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Current City Council & Mayor



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Founded in 1922, Groveland consists of about 55 square miles with 6,600 acres of open water. Groveland is located in central Florida and borders Clermont and Mascotte in Lake County. It is situated just 35 miles from Walt Disney World and about 33 miles west of Orlando. For July 2021, Groveland's population estimate is 20,398.

Groveland is experiencing rapid growth. Its population has nearly tripled in the past 12 years, and city leaders have embarked on a strategic plan to intentionally shape the community's future growth. The city has been successful attracting industry with the location of a Kroger facility that employs 800 people. In addition, Groveland is also home to Cherry Lake, a former citrus farm and now one of the country's largest ornamental tree nurseries with 1,800 acres. The City of Groveland and Backyard Farm Express collaborate on an aquaponic farm raising both fish and vegetables in a soil-less system.

Groveland is garnering attention for its safety, diversity, affordability, rural lifestyle, and natural beauty. The city has 11 parks with a centerpiece waterfront park at Lake David complete with an amphitheater, splash pad, skate park, boat ramp, boardwalk, sports courts, a playground, historic Works Progress Administrations (WPA) building and walking trails.

In February 2022, The City of Groveland celebrated its 100th anniversary of incorporation with several events at Lake David Park. In June 2022, the Community and Economic Development Department published a Strategic Plan that sets a vision for the City of Groveland for the next 10 years. A strategic priority is cultivating an eco-agrarian lifestyle that connects Groveland residents and visitors with nature and each other.

While the City of Groveland is fast becoming a premier city, Groveland continues to maintain a reputation as the 'City with Natural Charm.'

Chief's Message



It is an honor to be working with the City of Groveland and to be leading its Police Department. This report is one of which we are very proud, it is our 2022 Annual Report, and I hope that everyone who reads it takes as much pride in their police department as I do. We have come a long way, and I am excited as we move forward, and continue our efforts to be the best police department in Central Florida.

Groveland continues to grow leaps and bounds and with such growth comes many complexities and strains. I am thankful for a Mayor, City Council, and City Manager, who recognize the essential nature of the police department's mission and supports us with the tools necessary to maintain the high level of excellence Groveland deserves.

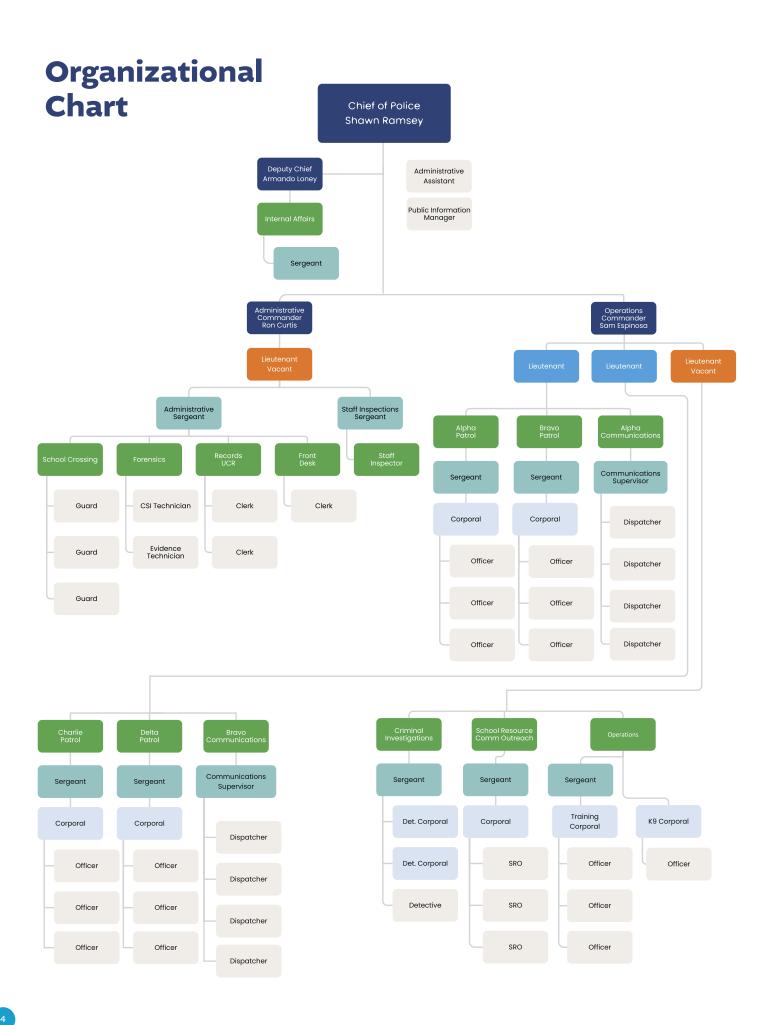
2022 marked our one-year anniversary of moving into the City of Groveland Public Safety Complex. Two hurricanes struck the Florida Peninsula, prompting us to activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located inside the Public Safety Complex twice for several days. In addition, we launched an additional toy drive event that enabled us to collect toys for more than 100 families during the holiday season.

Please take a moment to read our 2022 Annual Report. You will see how the Police Department has adjusted to growth, how it has grown itself and how the City of Groveland is a resilient community where the neighbor-helping-neighbor model is implemented by not only citizens, but also the staff of this department. This report highlights how members of the Groveland Police Department, alongside members of their community, kept Groveland, the City with Natural Charm, safe in 2022.

Sincerely,

Police Chief Shawn Ramsey

Chief Show Planey



Core Values



Professionalism

We value professionalism and represent it with every action, and every word, in all of our daily behaviors.



Integrity

We value integrity and ensure that the integrity of our members is beyond reproach.



Compassion

We value compassion, we are emotionally intelligent, and have empathy and strength for those in need.



Respect

We value respect and we treat everyone we encounter, serve, and protect with respect.



Diversity

We value diversity in our daily work and we work hard to make sure our department represents the members of our community. Diversity brings different ideas and opportunities to a police department.



Inclusion

We value inclusion because a police department cannot practice community policing alone, everyone must be included and represented and work together to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime.

City of Groveland Vision & Mission Statement

Vision

Groveland is a collection of towns, villages, and hamlets interweaving a diversity of people into an eco-agrarian landscape, embodying the following core values:

Connectivity, Vitality, Knowledge, and Heart.

Mission

The City of Groveland is an ecosystem intentionally connecting safety, service, and innovation to support a vibrant welcoming community with natural charm.













Current Command Staff







Shawn RamseyChief of Police

Armando LoneyDeputy Chief

Ron Curtis

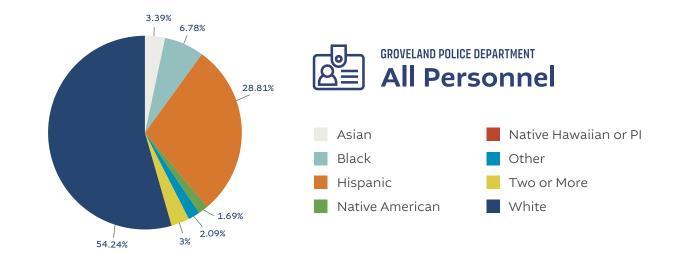
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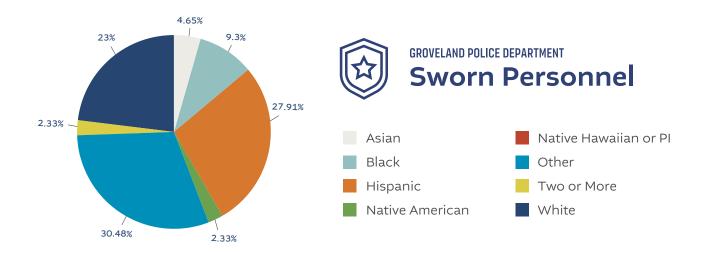
Bureau Commander

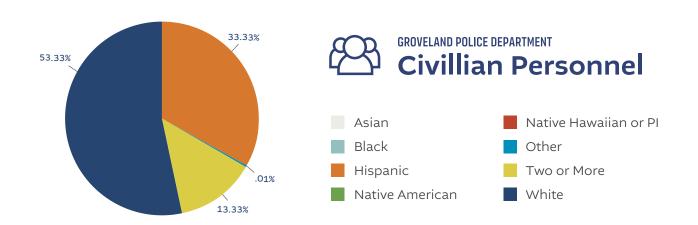




Groveland Police Demographics





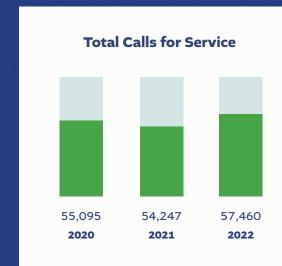


Communications Division

The Communications Division is responsible for providing telecommunications knowledge, skills and abilities in support of the patrol division and other aspects of the Groveland Police Department.

Members perform duties which include but are not limited to the following:

- Answer 911 telephone calls and non-emergency phone lines.
- · Dispatch calls to on-duty patrol units.
- Use NCIC/FCIC to determine the status of persons and things.





Professional Standards



Alicia Menendez
Sergeant - Community
Outreach, I/A, School
Resource Officers



Armando Loney

Deputy Chief

When a supervisor determines that formal investigation of a member's performance or actions is necessary, said investigation shall be accomplished through the department's internal investigation process. Internal Affairs investigates certain complaints filed against members and performs other investigative tasks at the direction of the Chief of Police or his designee.

Sgt. Alicia Menendez and the members of Professional Standards work all of GPD's internal investigations to maintain the integrity of GPD.

2022	Personnel Complaints
3	Willful Violation of Rules
4	Use of Profanity/Vulgarity
2	Careless Handling of Police Vehicle
1	Harassment
11	Miscellaneous Complaint
21	Totals

Disciplinary Actions Taken

Letter of Counseling	
Suspension of 1-5 Days	
Removed/Restricted from Specialty Units for 1-year	



Accreditation

The Groveland Police Department received accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) in June of 2021.

The summary and recommendation from the formal assessment team said in part: "The Groveland Police Department is an inspiring agency. The overall feeling among its members was that the agency is more of a family than just a place to go to work...members describe



their chief as one who is very much involved and genuinely cares about the agency's mission and its future. More than one member expressed that accreditation 'was a long time coming' and they are all excited that it's finally time."

In order to receive accreditation, a team of assessors from the CFA examines all aspects of the Groveland Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. GPD is required to comply with approximately 250 standards. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, and safety issues.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors reviewed written materials, interviewed individuals and witnessed compliance.

Accreditation is valid for 3 years. The next accreditation assessment will take place in Q1 of 2024.

- On-site assessment March 1, 2021
- GPD to comply with 250 standards
- Assessors will review written materials

- Interview individuals
- Witness Compliance
- Accreditation is valid for 3 years once earned













On March 12, 2021, the City of Groveland held a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting for the Public Safety Complex located at 6825 State Road 50 in Groveland, Florida.

The 33,000 s.f. two story building houses the Groveland Police Department, the Groveland Fire Department administration, fire station #1, Lake EMS, and the Community Development Department which includes Planning, Zoning and the Building Department.

The Public Safety Complex features four bays for apparatus, a four console dispatch center, secured intake, an evidence department and also serves as the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC serves as an area for strategic direction and operational decisions for the community in times of emergency, allowing personnel to communicate well with the county and surrounding jurisdictions.

Before the Public Safety Complex opened, both the police and fire departments were located in buildings that dated back to the 1960s; one serving as a bunker and the other as the city barn.









Community Outreach

Community Outreach engages in public relations and community service activities and events to promote a positive image for the department and to build cooperative and collaborative relationships with the community.

The Groveland Public Safety Community Outreach team includes both the Groveland Police Department and the Groveland Fire Department.

GPD's Community Outreach Sergeant also assumes command of the Groveland Police Explorers.









Community Outreach Events

January 2022

- · City Event Cultural Food Festival
- · Farmers Market

February 2022

• (2) City Centennial Celebration

March 2022

- (2) City Centennial Celebration
- Farmers Market
- · Kickball Charity Event
- Publix Event
- South Lake High School Recruitment Presentation

April 2022

- Hope Basketball Game and Ribbon Cutting
- Farmers Market
- Easter Egg Hunt
- City Centennial Celebration
- · April Career Expo Lake Tech

May 2022

- Farmers Market
- Memorial Ceremony
- Find Feed and Restore Event Fundraiser
- Recruit Event at Lake Tech IPS
- · Family Movie Night
- Law Enforcement Torch Run

June 2022

- Pancakes with Public Safety
- ACE Hardware Event
- Library Book Reading Event
- Thrive Summer Pop-Up

July 2022

- Christmas in July
- 4th Independence Day City Event
- Back to School Backpack Bash
- Mentor juveniles at the Hope Academy

August 2022

- Blood Drive Event
- Back to School Movie Night

September 2022

- Hot Dog Social
- Hurricane Donations and relief (Multi Agency)

October 2022

- Trunk or Treat city event
- National Night Out
- Pink Car Event Carroll Fulmer Logistics Corporation
- Trilogy Pink Event
- Farmers Market/Sell Shirts
- Pink Car Breast Cancer Awareness Event

November 2022

Veterans Day Event

November – December 2022

 City Parks Basketball Team Coaching

December 2022

- Christmas Parade
- · Christmas Toy Drive
- · Trilogy Golf Cart Parade
- Santa Christmas Parade Cherry Lake Landing
- First Responder
 Basketball Game SLHS
- Shop with a Cop with LCSO Charities
- Shop with a Hero Event Clermont Police Department

Police Explorer Scout Troop Activity

- · Groveland Police Explorers held multiple fundraisers this year
- Raised \$5,000 to donate to Florida Missing Children's Day
- The explorers stayed in a hotel in Tallahassee and attended the Florida Missing Children's Day presentation as a Advocate sponsor
- Participated in 30 Training Meetings
- Participated in 15 major Community Events







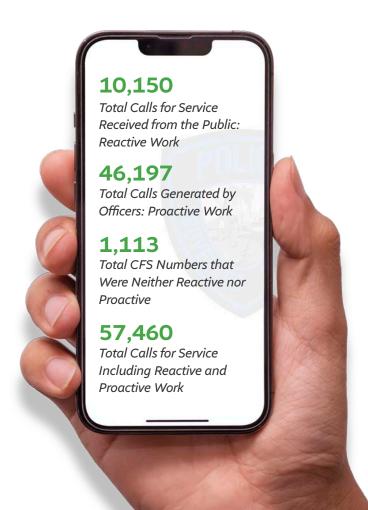




Uniform Patrol

It is the primary responsibility of law enforcement, and therefore the primary responsibility of the Groveland Police Department, to protect life and property. In its efforts to effectively carry out the duties associated with that primary responsibility, it is necessary for law enforcement personnel, more specifically patrol and dispatch, to be continuously available within the City of Groveland and to operate on a 24/7 basis. The patrol division is divided into four (4) alphabetically enumerated squads; A, B, C, and D. Patrol includes four sergeants and four corporals with a squad of police officers who are supported by the traffic unit officers and the canine officer while working road patrol.

Calls for Service Summary (2022)



Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit uses specialized training, knowledge, skills, and abilities to enforce traffic laws and ordinances. On-duty members respond to all traffic crash scenes and assume the investigations from patrol units. They operate motorcycles for patrol purposes and investigate traffic homicides.

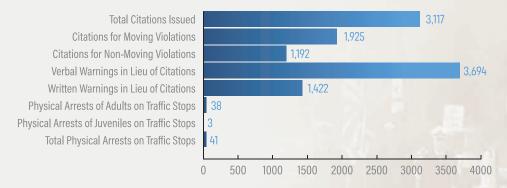
Members perform tasks which include but are not limited to the following:

- Investigate traffic crashes involving a death or serious bodily injury where death is possible
- Conduct follow-up investigation on all hit and run crashes
- Use information from the community to identify roadways in need of traffic enforcement
- Participate in statewide safety campaigns including Click It or Ticket, Best Foot Forward and Over the Limit, Under Arrest
- Conducting dignitary and other escorts
- Managing all special traffic operations

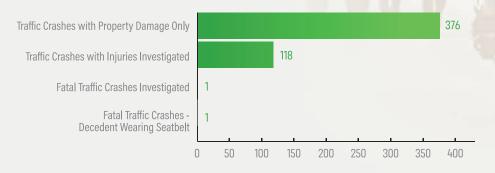




Total Traffic Stops (11,350)



Total Traffic Crashes Investigated (495)



Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division investigates major crimes against persons and major property crimes. Members respond to crime scenes to investigate when notified by a patrol supervisor and/or cases are forwarded to the division supervisor by patrol for follow-up investigations.



Sergeant



Sergeant
Christine Boodhoo
Criminal Investigations Unit

Members perform tasks which include but are not limited to the following:

- Investigate thefts, burglaries, frauds, forgeries, vehicle thefts, aggravated assaults, aggravated batteries, stalking, homicide and missing persons.
- Write thorough felony case reports for presentation to the State Attorney.
- Gather all documentation for arrest cases made by patrol; review the material and submit a completed case file to the State Attorney.



Corporal
Alexander Jarrell
Criminal Investigations Unit



Corporal
Hunter Stellinga
Criminal Investigations Unit

Felony
Investigations (2022)

Arrest - 9

Unfounded - 23

Warrant Request - 7

Active/Inactive - 86

CID Felony Investigations
Total Cases 2022: 125

CID Misdemeanor Investigations
Total Cases 2022: 9

CID Miscellaneous Investigations
Total Cases 2022: 10







Training Unit

The Training Unit provides in-service training to members of the department. Training includes but is not limited to:

- Florida Department of Law Enforcement required training regarding Mandatory Retraining, Use of Force, and Taser®
- Agency Training Scheduling and Registration
- Criminal Justice Standards and Training's (CJSTC) Mandatory and Salary Incentive Program
- Advanced and Specialized Training courses for Specialized Units including but not limited to:
 - Motors
 - Canine
 - Field Training Officers
 - Crime Analysis
 - Breath Test Operators
 - Radar Operators
 - Truth Verification Operators
 - FCIC/NCIC operators
 - Instructor certifications
- · Patrol related training
- Field Training Program
- Maintenance of all training records including but not limited to:
 - Certifications
 - Re-certification, DMS
 - Other related records and documents









Sergeant
Norman Zimmel
Recruitment/Training



K-9 & Drone Unit

Members of the K-9 & Drone Unit are specifically trained to work with specially trained canines. The K-9 Unit at the Groveland Police Department uses a tracking dog that is also trained in narcotics detection.

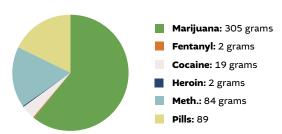
Members perform tasks which include but are not limited to the following:

- Track fleeing criminals and missing persons.
- Search for and locate drugs in vehicles and structures.
- Perform search and rescue operations.

2022 Total Arrests

117

Narcotics & Pills Located



Unmanned Aircraft System Operations (Drone)

It is the policy of the Groveland Police Department that only duly trained and authorized GPD personnel may deploy an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) when such use is appropriate in the performance of official duties.

All deployments of UAS shall be authorized by command level personnel and meet in state and federal legal and regulatory compliance. UAS may be used for the following purposes, which may be updated as necessary:

- · Situational awareness
- · Search and rescue
- Tactical deployment
- Visual perspective
- Scene documentation
- GPD assistance
- Public demonstration
- Training





Joshua Aponte
Officer - K-9
& Drone Unit



K-9 Polo





Special Response Team

The Special Response Team consists of an elite team of officers trained to handle threatening situations that fall outside the capabilities of patrol officers. The Special Response Team is called in when significant risk to law enforcement officers or the public is present in any given situation. SRT is primarily used in high-risk, unusual situations.

Members perform tasks which include but are not limited to the following:

- · Serve high-risk search and arrest warrants.
- · Respond to unusual occurrences, including:
 - Barricaded subjects.
 - Sniper situations.
 - Dignitary protection.







School Resource Unit

Members of the School Resource Unit are specifically trained to work in the educational environment and with children. In 2020, the Groveland Police Department expanded the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program from one SRO to four. The School Resource Officer Program now provides full-time, on-site police services for South Lake High School, Cecil E. Gray Middle School and Groveland Elementary School. Two SROs are assigned at South Lake High School, one at Gray Middle School and one at Groveland Elementary School.





School Related Employee of the Year 2023-2024

Congratulations

Officers assigned as School Resource Officers are primarily responsible to patrol their assigned school and respond appropriately to any information/situation they are presented with.

Members perform tasks which include but are not limited to the following:

- Patrol the school campus.
- Identify and address safety concerns.
- Control all traffic and school buses in and around the immediate area of the campus.
- Interact with the community's youth to have a positive impact and take part in after school youth activities and other school events.





Click here to watch Spectrum News 13's human interest story featuring one of our SROs!





William Urbanowski
CSI/ Evidence Technician

The Crime Scene Unit performs advanced technical work in crime scene investigation. Work involves processing of scenes, photography, evidence identification and collection with associated report preparation.

Members perform tasks which include but are not limited to the following:

- Conduct crime scene investigations.
- Photograph and video record crime scenes and vehicle collision scenes.
- Collect and preserve physical evidence at crime scenes.
- Process evidence once taken back to the lab.

Total: 3,146

Intake: 962

Evidence: 2,936

Found Property: 80

Safekeeping: 80

Destroyed: 727

Drugs Destroyed: 120lbs **Confiscated Weapons:** 30

Guns Destroyed: 12

Crime Scenes Processed: 11

Records Requests Processed: 645





Staffing Information

The Groveland Police Department is responsible for the enforcement of State criminal and traffic laws and City ordinances. The department also carries out all criminal, fraud, narcotics, and crime scene investigations and addresses areas of community concern. GPD also provides certified school crossing guards to ensure safe passage for children walking to and from school. GPD continually maintains all statistical reporting requirements using local and State agency databases and ensures the transfer of report files to the State Attorney's Office and the Courts.

Staffing/personnel:

58 full-time personnel

Sworn officers:

43

Civilian personnel:

45

Unpaid reserve officers:

1 currently employed

Unpaid reserve officers:

1 currently employed

Part-time paid crossing guards:

3 currently employed



Awards & Accomplishments

It is the policy of the Groveland Police Department to recognize all members and citizens coming to our attention that have acted in an exemplary fashion exceeding the normal expectations and/or requirements of their job or responsibility.

Member of the Quarter



Cpl. Russel Pena - Traffic Enforcement Supervisor



In May 2022, GPD Administrative Bureau Commander Ron Curtis graduated from the nationally recognized Southern Police Institute (SPI) Administrative Officers Course, one of the most prestigious executive law enforcement management schools available.



2022 United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties (UWLS) Star of Service Award & 2022 (ICN) Challenged Champions and Heroes Champion Leadership Award: Public Safety Director/Police Chief Shawn Ramsey



Sgt. Christine Boodhoo

In 2022, the following members received a bachelor's degree: Lt. Sammy Anderson, Lt. Marcio Cardoso, and Sgt. Christine Boodhoo. Sgt. Boodhoo also received the Order of the Lakehawk award from Lake-Sumter State College. The award is the most prestigious and significant honor that a student may recieve and up to five students are selected from each graduating class.



Lt. Sammy Anderson



Lt. Marcio Cardoso

2022 Anniversaries

Name / Anniversary Date

Name / Anniversary	Name / Anniversary Date			
Alexander Jarrell	11/12/2019			
Ali Mackey	2/15/2021			
Alicia Menendez	12/2/2013			
Alvin Silverio	1/18/2022			
Andrew Auld	4/25/2003			
Armando Loney	3/20/2017			
Brandon Casimiro	1/18/2022			
Brittany Hendricks	3/28/2022			
Candida Laflamme	3/7/2017			
Christine Boodhoo	5/15/2017			
Christopher Votour	10/14/2019			
Derek Johnson	11/23/2020			
Devon Menear	7/25/2019			
Erica Schrader	4/27/2021			
Evelyn Barrientos	3/23/2020			
Heather Vinson	10/1/2014			
Hope Reyes	9/20/2004			
Hunter Stellinga	11/12/2019			
Iris Vasquez	12/11/2006			
Jack Gunter	5/15/2006			
James Eastridge	12/5/2022			
JanPaul Oramas	7/18/2022			
Jared Souders	7/18/2022			
Jeffrey Maves	1/25/2021			
Jessica Cool	3/1/2021			
Jessica Osborne	1/30/2023			
Jessica Revels	3/14/2022			
Jevaughn Hewitt	10/24/2022			
John Rigdon	6/28/2011			

Joseph Everett Joshua Aponte Joshua Somers Kayla Archbell Kevin Christie Kimberly Noone Kurtis Clark Lamarr Howell Landis Delp Larry Mowery Luis Gonzalez Marcio Cardoso Michael Ricci Norman Zimmel Oscar Palma Ronald Curtis Ronald Rodriguez Russel Pena Ryan Ochmanski Sammy Anderson Sarah Panko Shawn Ramsey Stephen Wilson Tara Lawson Travis Mcgee Trevor Brown

Vincent Richardson

William Urbanowski

Zahiryd Lugo

3/27/2023 10/23/2017 10/23/2017 10/1/2018 8/8/2016 3/19/2018 7/3/2017 3/23/2020 10/23/2006 12/10/2003 9/12/2016 3/1/2004 10/10/2011 5/1/2006 10/15/2018 1/22/2018 11/12/2019 8/17/2020 9/6/2017 3/7/2012 7/6/2020 3/20/2017 7/25/2019 5/23/2017 5/15/2017 6/21/2022 4/26/2021 4/16/2006 11/13/2017









2022 New Hires

Name	Anniversary
Alvin Silverio	1/18/2022
Brandon Casimiro	1/18/2022
Brittany Hendricks	3/28/2022
James Eastridge	12/5/2022
JanPaul Oramas	7/18/2022
Jared Souders	7/18/2022
Jessica Revels	3/14/2022
Jevaughn Hewitt	10/24/2022

2022 Promotions

Assignment
Sergeant
Dispatcher Supervisor
Records Supervisor
Corporal
Sergeant
Corporal
Corporal
Corporal
Corporal





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Non-Emergency: 352-429-4166

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