Hillsborough, Polk, Hernando, Citrus and Suwannee counties. Detectives developed charges against 23 individuals; 19 of which were charged with Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) violations. The investigation resulted in the seizure of 21 vehicles and $127,000 in U.S. currency. In addition, 536 marijuana plants were eradicated and 1,000 lbs of marijuana was confiscated.

As a result of the Task Force’s success, the Marijuana Grow House (MGHU) was established full-time on September 12, 2016, to investigate all marijuana grow houses and related drug trafficking organizations. The Unit was responsible for eradicating 43 indoor marijuana grow houses, seizing approximately 2,176 marijuana plants which weighed approximately 4,566 pounds, as well as arresting 53 individuals who were involved in the illegal cultivation of marijuana.

**Major Violators Section (MVS)**

Since the Major Violators Section (MVS) became a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Unit in 2015, the MVS worked multiple long-term complex investigations throughout 2016.
DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

One investigation led to kilogram seizures of methamphetamine, cocaine, approximately $600,000 in U.S. currency, as well as the seizure of one property in Plant City. Another investigation involved the dismantling of a drug trafficking organization which was responsible for distributing kilogram quantities of methamphetamine, marijuana and prescription pills throughout Seffner, Dover and Plant City.

The MVS also completed two long-term investigations. One of the investigations involved the dismantling of a drug trafficking organization that was distributing heroin. This investigation yielded 13 arrests and approximately 4 pounds of heroin. The second investigation involved assisting the Marijuana Grow House Unit, which yielded 10 grow houses in multiple counties; 23 individuals were arrested and charged.

Selective Operations Section (SOS)

Detectives assigned to the Selective Operations Section (SOS) conducted numerous investigations into the unlawful activities of several local gangs (Sur-13, G-Mob and Latin Life). As a result, arrests were made of several gang members and associates.

In 2016, the SOS detectives completed the sentencing phase of the Surenos’ RICO case. Fourteen defendants plead guilty and received prison sentences ranging from 5 to 11 years. Four additional defendants are scheduled for trial. In addition, detectives investigated numerous massage establishments for prostitution and a number of Internet ads involving prostitution at hotels and motels.

Tactical Intelligence Section – Alpha

In 2016, TIN A detectives seized and recovered 57 firearms. In addition, they investigated 19 cases of convicted felons who were pawning and possessing firearms, as well as offenders on felony probation who possessed firearms while under the sanctions of protective orders.

With the utilization of social media, TIN A detectives were able to identify an individual who was selling an AR-15. An undercover buy/bust purchase of the firearm was completed resulting in an arrest and federal indictment. The suspect was not a U.S. citizen and was taken into custody by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

TIN A implemented an SID initiative entitled, “Operation Gun Box.” The squad worked closely with Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) as well as other HCSO units. Detectives purchased 21 firearms including 15 handguns, 2 shotguns and 4 rifles; 5 of them were stolen firearms. In addition, detectives also purchased the following:

- 127.8 grams of powder cocaine
- 322.7 grams of crack cocaine
- 287.1 grams of methamphetamine
- 29.5 grams of MDMA
- 808.3 grams of marijuana
15 grams of heroin
41.6 grams of prescription pills

The entire investigation netted 64 offenders who were arrested for 127 felony charges and 25 misdemeanor charges. Nine of the offenders were charged with 31 federal crimes.

**Tactical Intelligence Section – Bravo**

During the summer of 2016, detectives organized Operation Summer Chill which targeted areas of Clair-Mel, Grant Park, Orient Park and Progress Village. Detectives initiated 125 narcotic investigations which resulted in the arrest of 91 offenders (including 57 convicted felons) for 229 felony and 57 misdemeanor charges. Operation Summer Chill concluded with the execution of 10 search warrants.

During the investigations, undercover detectives purchased the following:
- 337 grams of crack cocaine
- 170 grams of powder cocaine
- 2,391 grams of marijuana
- 80 grams of methamphetamine
- 15 grams of MDMA
- 10 firearms

TIN B detectives identified a residence in Gibsonton where a SUR 13 gang associate was selling large quantities of methamphetamine. A number of drug purchases were made from offenders at the residence which eventually resulted in three offenders being charged with trafficking in methamphetamine.

TIN B detectives utilized the Crime Analysis Unit to analyze an area in Seffner which revealed an extremely high volume of calls for service and criminal activity. An investigation was initiated into multiple subjects in the area which resulted in undercover detectives purchasing quantities of methamphetamine and two stolen vehicles from the subjects. Two of the subjects, convicted felons, arrested during the investigation, were known to sell firearms and stolen property.

**Tactical Intelligence Section – Delta**

In 2016, TIN D arrested 74 suspects who possessed extensive criminal histories. Fifty-one of the suspects were convicted felons holding classifications of registered career offenders, registered sexual offenders, gang members and violent felony offenders. The detectives targeted offenders actively involved in committing burglaries, vehicle thefts or organized retail thefts. During related investigations, detectives recovered five firearms.

TIN D personnel regularly provided their skilled surveillance assistance to the Homicide and Violent Crimes Sections, providing assistance in 11 separate investigations. In May 2016, detectives arrested a homicide suspect on an unrelated warrant during surveillance, resulting in a firearm being recovered which was later determined to be the murder weapon.

**Warrants Section**

In 2016, the Warrants Section participated in six warrant round-up operations; one of which was a week long operation with the U.S. Marshal’s Service targeting violent fugitives. The Section also coordinated the extradition of 1,169 fugitives to Hillsborough County from other areas of the state. In addition, 212 fugitives arrested in other states were transferred back to Hillsborough County; 33 extradition trips were made on commercial airlines to receive the subjects. Governor’s Rendition Warrants were secured for four of the fugitives who were fighting extradition back to Florida.

With the cooperation of the 13th Judicial Circuit Court, the State Attorney’s Office and our legal staff, 611 dated warrants were canceled due to statutory limitations. Warrants were also removed for 45 fugitives found to be deceased. Approximately 16,111 warrants remain active in Hillsborough County, a 1.3% increase compared to the previous year.
The Child Protective Investigations Division (CPID) marked its 10th anniversary on July 1, 2016. Funded through a contract with the Department of Children and Families, its mission is to safeguard, protect and promote the well-being of the children within our community. One of six Florida Sheriff’s Offices that investigate allegations of child abuse, neglect and abandonment received by the Department of Children and Families Florida Abuse Hotline, CPID is also responsible for preserving families through advocacy, guidance, education and supportive services. Through the completion of a Present Danger Assessment, a Family Functioning Assessment and a Risk Assessment, Child Protective Investigators (CPIs) determine if a child is safe or unsafe and what the likelihood is of the family receiving another report of abuse or neglect in the near future. In 2016, the CPID investigated approximately 16,000 reports of abuse, neglect and abandonment.

Five year old Boyette Elementary School student Narin Robbins delivered clothing donated at her school to assist those that are less fortunate. Pictured (left to right) Major James Bradford, Sergeant Eric Powell, Robbins family, CPI Hezzie Robbins

Girl Scout Troop 1903 donated toothbrushes, toothpaste and Pillow Pets for children removed from their families

Child Protective Investigator Daniesha Estrill was selected as the Sheriff’s Black Advisory Council Civilian Employee of the Year

Community Service Officer Lucia Samaniego was selected as the Sheriff’s Hispanic Advisory Council Civilian Employee of the Year
Legislative Affairs and Grants Acquisition Bureau  
*Lorelei Bowden-Jacobs, General Manager*

The Legislative Affairs and Grants Acquisition Bureau is the primary liaison between the Sheriff’s Office and the Florida Legislature. Additionally, the Bureau performs HCSO strategic planning, communications, and long-term project work. Legislative efforts in FY 2016 included directing the lobbying efforts of HCSO commanders in Tallahassee and assisting the Florida Sheriffs Association in achieving their legislative priorities. In 2016, legislative funding was obtained for a USF/HCSO partnership to increase the placement of locations bracelets on persons prone to wander.

The Bureau is also responsible for seeking funding opportunities which align with the strategic goals and mission of the Office. Grants acquisition responsibilities include locating, preparing and submitting grant applications, negotiating and executing grant awards, monitoring and administration of grants, completing performance reports, as well as assisting the HCSO grant managers with reports and audits. In 2016, the Grants Acquisition Unit prepared 15 grants which received funding over $2.6 million for innovative projects including: a new multi-lane HCSO shooting range; crime scene investigative equipment and forensic video analysis technology and training; overtime to increase roadway safety; port security protection and mitigation training and equipment to include an aviation enhanced mapping system; and expansion of the Tampa Bay Security Network (COPLINK).

Other strategic projects completed include:

- Expansion and updating of the HCSO Fact Book which includes summary of new laws affecting public safety, firearm analysis of violent crimes, calls for service, demographics and crime data.
- Partnered with the HCSO Financial Services Division to develop and deliver grants implementation and procurement training.
- Completion of the HCSO Response Time Study providing validated HCSO response times to priority 1, 2, and 3 calls for service.
- Continued data analysis and process documentation to support the HCSO’s 2017 patrol redeployment to five districts.
- Completion of a five-year HCSO law enforcement deputy staffing analysis with four different target per capita rates and budget options for FY 2018-2021.
- Completion of an analysis of National, State and local burglaries from Federal Firearms Licensees (FFL) and securitization measures required by law in other states.
- Completion of an HCSO overview of activities undertaken to counter violent crime.

**HCSO Deputy Ratios of 1.5, 1.6, and 1.7 Deputies per 1,000 Residents**

- Historically, the HCSO has sought to maintain a minimum staffing level of at least 1.6 authorized deputies per 1,000 residents. The below figure displays the staff and costs necessary to achieve and maintain a deputy staffing ratio of 1.5, 1.6, and 1.7 deputies in FY 2018 through FY 2021, and also the staffing and costs for an “incremental” plan in which the HCSO would gradually move toward a 1.6 staffing ratio over five years.

| Deputies Needed to Reach 1.5, 1.6, and 1.7 Ratios in FY 2018 through FY 2021 and 1.6 Incrementally by FY 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY 16/17 | FY 17/18 | FY 18/19 | FY 19/20 | FY 20/21 |
| 1.5 Deputy Ratio | 22 | 31 | 31 |
| 1.6 Deputy Ratio | 86 | 33 | 33 | 33 |
| 1.7 Deputy Ratio | 180 | 35 | 36 | 35 |
| Incremental to 1.6 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 47 |

Source: Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office 2016 Strategic Planning Fact Book
Department of Operational Support (DOS)
Colonel Chad Chronister

The Department of Operational Support (DOS) is comprised of the Training Division, Community Outreach Division, Homeland Security Division, General Services Bureau, Human Resources Bureau and the Risk Management Bureau.

Homeland Security Division (HSD)
Major Sankar Montoute

The Homeland Security Division is home to most of the Sheriff’s Office special operations units and teams. The specialized organizational component was created after 9/11 to ensure the safety and security of Hillsborough County. Personnel assigned to the division work with federal, state and local agencies to prevent acts of terrorism and to maintain training, equipment, and procedures which would mitigate harm from an incident of mass destruction.

Port Security Section
The Port Security Section provides law enforcement and security coverage for the Tampa Port Authority. Port Tampa Bay is the largest cargo port in Florida, and one of the largest ports in the nation. Deputies patrol over 5,000 acres spread over 20 miles. During 2016, Port deputies answered over 8,500 calls for service, including fires, hazardous material incidents and train derailments.

Marine Enforcement Section
During 2016, the Marine Enforcement Section navigated throughout the Bay, lakes, and rivers of Hillsborough County with over 3,500 patrol hours on the water. While working Tampa Bay, marine deputies conducted over 120 escorts for passenger ships, high risk tankers and other vessels deemed critical assets by the United States Coast Guard. In addition, 1,346 vessel safety inspections were conducted and 78 search and rescue missions were completed.

Canine Section

The Canine Section is comprised of 16 deputies and 2 supervisors. There are 23 canines in the section which are used for patrol, tracking, narcotics and explosive searches. During 2016, the Section responded to 2,832 calls which resulted in 493 arrests. Narcotics searches yielded $17,063 in seized U.S. currency. In addition, the Canine Section assisted multiple agencies with training to certify their canine teams.

Aviation Section
The Aviation Section is the primary air asset for response requests and coordination of all air assets for
the Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) Region 4. During 2016, the Section responded to 3,630 calls for services. In addition, over 2,000 hours were flown resulting in 371 assist arrests, 344 missing persons being located, 85 stolen vehicles recovered, as well as 41 search and rescue calls. The Aviation Section also assisted the Hillsborough County Fire Department in extinguishing several fires by dropping over 50 loads of water utilizing the Bambi Bucket.

Agricultural Crimes Unit

In 2016, the Agricultural Crimes Unit investigated more than 1,500 cases of animal abuse or agricultural complaints. The Unit recovered and rescued dozens of animals and worked with local veterinarians to care for a dozen seized animals that fell victim to neglect and abuse. The animals were nursed back to health and released to responsible ranchers as well as the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch.

Environmental Enforcement Unit

Detectives assigned to the Environmental Enforcement Unit charged violators of environmental related offenses with 12 felonies, 13 misdemeanors and issued 25 civil citations in 2016. In addition, they coordinated 741 clean up operations with the assistance of Hillsborough County Code Enforcement. Detectives also conducted waste tire inspections and educated local tire vendors on the risks associated with tire storage and the prolific breeding of pests in storage yards. As a result of the inspections, detectives directed Mosquito Control to several locations in an effort to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes that may carry the Zika virus and other diseases.

Parks Unit

Deputies assigned to the Parks Unit are charged with patrolling all county parks, recreation areas, trails and county managed conservation areas. In 2016, the Parks Unit deputies responded to more than 1,400 calls for service. In addition, deputies and park rangers located a structure within a preserve on the East side of the county. Numerous hunting stands within county managed conservation areas were discovered and dismantled.
Construction Fraud Unit
In 2016, the Construction Fraud Unit investigated over 50 cases of fraud and unlicensed contracting. The investigations resulted in numerous arrests and criminal charges. The Unit has been successful in identifying, investigating, and prosecuting unlicensed contractors through joint operations with county partners.

Special Incident Response Team
The Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) is considered a Tier 2 team 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 man-made or natural disaster, or civil unrest. In 2016, SIRT was activated 12 times and participated in multiple community events to demonstrate the variety of missions they fulfill.

Mounted Enforcement Team
The Mounted Enforcement Team consists of five members and is utilized to assist in law enforcement operations related to criminal apprehension, locating missing or endangered persons, evidence detection, crowd control, and promoting favorable public relations. In 2016, the team worked closely with SIRT during a variety of crowd control situations to include Gasparilla, the Florida State Fair and the St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)
In 2016, the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) responded to eight armed barricade situations, including one involving hostages; all were peacefully resolved. SWAT also responded to numerous other activations associated with high-risk search warrants and dignitary protection operations. In addition, SWAT participated in 20 static demonstrations and the SWAT Round-up International.

Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT)
In 2016, the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) responded with the Special Weapons and Tactics Team to eight armed barricade situations that were peacefully resolved. Members of the CNT participated in a national crisis negotiations competition and seminar in Texas. Approximately 20 teams from around the country were evaluated on their performance during a mock hostage standoff. Based on their performance, the HCSO Crisis Negotiations Team was ranked second in the United States.
Bomb Disposal Team

The Bomb Disposal Team consists of nine members and is a Tier One response asset, including Region IV of the Regional Domestic Security Task Force which encompasses eight counties. In 2016, the BDT responded to 161 calls for service as well as assisting 11 SWAT related call-outs. Utilizing a Port Security Grant, the HCSO Bomb Disposal Team hosted regional training for bomb technician divers from eight different agencies.

Honor Guard

In 2016, the 22 member HCSO Honor Guard presented our Nation’s Colors at over 54 events. Presentations include the Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Memorial, the 9/11 Memorial, “Heroes Welcome” ceremonies honoring fallen soldiers, ceremonies for fallen officers, as well as other events.

Underwater Recovery Team

Members of the Underwater Recovery Team (URT) are specially trained in underwater search and rescue/recovery situations. In 2016, the eight member team responded to over 70 calls for service to recover evidence, persons, vehicles and weapons.

Special Incident Management Section

The Special Incident Management Section (SIMS) coordinates public safety initiatives for the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. In 2016, SIMS coordinated the agency’s public safety initiatives for various events. These events included the Annual Gasparilla Parade celebrations, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and University of South Florida football games, the Florida State Fair, the Strawberry Festival, as well as coordination of regional homeland security training exercises.

Reserve Deputy Unit

Many successes would not be possible without the work of nearly 150 volunteer members of the Reserve Deputy Program. Dedicated Reserve Deputies provided more than 37,000 volunteer hours in 2016, saving the citizens of Hillsborough County more than $1.4 million in personnel costs.

A Sheriff’s Office Star

Deputy James Service began his career in 2002 as a patrol deputy and a Traffic Homicide Investigator. In 2006, he transferred to the Port Security Section of the Homeland Security Division. His exemplary performance, as well as being the proud owner of seven rescue dogs, made him the right choice when the HCSO received grant funding for a canine to be assigned permanently at the Port. Deputy Service and his new canine partner, Triton, began training together, specifically for the detection of explosives in November of 2016. Once training is completed, the dynamic duo will work together to make Tampa Bay a safer place for commercial vessels and cruise ships.
Community Outreach Division
Major Willie Parker

The Community Outreach Division (COD) proactively provides for the safety and security of the citizens of Hillsborough County through educational awareness and public participation programs. The Division is comprised of the School Resources Section, the Crossing Guard Unit, the Neighborhood Relations Unit, the Traffic Safety Unit, the Sheriff's Community Liaison Unit, as well as the Volunteer Citizens Patrol Program and the Explorer Post Program.

School Resource Section

The School Resource Section is tasked with promoting positive interaction while providing safe environments at public schools for all stakeholders which includes students, administrators, teachers and parents. The School Resource Deputies (SRD) secure the eighth largest school district in the United States and third largest in the State of Florida. With over 213,000 students from K-12, SRD’s seek to instill values, be role models and mentor those illustrating signs of early delinquency. Currently, there are 20 School Resource Deputies solely dedicated to safeguarding 40 elementary schools.

Crossing Guard Unit

The Crossing Guard Unit is responsible for providing safety to school-aged children while crossing the streets to and from elementary schools in the City of Tampa, Plant City, Temple Terrace and all of unincorporated Hillsborough County. As a result of our ever growing community, the program added several new crossing guards and implemented enhanced training in 2016. With nearly 300 crossing guards, securing 240 crossing locations, these unsung heroes assist children through busy streets twice a day, in all types of weather.

Traffic Safety Unit

The SUCCEED (Sheriff’s Underage Compliance Check Education and Enforcement Detail) and SAVE (Sheriff’s Alcohol Vendor Enforcement) programs educate students and vendors on alcohol related issues. In 2016, SUCCEED conducted over 300 DUI presentations at high schools and colleges located in Hillsborough County. In addition, SUCCEED conducted over 250 alcohol compliance checks.

The SAVE program trained vendors on responsible serving of alcohol and recognizing fake “IDs.” Both programs are active in the Tampa Alcohol Coalition, Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and other community groups. These programs educate nearly 10,000 people throughout the year.

The Teen Driver Challenge is a defensive driving and vehicle control program designed for teenage drivers. It provides young drivers with the knowledge and understanding of the complex task of operating a motor vehicle while preparing them to anticipate and handle hazards that occur daily in normal driving conditions. Over 2,000 high school students benefited from experiencing one of our DUI crash presentations.
Explorer Post #238

In 2016, Explorer Post #238 participated in the National Law Enforcement Explorers Conference in Flagstaff, Arizona. The Post competed in several team challenges, as well as several individual competitions. In addition, the Explorers attended the Boy Scouts of America Winterfest Conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where they achieved first place in the Felony Traffic Stop Competition. Countless hours have been dedicated to training in various law enforcement scenarios and firearms. They illustrated proud representation of the HCSO at Gasparilla parades, the MADD Candlelight Vigil, as well as several charity and community events.

Neighborhood Relations Unit

The Neighborhood Relations Unit has many different roles to play and tasks to perform throughout the year. They are responsible for the neighborhood and business watch programs, special event planning, public appearances and safety presentations. In 2016, there were three sold-out events; the HCSO Golf Tournament, the Sporting Clays Shootout and the Inshore Fishing Tournament. Some of the beneficiaries from these events include the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, Cristo Rey Tampa High School and the Freddie Solomon Boys & Girls Club.

Sheriff’s Community Liaison Unit

The Sheriff’s Community Liaison Unit assisted local minority residents in their efforts to better integrate into the community. Dedicated deputies assigned to the Unit help bridge the HCSO and various minority communities by providing outreach, education and crime prevention services. In 2016, over 90 programs were taught to Spanish speaking immigrants including state and federal laws, domestic violence awareness and DUI education. During the programs, over 2,000 contacts were made to assist newly settled immigrants assimilate to Hillsborough County.

Volunteer Citizens Patrol

The Volunteer Citizens Patrol (VCP) donates their time patrolling neighborhoods, responding to non-emergency calls-for-service, and assisting with school crossings. In 2016, the VCP carried out over 1,000 patrols and donated more than 10,000 hours of time. They augmented law enforcement in their assigned areas and wrote over 550 handicap parking citations and warnings. In addition, the VCP covered over 50 elementary school crossings, and dedicated their time to help at the Florida State Fair, Plant City Strawberry Festival and the HCSO Charity Golf Tournament. The program has steadily grown since its inception more than a decade ago and recently started a new patrol in Riverview.
The Training Division is comprised of the Detention Training Section, Practical Training Site Section, Law Enforcement Training Section, Recruitment and Screening Section, and the Organizational Research Section. The Division is responsible for coordinating and administering a wide range of services that support the mission, vision, and core values of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. These services span the full spectrum of a career beginning with recruitment, screening, and selection of highly qualified candidates for sworn positions in both law enforcement and detention. In addition, the Training Division oversees training and development of sworn and civilian personnel as well as management of the sworn promotional process. Training is conducted at three premier facilities; the Falkenburg Road Jail Assembly Room, Pinebrook Training Center (PTC) and the Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training Site (WCHPTS).

- The Recruitment and Screening Section processes over 3,000 applications each year and selects less than seven percent to attend the Sheriff’s Orientation Training. Of the nearly 200 highly qualified candidates selected in 2016, approximately 43% were minorities and 32% were military veterans.

- The Organizational Research Section is responsible for managing the promotional testing process to include the creation of the test for the rank of corporal, sergeant and lieutenant. The Section also conducts research projects designed to improve the quality and service of programs.

- The Law Enforcement and Detention Training Sections share identical responsibilities relative to their respective professions. Each section manages the rigorous two-week Sheriff’s Orientation Training that is designed to establish a physical fitness foundation, introduce the Sheriff’s Office culture, and build team cohesion and camaraderie. Following the academy, each section provides additional module training that supplements the state-wide curriculum taught at the academy with more specific training relevant to policy, procedure, and equipment utilized by the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. Additionally, each section is responsible for providing in-service instruction on an annual basis to over 2,300 sworn personnel.

- The Practical Training Site Section oversees the safe conduct of wide ranging high liability training that includes firearms, advance driving techniques, less-than-lethal simunitions and physical fitness. The section conducts mandatory recurrent training such as annual firearm
qualifications, electronic control device recertification, as well as physical assessments. Advanced training is also conducted in areas such as carbine shooting, active shooter scenarios and a 2.5 mile fitness challenge with obstacles.

- The Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training site is one of the top training facilities in the country. Situated on 200 acres, it has the ability to support numerous simultaneous training evolutions. On one side, it has five handgun ranges, two combat ranges, a newly renovated sniper range, an indoor shooting range with low light capability, a live fire shoot house and an explosives range. On the other, it has a tactical city with commercial structures built to resemble a bank, convenience store, gas station, two modular houses and streets with intersections and functioning traffic signals that connect to an expansive driving pad. Lastly, it has a five-screen judgmental use-of-force firearms training simulator and a computer-generated driving simulator.

- The Sheriff’s Orientation Training (SOT) Village is located at the Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training Site. This training is a rigorous two week residential program developed for sworn recruits which places an emphasis on team building, physical conditioning, drill and ceremony and basic firearms training. The SOT Village has four barracks and a cafeteria/classroom. In 2016, nearly 200 recruits attended SOT.

Human Resource Bureau
Director Michele Hamilton

The Human Resource Bureau (HRB) is comprised of the Employment Services Section, Personnel Processing Section and the Records Section. It provides service to employees, retirees and citizens. In 2016, the HRB continued to provide enhanced customer service, utilized team approaches on work projects and tasks, and continued to build upon stronger working relationships with other areas of the HCSO. In addition, the Bureau was once again able to coordinate a summer employment program for 30 youths from the community.

- The Employment Services Section continues assisting all areas within the Sheriff’s Office with their recruiting and hiring efforts by reviewing over 7,100 applicants for various positions. A new Recruiting Unit was established with the responsibility of recruiting at job fairs, social media sites, job posting boards, community events, military bases, colleges/universities and high schools.

- The Personnel Processing Section was extremely busy in 2016, with processing in 355 new employees and processing out 160 retirees. A new streamlined evaluation system was rolled out making the employee performance management process more efficient for supervisors and employees.

- The Records Section processed over 30,000 requests for law enforcement records with approximately 8,800 of them being processed electronically to citizens free of charge. In an effort to streamline services, a Warrants Processing Unit was added to the Section; entering approximately 24,000 warrants into the system.
The Maintenance Support Section is responsible for the procurement of services, inventory items, processing mail, and uniform sizing for all organizational components within the HCSO. During 2016, Maintenance Support Section personnel processed over 79,000 requests which resulted in the issuance of over 319,000 inventory items. The courier personnel delivered over 255,000 pieces of U.S. mail and inter-office correspondence to the various organizational components of the HCSO. In addition, Section personnel performed services associated with sizing and ordering uniforms for approximately 1,000 employees, including the procurement, sizing, and distribution of 1,250 new western style hats to be utilized by sworn personnel during special events or ceremonial occasions.

The Workers’ Compensation staff managed and oversaw approximately 450 new claims in 2016. In addition, approximately $5 million was saved by managing our own workers’ compensation program. Claims’...
personnel managed approximately 350 various types of claims including FMLA, short term and long term disability, light duty and other personal related issues.

■ In 2016, a new database was implemented which stores information for retiree medical and life insurance coverage. In addition, it streamlines the process so that Risk Management may work more cohesively and efficiently with the Financial Services Division.

■ The Occupational Health and Wellness Clinic (OHWC) provides services for all pre-employment physicals, fitness for duty evaluations, specialty team physicals, drug screenings, workers’ compensation injuries/illnesses, personal health for employees. In 2016, the OHWC opened services to adult dependents of employees who are on the agency health plan.

■ As a result of the HCSO’s innovative and long range approach to managing HCSO employee healthcare, the HCSO has reduced the net cost of employee healthcare by approximately $5.7 million.

■ Since moving to a Self-Insured Workers’ Compensation program, the HCSO continues to maintain a claims spend rate at an average of 6.5%, half of the National rate, for an unprecedented five years.

Facilities Maintenance (FM) oversees and manages more than 42 different facilities and over 800,000 square feet of office and warehouse space. FM personnel are responsible for providing daily maintenance, management, and support for the Sheriff’s Office facilities. In addition, FM provides services, support, and resources to maintain a safe professional work environment for all HCSO employees. This includes department relocation, remodeling and/or new construction. Facilities Maintenance is also responsible for contract execution and oversight of all leased properties, as well as contracting and supervision of custodial services for all HCSO facilities. There are three components of operation within the Facilities Maintenance area of the Risk Management and Facilities Maintenance Bureau: Maintenance Support Section, Contract Administration Section, and the Construction Section.

■ In 2016, Facilities Maintenance personnel began construction of a 7,200 square foot marine boat storage building within the Port of Tampa. It is projected to be completed early 2017.

■ Facilities Maintenance staff renovated two buildings, approximately 90,000 square feet, within the Pinebrooke Business Park. The buildings will be utilized for the expansion of the HCSO’s current operations.
The Department of Detention Services (DDS) is comprised of three divisions and maintains two detention facilities. The Department is also responsible for courthouse security of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit as well as the Hillsborough County Center.

Jail Division I
Major Michael Perotti
Jail Division I is comprised of the Orient Road Jail, serving as the intake facility for 27 agencies, and consists of Central Booking, Intake and Housing Operation Bureaus, Central Breath Testing Unit, Juvenile Assessment Center, Inmate Property and Classification and Records Bureau, as well as the Detention Programs Bureau.

- In 2016, 39,750 individuals were booked into the County Jail System.
- Housing Operations is the general housing/population for inmates who remain incarcerated after 72 hours. In 2016, the Orient Road Jail maintained an average daily population ranging from 1,380 to 1,400 inmates.
- Central Breath Testing Technicians processed 4,165 individuals; 2,512 submitted to alcohol breath testing and 1,744 refused testing. The total of those tested and refused is greater than the overall number of arrestees processed due to arrestees refusing a follow-up urine test after submitting to the alcohol breath test.
- The Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) processed 5,020 juvenile offenders in 2016. This was an 11.5% decrease from 2015.
- Inmate Property personnel processed and securely stored 91,780 bags of inmate personal property.
- The Records and Classification Bureau classified 37,274 arrestees, processed
41,496 inmates for release and posted 22,039 surety and/or cash bonds. In addition, 1,963 inmates were released/transported to the Florida State Prison. Personnel also processed more than 7,843 court dockets and scanned 90,575 inmate files for digital storage.

**Detention Programs Bureau**  
**Director Stephen Hogue**

The Detention Programs Bureau consists of the Misdemeanor Probation Unit, Inmate Treatment and Intervention Section, Hillsborough County Re-Entry Center, Adult Education, Religious Services, House Arrest/GPS Unit and the Criminal Registration Unit.

- The Hillsborough County Courts sentence misdemeanor violators to include DUI traffic offenses to probation then delineates specific sanctions, fines/costs, and programs to be accomplished over a defined time period. The Misdemeanor Probation Unit (MPU) is responsible for managing the probationer’s progress in completing their individual programs, schedules a rehearing before a judge if a probationer is faltering, or issues a warrant for Violation of Probation when appropriate. Additionally, upon application and qualifying, the State Attorney’s Office (SAO) assigns first-time offenders and veterans to the Misdemeanor and Domestic Violence Intervention Programs which are managed for the SAO by the Misdemeanor Probation Unit. In 2016, the MPU monitored and managed over 3,100 misdemeanor probationers and pre-trial intervention clients.

- The Inmate Treatment and Intervention Section provides inmates with the opportunity to confront substance abuse and domestic violence issues. Inmates attend classes to improve life skills for eventual re-entry into the community. Approximately 980 inmates participated in the substance abuse and anger management programs in 2016. No tax dollars are expended for these activities as profits from the Inmate Welfare Fund pays for the entire cost of the program.

- The Hillsborough County Re-Entry Center is a collaborative effort between the HCSO, the Florida Department of Corrections and local community based organizations. The Center provides ex-offenders with the necessary tools and support to enable their successful transition back into the community. In 2016, over 460 ex-offenders were provided with case management and assistance from the Re-Entry Center staff.

- The Adult Education Section, a partnership between the HCSO and the School District of Hillsborough County, provides mandatory K-12 education for incarcerated juveniles, as well as adult inmates who have not obtained their diploma and are seeking a GED diploma. All costs associated with the GED test is provided free of charge through the Inmate Welfare Fund.

- The Religious Services Section is responsible for providing the inmate population with access to responsive spiritual counseling, religious books and materials as well as coordinating, training and assisting over 270 volunteers who provide a variety of religious services.

- The Criminal Registration Unit (CRU) is mandated by Florida Statutes to fingerprint, photograph and record pertinent information on convicted felons, sexual offenders and predators who reside in Hillsborough County. In 2016, the
CRU processed 4,109 felony registrants, 4,945 sexual offenders and 1,045 sexual predators. The CRU also operates a Self Arrest Program and facilitated 1,653 arrests.

- The House Arrest and GPS Unit tracks defendants in the community who are placed on electronic monitoring by the courts or selected for the program through an administrative order. In 2016, 233 individuals were placed on the monitoring programs. Utilization of these programs results in decreased operational costs associated with traditional incarceration as well as enhanced security in the community.

**Jail Division II, Falkenburg Road Jail**

*Major Ciro Dominguez*

With over 400 sworn and civilian employees, Jail Division II is the largest division in the Department of Detention Services. The division consists of the Falkenburg Road Jail (FRJ), a large dormitory style facility with a rated capacity of 3,300 inmates. The facility is located on 140 acres and provides housing for both pre-trial and sentenced inmates. There are 40 general population pods housing up to 72 inmates each, 4 medical pods including two infirmaries, and eight confinement units. There is also a video visitation center, food servery and programs building.

While the majority of inmates housed in the facility are adults, there is a small percentage of inmates who are under the age of 18. In order to effectively deal with this unique population, a juvenile management team was created which is comprised of specially selected deputies with the necessary skills and desire to work with youthful offenders. This team has worked in conjunction with the Board of Education and various community groups to provide additional programming, educational and vocational opportunities.

- In an effort to educate the public on jail operations, Jail Division II facilitated group tours throughout 2016 for community groups, college students and leadership organizations. The division also participated in a college internship program, providing criminal justice majors with operational experience within a detention facility.

- In addition to their day to day duties in maintaining a safe and secure facility, the dedicated staff of Jail Division II is committed to the community in which they serve. Throughout the year, staff members have volunteered hundreds of hours and raised thousands of dollars for worthy organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Big Brothers Big Sisters, American Heart Association, and the United States Military.

- Final stages of construction are underway, completing a two year long project transitioning to a chiller plant and connecting to a generator farm which will result in a significant cost savings in the coming years.
Comprised of several specialized units and bureaus, Jail Division III has over 300 sworn, non-sworn and contract personnel who provides operational and inmate support services to all facilities and inmates within the Department of Detention Services. Services include inmate health care, food service, laundry, mail, canteen, and transportation. The Division also provides operational support to the Department of Patrol Services in the form of prisoner transportation for arrests made by HCSO law enforcement personnel.

- The Detention Transportation Bureau logged over 540,000 miles and transported over 84,000 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 more than 2,500 community service workers who provided over 15,000 hours of labor for the betterment of our community. During 2016, Prisoner Transport (Papa Tango) provided transportation services for over 5,000 arrestees.

- The Auxiliary Squad is comprised of a supervisor and 10 deputies. The squad’s mission is two fold: to supplement staffing at the courthouse during peak hours or high profile court cases, and to provide additional staff to the jails when needed; thus reducing the need to pay overtime for hospital detail during an inmate’s stay. In the first fiscal year of operation, the Auxiliary Squad was utilized to cover approximately 5,100 hours of hospital details. Additionally, the squad provided almost 8,000 man hours to the courthouse and 2,400 man hours to the jails.

- The Mail Room consists of three Community Service Officers who handle and inspect incoming and outgoing inmate mail, and handling of staff mail for the Department of Detention Services. This includes all items received through the U.S. Postal Service, inter-office mail delivery and many private delivery services.

- The Central Laundry is operated seven days a week and is entirely contained at the Falkenburg Road Jail. It is run by one Senior Supervisor, five Community Service Officers and two shifts of trusty workers who are responsible for providing clean clothing and bedding to both jail facilities and the Orient Road Jail property room. The laundry processes over two million pounds per year of inmate clothing, jackets, suicide prevention vests, towels, and bedding.

- The Medical Services Bureau is contracted with NaphCare, Inc. The Bureau has over 130 contract employees and is responsible for delivering comprehensive health care services to all inmates in the Hillsborough County Jail System. Medical staff conducted more than 60,000 intake screenings and physicals. In addition, there were 49,000 patient contacts, 20,000 psychiatric contacts, 4,000 dental visits, and over 3,500 diagnostic tests performed. NaphCare’s staff also processed and dispensed over 176,000 prescriptions during 2016.
The Inmate Commissary was privatized in 2011 and is operated by Aramark Commissary Services. In 2016, Aramark delivered approximately 54,000 canteen orders and 29,000 iCare orders to inmates housed in both jail facilities. In addition to commissary orders, Aramark has delivered 16,400 indigent packages to inmates. This provides inmates without funds the ability to write letters to their family and friends. The revenue generated from the canteen and iCare sales, as well as the Inmate Telephone System, are deposited into the Inmate Welfare Fund which is utilized to provide critical funding for inmate programs and for the purchase of supplies to benefit the inmate jail population.

Inmate food service, of the Food Service Section, is contracted with Trinity Food Services. The Section has 40 contract employees who are responsible for overseeing the preparation of inmate and staff meals. Inmate workers assist personnel in the preparation of meals to reduce costs. During 2016, nearly 3.5 million dietician approved meals, including special diets for medical and religious purposes, were served.

The Inmate Hearing

Court Operations Division

Major James Livingston

The mission of the Court Operations Division (COD) is to ensure a safe and secure environment at the County Center and throughout the Hillsborough Courthouse Complex facilities in both downtown Tampa and Plant City. The COD consists of the Judicial Protection Bureau, the Court Complex Security Section, and the Civil Process Section. The Division is also responsible for ensuring the effective and efficient service of civil process throughout the county.

The Judicial Protection Bureau (JPB) is responsible for the safety and security of judges, hearing officers, magistrates, employees, attorneys, litigants, victims, witnesses, defendants, jurors and the general public in over 64 courtrooms. In 2016, the JPB staff provided for security, movement and housing of over 36,000 jail inmates inside the court facilities who were there to attend court hearings. Hundreds of criminal trials were conducted in 2016, many of which gained media attention.

The Court Complex Security Section is responsible for all law enforcement duties, crowd control and overall security for the Courthouse Complex facilities as well as the County Center. In 2016, over 1.5 million persons were screened for security purposes prior to entering these facilities. Enhanced security measures were also provided for over 130 public events, including Board of County Commissioner meetings held at the County Center and other local venues.

The Civil Process Section serves various legal processes and court orders issued by the local courts, other Florida county courts, and courts in other states that require process to be served within Hillsborough County. In 2016, over 122,000 civil process documents were received and served by deputies and
Civilian process servers. This included over 22,400 residential evictions, injunctions, and other enforceable orders. The Civil Process Section provides a high level of service at a reasonable cost, generating over $1.1 million in annual revenue for Hillsborough County. With 2016 being an election year, the Civil Process Section was proud to support the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections by preparing and swearing in poll workers for their responsibilities.

Serving Our Community:
The men and women of the COD are very proud to be involved in many HCSO sponsored charitable events. In 2016, the 7th Annual Holiday Toy Drive for the Children’s Justice Center (CJC) was held. The CJC provides supervised parental visitation services for children of all ages involved in the court system. 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. The COD personnel purchased, wrapped and delivered toys and gifts to over 130 children (the majority of which are age 12 or younger). These innocent and very appreciative children may otherwise not experience the joys and memories associated with the Christmas holidays, if not for this special event.

The COD was highly involved in the 2016 Annual Lynn Sowers Bowl-A-Thon. The COD had seven bowling teams that participated in this 11th annual event, which raised over $13,000 for the Lynn Sowers Memorial Foundation. This high participation level was credited to Deputy James Tuggle, who coordinated the event for the COD. Special thanks and recognition was also given to the seven COD teams that participated in the event.

In March 2016, Deputy Cindy Baskett-Wagner organized a raffle fundraiser to benefit Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). The donations netted $1,174.00 for the Walk Like MADD event. These are just a few of the community events that were supported by the Court Operations Division.
Serving the Community

Sergeant Preston Hollis
Praying with Children

Gee Family Farms Pumpkin Patch

Deputies Serving Meals to Disabled Veterans
at the James A. Haley Veteran’s Hospital

Corporal Jeremy Davis
Rescued Blind Fawn

Deputy Amy Pinner Morton
Girl Could Not Part Ways

Deputy Helping Individual

Good Samaritan Mission
Community Enrichment Grant

The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office is entrusted with giving back to the community and believes that criminal should pay to help with that endeavor. For these reasons, funds seized from criminal activity are made available to enhance our community. Directors or officers from non-profit 501-C organizations apply for funds, through a grant application, to improve parks, community buildings, recreational areas and equipment, as well as projects that encourage community involvement. In 2016, a total of $25,000 was given to 18 different organizations.

HCSO Charities, Inc.

The HCSO Charities, Inc. was established in 2000 as the private, not-for-profit charitable arm of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Since its inception, HCSO Charities has 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.

The HCSO Inshore Fishing Tournament raised over $20,000 to benefit the Judeo Christian Health Clinic.

Sheriff David Gee’s Sporting Clays Shoot Out, hosted at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, raised approximately $12,500 benefitting Cristo Rey Tampa High School and USO of Central Florida to help support military families.
### Part 1 Crimes for 2008 - 2016

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Traffic Crashes 2003-2016
Unincorporated Hillsborough County

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Unincorporated Hillsborough County
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Argote Jr, Luis A
Bales, John A
Ball, Susan I
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Bohn, Scott D
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Dorta, Anthony
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Ferlita, Kathy J
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Forsythe, Delores R
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Fly, James G
Gale, Marian
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George, Sylvia A
Gil, Kenneth M
Greco, Alfred J
Grow, Margaret L
Gudzak, Christopher L
Hajj, Lynne A
Hamilton, Fawn
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Hernandez, Juan A
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Vidal, Patricia L
Walker, Regina F
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Whaley, Judith E
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Yangco, Rolendia F
Zoller, Stephen A

In Remembrance
Albano, Sam C
Barrera, Ronaldo Arturo
Kotfila, John R
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Tampa, FL 33619
813-247-0234

Jail Division III
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1201 N. Orient Road
Tampa, FL 33619
813-247-8460
Dear Officer,

I want you to know that I see you.

I see you choose the booth in the restaurant that allows you to have your back against the wall.

I see you walking to your next traffic stop while you hope that it isn’t your last.

I see you pulled over, two hours past your shift, as you finish your reports under a street light.

I see you as you direct traffic in the scorching heat, the gusting snow, and the downpour of rain.

I see you being filmed every time you try to do your job.

I see you as you watch mainstream media crucify your character while minimizing your cause.

I see that you are tired.

I see that you are frustrated and misunderstood.

I see that you are hurting as the world watches you bury your brothers and sisters that died because they were guilty of one thing; wearing a uniform with a badge.

I see you.

I see that you are flesh and bones just like me.

I see that you are a human being who has a heart that beats for your calling to serve and protect.

I see your cause and I want you to know that I appreciate it.

- Author Unknown