

# 2023



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# ANNUAL REPORT





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.

The **vision** of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is to provide effective, efficient, and professional law enforcement, detention, and court services while maintaining the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and community service.

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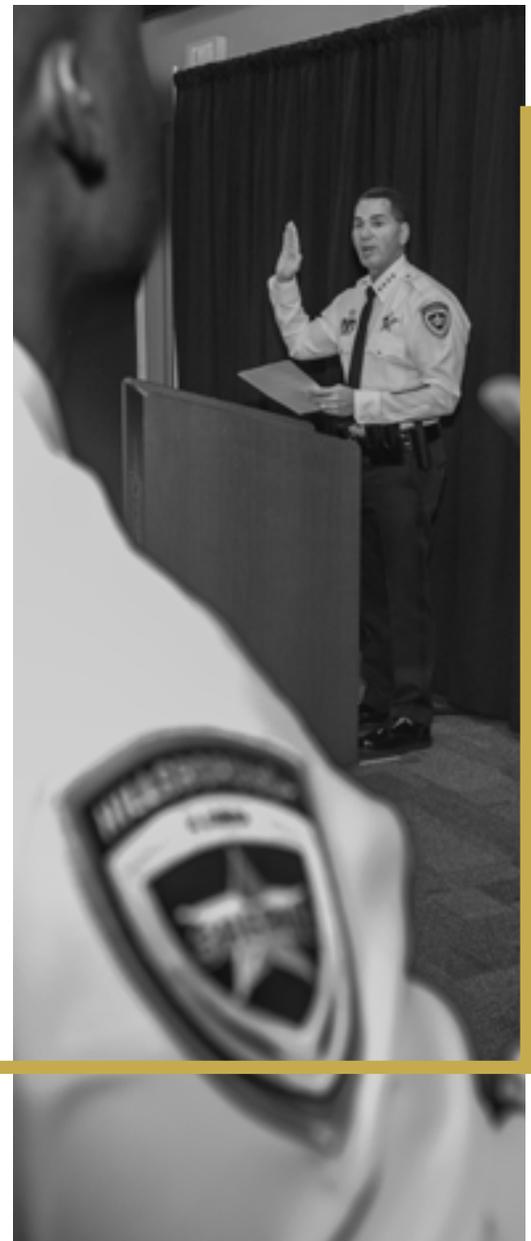
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# SHERIFF CHAD CHRONISTER



*A veteran law enforcement officer, Sheriff Chad Chronister has served with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office for the past 31 years. He has a Bachelor and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy's 260th Session.*

*He became the top law enforcement officer in Hillsborough County on September 30, 2017, upon his appointment by Governor Rick Scott, and twice re-elected by the citizens of Hillsborough County.*

*Sheriff Chronister has exemplified service above self, reduced crime, has remained focused on community policing, and furthering a culture of diversity and inclusion at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.*

*For these efforts and many others, he has received numerous commendations and awards, including the University of South Florida President's Fellow Medallion, 2023 Housing and Education Alliance HEART for the Homeless Award, 2023 NAACP Walter Moses Burton Unsung Hero Award, the inaugural 2023 Sheriff's Hispanic Advisory Council Spirit of Community Award, recognized as the 2022 Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay Great Futures honoree, the Boy Scouts of America's 2022 Distinguished Citizen Award, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Memorial Commemoration Committee's 2020 Robert W. Saunders Award for Distinguished Community Service in the furtherance of Human Rights and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay's 2020 Hispanic Prestige Award.*

*He is Co-Chairman of the Regional Domestic Security Task Force for Region IV Tampa Bay, Council Member of the Florida Attorney General's Statewide Council on Human Trafficking and Chairman of the Criminal Justice Sub-Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Hillsborough County Public Safety Coordinating Council, Vice-Chairman of Hillsborough County Public Schools Citizen Oversight Committee, and appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Florida Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council.*

*Sheriff Chronister values partnerships, community outreach, training, and professionalism. He remains dedicated to advancing the Sheriff's Office with a commitment to implementing technology advancements to better serve the public and keep deputies safe.*

*He praises his family, faith and grandfather, a World War II decorated Marine, for instilling his passion and selfless service for others. Sheriff Chronister is married to Nikki DeBartolo, has two sons, and credits his success to their love, sacrifice and support.*

Biography as of December 2023

## DEAR RESIDENTS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY,

I am truly honored to serve this tremendous community and lead such a diverse group of men and women at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. When I reflect on 2023, I see a year marked by countless triumphs, not just in crime prevention, but in building trust, fostering a sense of belonging, and living up to the values that define who we are.

With such a prevalent growth in population, our crime rate has impressively decreased by eight percent in 2023. This accomplishment affirms our commitment to proactive law enforcement and strategic community engagement.

As teamHCSO puts emphasis on innovation and technology, we've continued to evolve as an agency. From our state-of-the-art Firearms Lab that allows us to analyze weapons used in crimes quicker to new programs in our jail aimed at recidivism, we're constantly

evaluating new ways to enhance safety in our community.

When permitless carry was announced to be signed into law in July, I dedicated more than \$100,000 for our residents to have gun safety education classes provided free-of-charge from Shooters World. These classes were vital in promoting safe, responsible gun ownership, reducing accidental discharges, injuries, and fatalities. We also provided free gun trigger locks for safe storage as part of this initiative.

When I became Sheriff back in 2017, I promised to build on community our robust community partnerships. With strategic partnerships in our Boys & Girls Clubs, Gentlemen's Quest, the PACE Center for Girls, and School Resource Deputies in our schools, we're able to connect with our youth while empowering them to accomplish their goals.



As you turn the pages of this report, let it not just be a record of statistics and figures, but a testament to the extraordinary effort of our HCSO family. It's because of your commitment and dedication that our Sheriff's Office continues to thrive, prevent, and reduce crime. This community is fortunate to have such devoted professionals who work tirelessly throughout our county to keep us all safe. I am grateful that you are a part of our HCSO family.

I am looking forward to what's on the horizon in 2024 – let 2023 serve as a springboard for success, growth, and opportunity. I am excited to see what this next chapter holds for us all.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Chad Chronister

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SHERIFF  
CHAD CHRONISTER



# HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



**CHIEF DEPUTY**  
JOSEPH MAURER

## ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

### DEPARTMENT OF PATROL SERVICES



**COLONEL**  
MICHAEL HANNAFORD



DISTRICT I

**MAJOR**  
JAMES JACKSON



DISTRICT II

**MAJOR**  
RICK ROEBUCK



DISTRICT III

**MAJOR**  
CRAIG TIMKO



DISTRICT IV

**MAJOR**  
DENNIS FOGARTY



DISTRICT V

**MAJOR**  
NIKKI BOSLEY

### DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES



**COLONEL**  
CHRIS RULE



CRIMINAL  
INVESTIGATIONS  
DIVISION

**MAJOR**  
LEONARD RASCHKE



FORENSIC AND  
SUPPORT SERVICES  
DIVISION

**MAJOR**  
CHRIS BAUMANN



SPECIAL  
INVESTIGATIONS  
DIVISION

**MAJOR**  
MAYRA RIVERA

### DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION SERVICES



**COLONEL**  
ROBERT URA



JAIL DIVISION I

**MAJOR**  
TIFFAME COLE



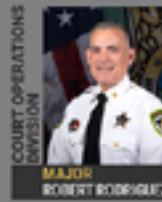
JAIL DIVISION II

**MAJOR**  
CEDRIC BATTLE



JAIL DIVISION III

**MAJOR**  
KAMANNA BROWN



COURT OPERATIONS  
DIVISION

**MAJOR**  
ROBERT RODRIGUEZ

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DEPUTY, ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS



LEGAL

**CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL**  
APRIL K. SHELMAN



**SHERIFF**  
CHAD CHRONISTER



**CHIEF DEPUTY**  
THOMAS ST. JOHN

## SUPPORT OPERATIONS

### DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT



**COLONEL**  
ANTHONY COLLINS



COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH DIVISION



HOMELAND SECURITY  
DIVISION



TRAINING DIVISION



**MAJOR**  
DAVID ARTHUR

### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



**COLONEL**  
FRANK LOSAT



PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
OFFICE



**CHIEF COMM. OFFICER**  
AMANDA GRANT



FINANCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION



**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
WILLIAM SPINELLI



INFORMATION  
SERVICES DIVISION



**CHIEF INFO. OFFICER**  
ANDREA HARTMAN

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DEPUTY, SUPPORT OPERATIONS



HUMAN RESOURCES  
DIVISION



**CHIEF HR OFFICER**  
MICHELE HAMILTON



GENERAL SERVICES  
& FACILITY OPERATIONS



**CHIEF OF GENERAL OPS.**  
STEPHEN MITCHELL



OCCUPATIONAL  
HEALTH CLINIC



**CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**  
DR. TONI BELISLE

# CHIEF DEPUTIES



2023 saw unprecedented growth at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, paving the way for the creation of two Chief Deputy positions for the first time in history.



## CHIEF DEPUTY JOSEPH MAURER

*Chief Deputy Joseph Maurer assumed the role of Chief Deputy, Enforcement Operations, in June 2023. He oversees the Department of Detention Services, Department of Patrol Services, and the Department of Investigative Services.*

*Chief Deputy Joseph Maurer began his career with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in 2007. He has served in many areas of the Sheriff's Office including Patrol, Street Crimes, Criminal Investigations Division and Professional Standards Section. Chief Deputy Maurer has served in supervisory roles including Field Training Supervisor, Professional Standards Section, District Patrol Shift Commander, the Tampa Bay Regional Intelligence Center, Deputy District Commander, Special Investigations Division Commander and the Colonel*

*of the Department of Patrol Services.*

*Chief Deputy Maurer is a combat veteran of the United States Army, where he served as a Non-Commissioned Officer and Officer in the Infantry and Intelligence Branches. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Economic Crime and Fraud Management from Utica College. Currently, Chief Deputy Maurer is a Doctoral Candidate of Public Administration at California Baptist University.*

*Chief Deputy Maurer is proud of his Hispanic heritage and is fluent in the Spanish language. Chief Deputy Maurer and his wife Indira have five children.*



## CHIEF DEPUTY THOMAS ST. JOHN

*Chief Deputy Thomas St. John assumed his role of Chief Deputy, Support Operations, in March 2023. He oversees the Department of Administrative Services, Department of Operational Support, General Services and Facility Operations, Human Resources Division, and the Occupational Health Clinic.*

*Chief Deputy St. John began his career in law enforcement in 1993, serving as a deputy with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office before joining the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in 1994.*

*Chief Deputy St. John has held numerous positions throughout his career, most of which were in covert and latent investigative capacities. He has been assigned to positions with street crimes, economic crimes, and special investigations.*

*Chief Deputy St. John has been a Field Training supervisor, Intelligence Unit detective/supervisor, Narcotics Section detective/supervisor, Community Outreach Division supervisor, and Professional Standards Section supervisor.*

*He is also a graduate of the 10th Executive Leadership Course with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute.*

*Chief Deputy St. John holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Leo University. He also serves on the executive board for HCSO Charities Inc. and is a board member for More Health Inc. A Massachusetts native and resident of Hillsborough County since 1981, he is married with four children.*



# DEPARTMENT OF PATROL SERVICES

Comprised of five patrol districts, the Behavioral Resources Unit, DUI Enforcement, and our Auto Theft Task Force, the Department of Patrol Services is resourced to quickly support and aid the community.

With more than **1.6 million** people calling Hillsborough County home, the duty of Department of Patrol Services has the unique opportunity of connecting with residents, building bonds, and shaping the future of this expanding community.

## **AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE**

Created in July, the Auto Theft Task Force was created to reduce the number of stolen vehicles in our county. The team, consisted of five deputies, five detectives, a corporal and a sergeant, covers all five districts and investigates all vehicles stolen in Hillsborough County.

### **DISTRICT I**

Located in the northern region of Hillsborough County, District I serves the residents living in an expansive area of almost 92 square miles situated north of Fowler Avenue. This district shares its boundaries with the University of South Florida, Temple Terrace, Tampa, and extends north to Pasco County.

In 2023, District I handled numerous noteworthy cases, with one of particular significance occurring in August. Deputy Jose Alonso played a pivotal role during a call for service involving a missing and endangered adult woman. The woman, having ingested an unknown

quantity of prescription medication, had fled her home, expressing intentions of self-harm. Responding deputies located the woman's vehicle, and throughout the search, Deputy Alonso devoted considerable time sitting and talking with the distressed family. Even after most units had cleared the scene and ended their search efforts, unable to locate the woman, Deputy Alonso remained on-site, continuing in the search beyond the end of his shift. His dedication led to the discovery of the woman in an unresponsive state. Deputy Alonso promptly initiated life-saving measures, awaiting the arrival of emergency medical assistance. Thanks



**COLONEL  
MICHAEL HANNAFORD**

to his exceptional care and compassion, this woman was rescued and saved from a potential overdose.

### **DISTRICT II**

District II caters to a population exceeding 192,000 residents, encompassing a vast geographic expanse. Stretching from the city limits of Tampa and Temple Terrace to the west, traversing northward to Pasco County, and extending eastward to Polk County, the district's reach also extends southward through the communities of Lithia, Keyville, Durant, Valrico, Seffner, and Nuccio Park. This extensive

coverage provides deputies in District II with a unique opportunity to engage with a spectrum of challenging and diverse cases, ranging from addressing crime concerns to actively contributing to the enhancement of community life and well-being.

2023 proved to be an exceptional year for District II in which they made a concentrated effort to reduce

violent crime. Through a series of targeted operations, the district honed in on individuals carrying illegal firearms, resulting in the confiscation of numerous weapons. This strategic intervention played a pivotal role in achieving a noteworthy accomplishment: a five percent reduction in violent persons crimes within the jurisdiction of District II.

## DISTRICT III

District III's jurisdiction encompasses the expansive northwest region of Hillsborough County, overseeing areas such as Carrollwood, Egypt Lake, Keystone, Odessa, Town 'N Country, Westchase, and the western parts of Lutz. This district covers an extensive landscape, spanning over 100 square miles.

A notable case for District III took place in March when deputies responded to a call regarding shots fired at the Princess Motel. Once on scene deputies reviewed surveillance footage that revealed a confrontation in the parking of the motel between several of the patrons.

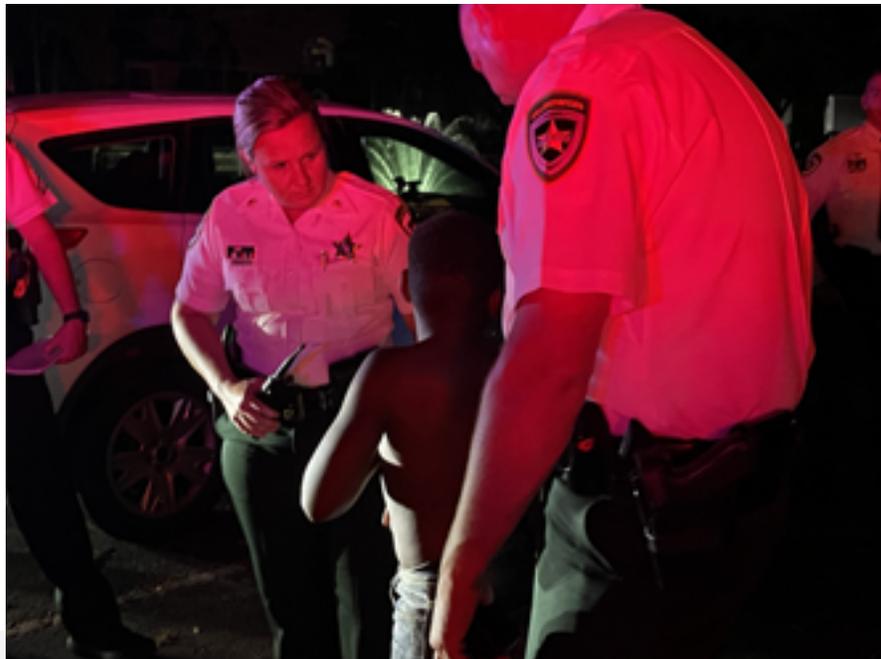
A passenger in a black Honda then proceeded to fire at least eight rounds at a Dodge Journey. Both vehicles fled from the scene. A short time later a second shooting took place on Hillsborough Avenue. Detectives began their investigation and were swiftly able to identify a potential suspect. Thanks to witnesses help they were able to locate and positively identify the shooter from a photo line up and take the individual into custody.

This case highlights District III's commitment to swift resolution of violent incidents that take place in the community.

FROM QUICK RESPONSE TIMES TO PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT, OUR PATROL UNITS SHOW DAILY THAT COMMUNITY SAFETY IS THEIR TOP PRIORITY.

SHERIFF  
CHAD CHRONISTER

**During our "Commanders Night," deputies partnered with Command Staff and patrolled as one, building community trust and team camaraderie in a night dedicated to shared safety and support.**



**Our patrol  
deputies love  
when they get  
surprise visitors!**



## ***DISTRICT IV***

District IV is located within southeastern Hillsborough County with a patrol area of over 300 square miles, including Apollo Beach, Ruskin, Wimauma and Gibsonton. Much of the land within District IV is rural. District IV has continued to see massive growth this year which contributed to the diverse cases deputies responded to this year.

One of those cases occurred between July 7 and July 10, 2023, when a liquor distribution center in Gibsonton, Florida, fell victim to a meticulously executed heist, resulting in the theft

of approximately \$1.6 million worth of liquor. Our detectives, in collaboration with the Florida Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies, swiftly responded to the incident. They identified and seized key vehicles involved in the crime, including a Kenworth semi-cab, two Wabash trailers, and a Kia Stinger.

Through rigorous investigation, the stolen liquor was traced to a storage facility in Hialeah, Florida. Over \$1.5 million worth of the stolen goods were

successfully recovered and returned to the owner. The responsible individual was apprehended and faced charges of Burglary and Grand Theft.

## ***DISTRICT V***

The District V office serves the community members within the nearly 70 square miles that make up the Bloomingdale Brandon, Clair Mel, Gran Park, Orient Park, Palm River, Progress village and Riverview areas.

District V had a busy year with many noteworthy cases, but one that highlights the dedication of the deputies took place on February 6, 2023, when members of the District V DIU were

enlisted to aid in the recovery of a stolen vehicle, uncovering a complex web of criminal activity. The theft, part of a broader pattern involving cloned ignition keys, led to the identification and arrest of two criminals Emmanuel Dourthe and Brendan Wells. Both men were involved in a multi-state drug trafficking organization and economic crimes, including identity theft and the fraudulent acquisition of luxury assets.

The investigation led to the recovery of nine vehicles valued at over \$500,000. Deputies recovered over 500 grams of Fentanyl, 700 grams of Methamphetamine, and various narcotics. Both Dourthe and Wells await trial after federal indictment on DTO charges. Ongoing collaboration with the FBI and AUSA may lead to additional suspects and charges, emphasizing District V's commitment to dismantling multi-state criminal enterprises.

# DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

### COLD CASE UNIT

40 year old homicide **SOLVED**

The suspect, living under a different alias, was located in California and extradited to Hillsborough County.

### ECONOMIC CRIMES

**2,400** case investigations

### GUNFIRE RESPONSE INVESTIGATIONS TEAM

**77** shooting investigations  
**43** firearms recovered  
**43** arrests

### SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

**2,618** case investigations

### TRAFFIC HOMICIDE

**76** traffic fatalities  
**8** felony traffic charges  
**4** fatal hit-and-run cases

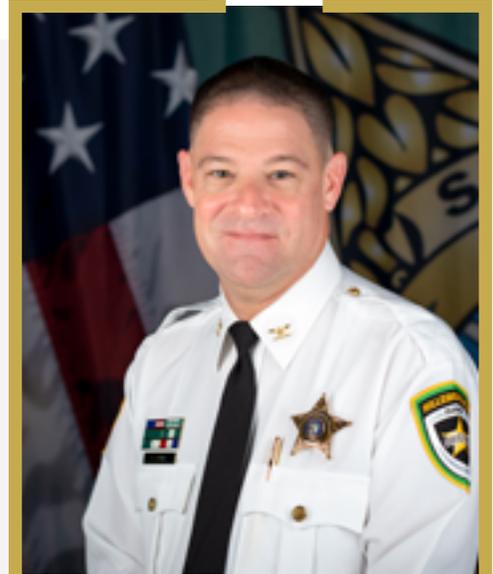
### HOMICIDE SECTION

**40** homicide investigations  
**1,300** death investigations  
**165** missing adult cases

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION  
FORENSIC AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION  
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

### **FORENSIC AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**

The Forensic and Support Services Division was formed in July 2023. The division is made up of the Evidence Section, DUI Enforcement, Fusion Center, Behavioral Resources Unit, Crime Scene Section, Fingerprint Section, Forensic Print Section, Firearms Section, and the Digital Evidence Section. There will also be a Biology/DNA and Chemistry Section in the future.



**COLONEL  
CHRIS RULE**

### **EVIDENCE SECTION**

In 2023:

**MANAGED**  
more than  
**730,000** items

**RECEIVED**  
more than  
**90,000** items  
NEW RECORD FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD

**REMOVED**  
**89,456** items  
from  
inventory

**DESTROYED**  
nearly  
**5 TONS** of drug  
or drug related material

### **FUSION CENTER**

Due to an increase in illegal street takeovers involving a large number of vehicles closing down intersections and impeding traffic, the Fusion Center dedicated resources to combat these events. During the operations, numerous arrests were made, firearms recovered, and vehicles seized.

Also in 2023, the Fusion Center was contacted by a large retail partner within Hillsborough County after they had identified a group stealing power tools and other items from several stores within Hillsborough and surrounding counties. The analyst was able to identify social media accounts and

other relevant information to support the criminal investigation. The investigation ended with an arrest of a pastor of a church who was believed to be responsible for over \$1 million dollars in losses to the retail partners.



## **BEHAVIORAL RESOURCE UNIT**

In 2023, Homeless Initiative Deputies made 2,061 individual contacts with at-risk members of Hillsborough County's homeless population. As a result of the BRU and collaborative community efforts, 849 homeless camps were dismantled, 661 homeless persons were provided food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, transportation, social services, mental health, and or substance abuse counseling.

Behavioral Health Deputies and Licensed Clinicians reviewed and conducted follow-ups on 3,921 Baker Acts and 976 Marchman Acts for referral to services that were initiated by Law Enforcement Deputies. Behavioral Health Deputies and Licensed Clinicians prepared 230 Risk Protection Order Requests and conducted follow-up investigations on 444 Risk Protection Order Extensions for the removal of firearms from mentally ill persons.

In 2023, HCSO Victim Specialists have contacted 2,254 victims and of those, 512 accepted support and advocacy services.

## **FORENSIC SERVICES BUREAU**

In January 2023, the FSB opened a full-service Firearms section. In addition to the NIBIN service, we now perform definitive comparison analysis on firearms and gun related items (bullets, cartridge cases, etc.). In the first year, the section completed over 1300 cases which included definitive analysis on at least 500 cartridge cases and bullets.

## **CRIME SCENE SECTION**

**450** scenes  
**1500** evidence requests

The Identification Clerks set new records in the number of background investigations processed with over 34,000 being completed throughout the year.

The Fingerprint Specialists verified over 40,000 arrest and criminal registrations and the Forensic Print Analysts completed over 2,500 latent print comparison cases.

## **DUI ENFORCEMENT**

The County-wide DUI Squad took possession of their new Blood Alcohol Testing Vehicle (BAT Mobile). The BAT Mobile has three workstations for officers to use and has two stations for Intoxilyzers. The BAT Mobile was used for the first time during the Thanksgiving DUI Saturation.

During 2023, the squad received a \$350,000 grant from FDOT to add extra patrols to stop impaired driving. During the MADD Florida Law Enforcement Recognition and Training Symposium, several members of the HCSO DUI Squad were nominated for awards.

## **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

Comprised of the Gang Section, Strategic Crime Suppression Section, the Major Violator's Section (MVS), the Opioid Overdose Investigations Section, and the Human Trafficking Section (HTS), the Special Investigations Division conducted numerous proactive operations to keep our community safe.

## **GANG SECTION**

The Gang Section led several covert operations aimed at removing drugs, guns, and criminals from our region. From executing authorized search warrants to infiltrating illegal street takeovers, the skilled members of the Gang Section has made an immeasurable impact in 2023.

In May, the Gang Section served a search warrant and arrested the leader of the Munyunn gang. Firearms, narcotics, and gang paraphernalia were located inside the residence of the home. The gang leader and his associates were charged with Armed Trafficking in Fentanyl in Excess of 10 Grams, amongst other charges.

In June, the Gang Section participated in Operations Silent Knights, which targeted illegal street takeovers and drifting activities. 15 people were arrested and 23 citations were issued.

In August, members of the Gang Section investigated gang-related shootings at Tally Ho Bar. 13 subjects were arrested and 24 felony charges were distributed.



## STRATEGIC CRIMES SUPPRESSION SECTION

SCS Detectives are responsible for evaluating intelligence information used to identify high priority targets. These suspects are usually believed to be committing high priority crimes or are known to have committed high priority crimes.

IN 1 YEAR

SCS DETECTIVES ASSISTED BY LOCATING AND ARRESTING 

**81** subjects arrested on numerous felony charges

**3** subjects wanted for homicide

**7** subjects for attempted homicide



AND INVESTIGATED AN ORGANIZED SHOPPING RING

Recovered **\$100,000** of stolen items purchased with stolen credit cards

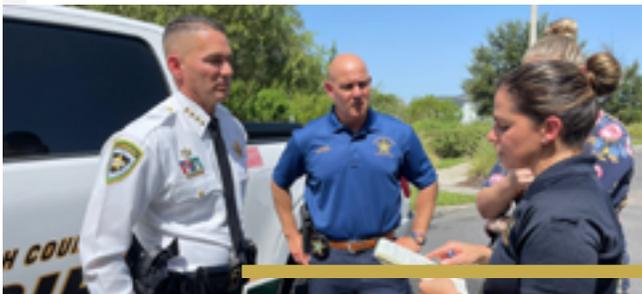
Recovered **\$30,000** worth of jewelry purchased with a stolen credit card from a burglary in Kentucky

## OPIOID OVERDOSE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

In 2023, OOI detectives investigated more than **300** overdose events. Criminal charges were brought against suppliers of fentanyl in both State and Federal Court. One example

of the crimes investigated by the OOI Section resulted in the prosecution of defendant Joseph Stillitano. Stillitano was indicted for murder after he delivered fentanyl to a victim who

died. In June, the case went to trial and was prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office. A jury found Stillitano guilty of manslaughter and he was sentenced to 12 years in prison.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING SECTION

**20** subjects on human trafficking charges.

**11** individuals were recovered as victims of human trafficking and provided services.

Detectives continued to strengthen relationships with local non-governmental organizations like Selah Freedom to assist with providing victims of human trafficking with services to help them escape the lifestyle.

Detectives made **27** arrests for various charges such as human trafficking, deriving support from proceeds of prostitution, forcing another to become a prostitute, and transporting for prostitution.

**9** undercover operations were conducted resulting in ten arrests for individuals paying to engage in sexual activity with who they believed to be juveniles.



**12** undercover Internet Crimes Against Children operations

**45** arrests for various felony charges including traveling to meet a minor for illegal acts, use of computer services or device to solicit certain illegal acts, and transmission of harmful material to a minor.

To combat the supply and demand of commercial sex involving sex buyers, detectives conducted 14 days of operations resulting in **101** arrests.



EVERY CASE SOLVED IS A VICTORY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. OUR INVESTIGATORS RESTORE A SENSE OF SECURITY TO VICTIMS AND PREVENT FUTURE HARM.



SHERIFF  
CHAD CHRONISTER



# DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION SERVICES

IN 2023,  
DETENTION  
SERVICES  
FOCUSED ON  
PROGRESS,  
INNOVATION,  
AND  
COMMUNITY  
ENRICHMENT.

The Department of Detention Services (DDS) maintains two detention facilities: Falkenburg Road Jail and Orient Road Jail. In 2023, DDS was responsible for the three jail divisions and the Court Operations Division.

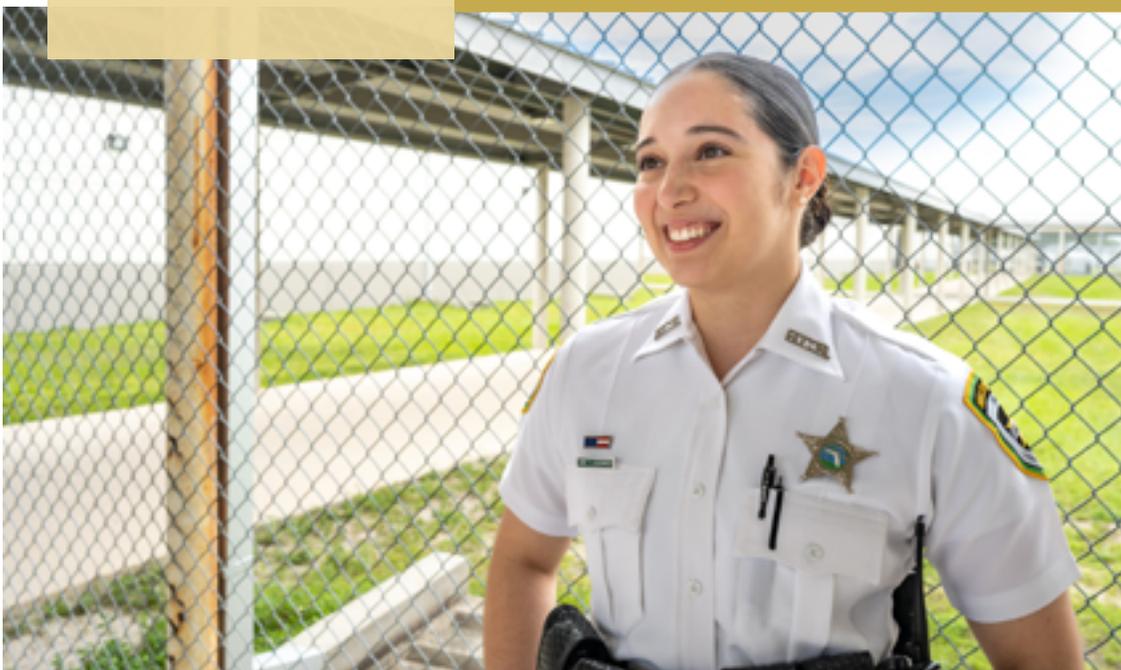
The Court Operations Division is responsible for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit courthouse security and the Hillsborough County Center.

While DDS manages the booking and housing of inmates, prioritizing opportunities and tools to reduce recidivism remained a focal point this year, marked by the graduation of over **280** inmates from various courses provided at the HCSO Vocational Training Center.

Sheriff Chronister believes in preparing inmates for life after they finish their sentences, providing them with the skills necessary to gain employment, not only to give them opportunities but also to reduce recidivism.

From learning new trades to acquiring valuable skills, these programs, including welding, automotive services, hair braiding, OSHA10, forklift, and scissor lift operator, educate and equip inmate students with job skills that prepare them for reintegration into society.

In 2023, teamHCSO saw the graduation of the first group of **10** women who completed



JAIL DIVISION I  
JAIL DIVISION II  
JAIL DIVISION III  
COURT OPERATIONS DIVISION

the automotive training program and graduated its first class of inmates from our first-ever construction program.

HCSO continued to partner with Florida Trade Academy to initiate a nine week of NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research) Core Curriculum training and certification. Graduates are encouraged to continue their education with Florida Trade Academy and join one of their apprenticeship programs upon release. Thus far, 58 students have completed the program.

Also, in April of 2023, construction began for Sheriff Chronister's newest initiative, the Carpentry Building. The Carpentry Building is scheduled for completion in summer of 2024. This building will include a Carpentry Program, Introduction to Masonry, Drywall/Sheet Rock Installation, and other skilled crafts.

This year, HCSO provided over **450** inmates with a Florida ID card or driver's license through the Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's FLOWMobile.

Booking received a state-of-the-art Line V Systems, Inc. ClearPass Digital

Full Body Security Screening System to eliminate contraband from entering the Detention Facilities.

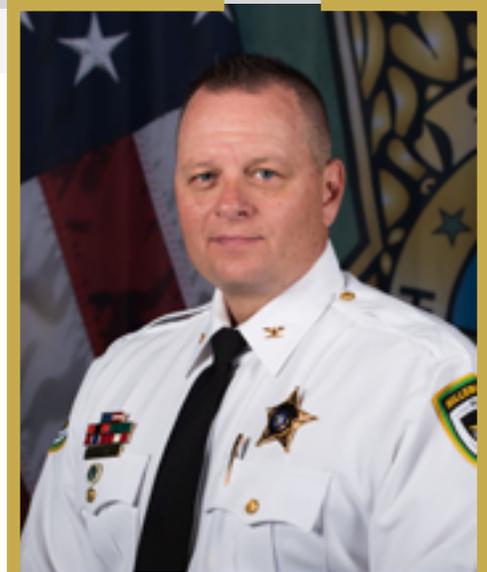
While relocating and consolidating resources, several major reconstruction projects started at the Falkenburg Road Jail in 2023.

Central Booking received a facelift with new paint, lighting fixtures, resurfaced intake counters, and the half wall to bring the facility's appearance up to agency standards. Also, the Orient Road Jail Front Lobby was partially remodeled:

- » New flooring was placed.
- » Gun boxes were installed.
- » The walk-through scanner was relocated closer to the entrance for enhanced safety and security.

To provide safe and secure transportation for inmates, in 2023, the Transportation Bureau worked with a local company to design and modify a Ford Transit Connect vehicle, ensuring secure transport for inmates utilizing wheelchairs.

In the spirit of giving back and recognizing teamHCSO's role in the



**COLONEL  
ROBERT URA**

community, FRJ staff contributed with donations to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Operation Helping Hand, New Beginnings of Tampa Bay, the Special Olympics, Lynn Sowers Foundation, American Heart Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, just to name a few.



## COURT OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Court Operations Division consists of the Judicial Protection Bureau, the Court Complex Security Section, Civil Process Section and the Misdemeanor Probation Section. The mission of the COD is to ensure a safe and secure environment throughout the courthouse complex facilities in both Tampa and Plant City, as well as ensuring the service of civil process throughout the county.

### JUDICIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

**144** Deputies and Supervisors  
**64** Courtrooms

The Judicial Protection Bureau is responsible for the daily safety and security of every person that enters one of the 64 courtrooms. In addition to general security inside the courtrooms, deputies assigned to the JPB also manage the monitoring, housing, and movement of inmates while at the courthouse.

On a daily basis, a courtroom can have hundreds of out-of-custody and in-custody persons appearing before judges. The HCSO bailiffs are the key to making sure things run efficiently within the courtrooms.

In November, personnel from the Court Operations Division assisted with the Veterans Outreach Court event held remotely at the Veteran's Administration Hospital.

A total of 31 veterans were assisted during this event resulting in 96 cases being removed from collection by the Hillsborough Clerk of Court. Driver's licenses for 44 veterans were updated or reinstated, and \$32,464 in fines were waived. Additionally, 36 cases were dismissed by the State Attorney's Office.





## COURT COMPLEX SECURITY SECTION

The Court Complex Security Section is responsible for all law enforcement functions, crowd control, and overall security for all Courthouse Complex facilities and the Hillsborough County Center.

Approximately **760,000** people were security screened yielding more than **9,129** contraband items in 2023

### CCSS CONSISTS OF:

- EDGECOMB COURTHOUSE
- COURTHOUSE ANNEX
- PLANT CITY COURTHOUSE
- 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
- 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

## CIVIL PROCESS SECTION

The Civil Process Section serves as the agency's central repository for most court documents. It is responsible for serving various legal processes and court orders issued by the local courts, other Florida county courts, and other state courts which require process to be served within Hillsborough County.

**96,724** civil process documents received & served

This number includes both enforceable and non-enforceable orders. Enforceable orders include

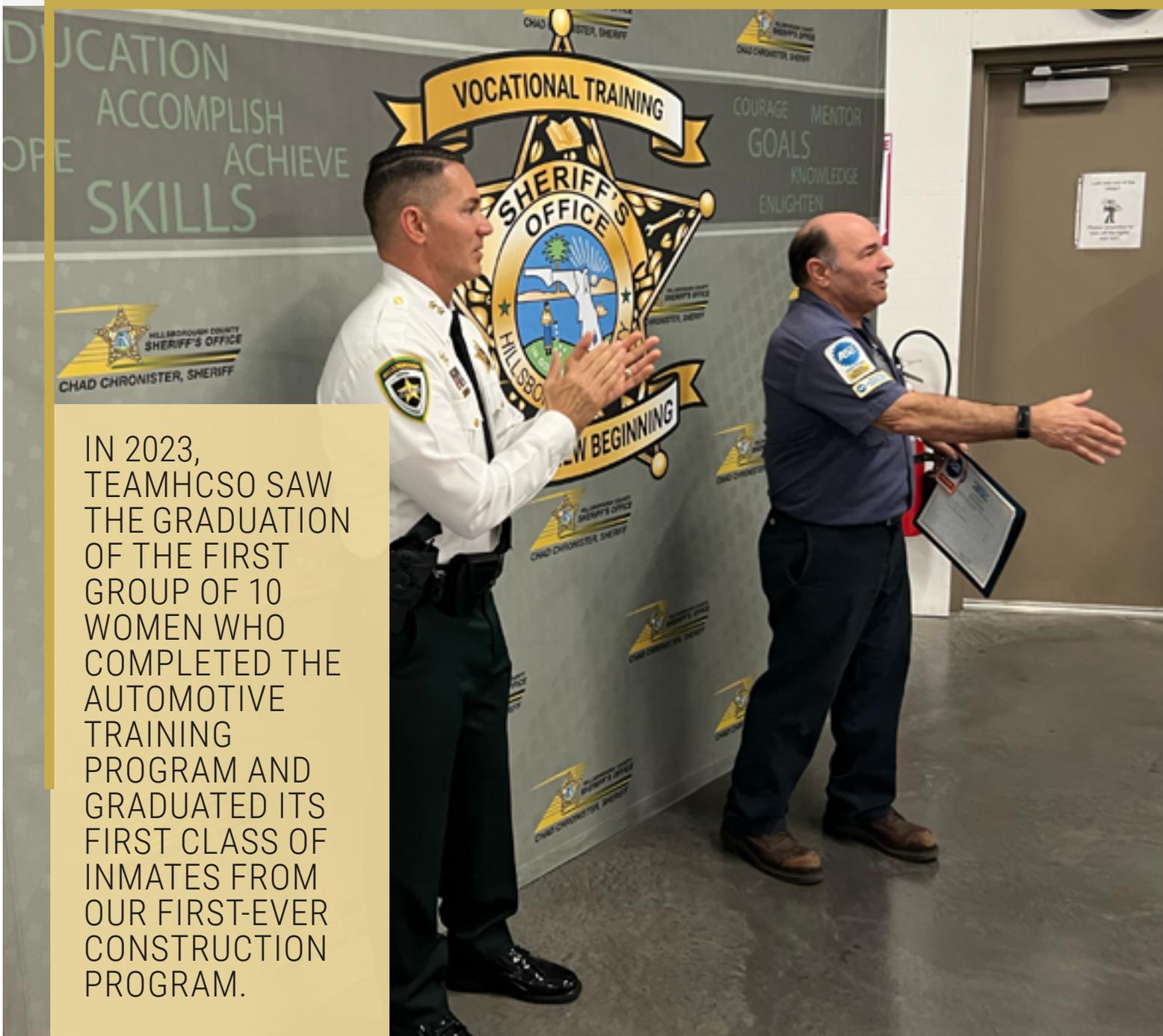
evictions, injunctions for protection, risk protection orders, Marchman and Baker Acts, levies, and replevins. Non-enforceable orders include witness subpoenas, Department of Revenue genetic testing, Writs of Garnishment, Summons, traffic subpoenas, and out of county/state processes.

## MISDEMEANOR PROBATION SECTION

The Misdemeanor Probation Section consists of 35 civilian employees who provide a critical role in enforcing court-ordered probation requirements, rehabilitation services, and State Attorney approved diversion programs

for approximately 3,300 misdemeanor probationers at any given time. 6,000 persons were placed on Misdemeanor Probation or other diversionary program during 2023. The MPS collected approximately 2.4 million

dollars in monthly supervision costs from probationers. The Misdemeanor Probation Program is fully supported by the supervision costs agreed upon and paid by probationers and is not funded by taxpayers.



IN 2023, TEAMHCSO SAW THE GRADUATION OF THE FIRST GROUP OF 10 WOMEN WHO COMPLETED THE AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING PROGRAM AND GRADUATED ITS FIRST CLASS OF INMATES FROM OUR FIRST-EVER CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.



IN 2023, SHERIFF CHRONISTER PROUDLY TO INTRODUCED TWO HIGHLY TRAINED K9 DRUG-SNIFFING PARTNERS TO THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BOLSTERING SECURITY MEASURES AND ENSURING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AT HCSO DETENTION FACILITIES.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION  
HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION  
TRAINING DIVISION



**COLONEL  
ANTHONY COLLINS**

Comprised of the Community Outreach Division, the Homeland Security Division and the Training Division, the Department of Operational Support proudly serves the citizens of Hillsborough County.



# DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION

The Community Outreach Division continued its steadfast devotion to fostering relationships with our residents. With deep ties to organizations throughout our community, the members of our Community Outreach Division raise much needed awareness and funds for crucial causes here in our county. Events like the annual Clay Shoot and Golf Tournament fueled large donations

to nonprofits in Tampa Bay like the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, Lifepath Hospice, NOPE of Hillsborough, and Selah Freedom to name a few.

Whether it's a School Resource Deputy building bonds with students at schools in our area to a friendly crossing guard guiding children safely across roads, our team is here to enhance security for students and faculty.

Additionally, the Community Outreach Division spearheaded Sheriff Chronister's initiative aimed at safe gun ownership. In a partnership with Shooter's World, teamHCSO funded more than **\$100,000** of firearm safety classes and provided free trigger locks to anyone in our community that was interested in one.

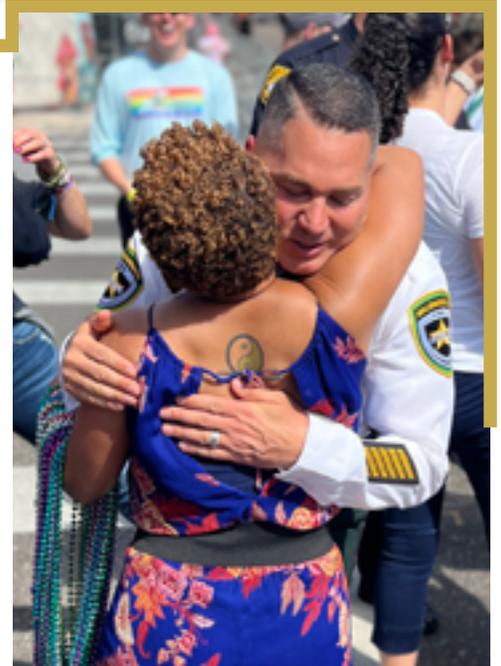
## COMMUNITY SERVICE SECTION

The Community Service Section participated in numerous events in 2023, including annual parades such as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, Gasparilla (Children and Day Parade), Strawberry Festival Parade and Pride Parade.

HCSO's ice cream truck serves as one of the premier attractions with the community. Several members of the Sheriff's Office were able to deploy the ice cream truck to multiple events and community functions to engage and interact with our youth showing them a different side of what law enforcement does.

Special events continued to be a resounding success, with Chad Chronister's Ultimate Run hosting approximately 700 individuals. Later in the year, the annual Sporting Clays Shoot Out saw a record number of 550 in attendance this year. LifePath Hospice and Future Endowment shared the stage with Sheriff Chronister as this year's benefactors.

Our Citizen's Academy facilitated a total of 53 citizens who attended and graduated. This academy afforded these stakeholders an opportunity to increase their understanding of their law enforcement community. Several of the



community leaders in attendance came away with an even better understanding of the scope of HCSO's vast expertise.

## OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

### **SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY LIAISON UNIT**

The Sheriff's Liaison Unit oversees the Sheriff's Black, Hispanic and Indian Advisory Councils. These dedicated deputies provide a communication conduit between the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and various minority communities through outreach, attendance at community meetings, and education.



### **SHERIFF'S HISPANIC ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Sheriff's Hispanic Advisory Council conducted two computer giveaways providing a total of 120 computers to deserving elementary, middle, and high school students. The Sheriff's Hispanic Advisory Council also provided 200 care packages containing non-perishable

food and toiletry items to low-income seniors. Approximately 1,200 direct citizen contacts were made during these outreach events and meetings.

In addition to community events, the Council's dedicated deputy reviewed

an estimated 140 U non-immigrant status visas (U visa). These U visas are reserved for victims of crime who have suffered mental or physical abuse and help assist law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity.



### **SHERIFF'S BLACK COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Sheriff's Black Community Relations Committee made historic progress in 2023. In March they filed as a new non-profit organization with the Florida Business Association and on April 6, 2023, they officially became a non-profit organization in Florida. They have since partnered with multiple organizations making a difference

in the community, which fell in line with bridging the gap between law enforcement and the black community. They partnered with the Nuccio Community serving Seniors free groceries and clothes, an event which is held on every

Wednesday each week. They were also the proud recipient of the Community Enrichment Grant through the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

The council also hosted their first Awards Gala, where they honored several members of the Sheriff's Office.



### **SHERIFF'S INDIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Sheriff's Indian Advisory Council built on its solid foundation in 2023. They were able to join multiple organizations to make a difference in their local community.

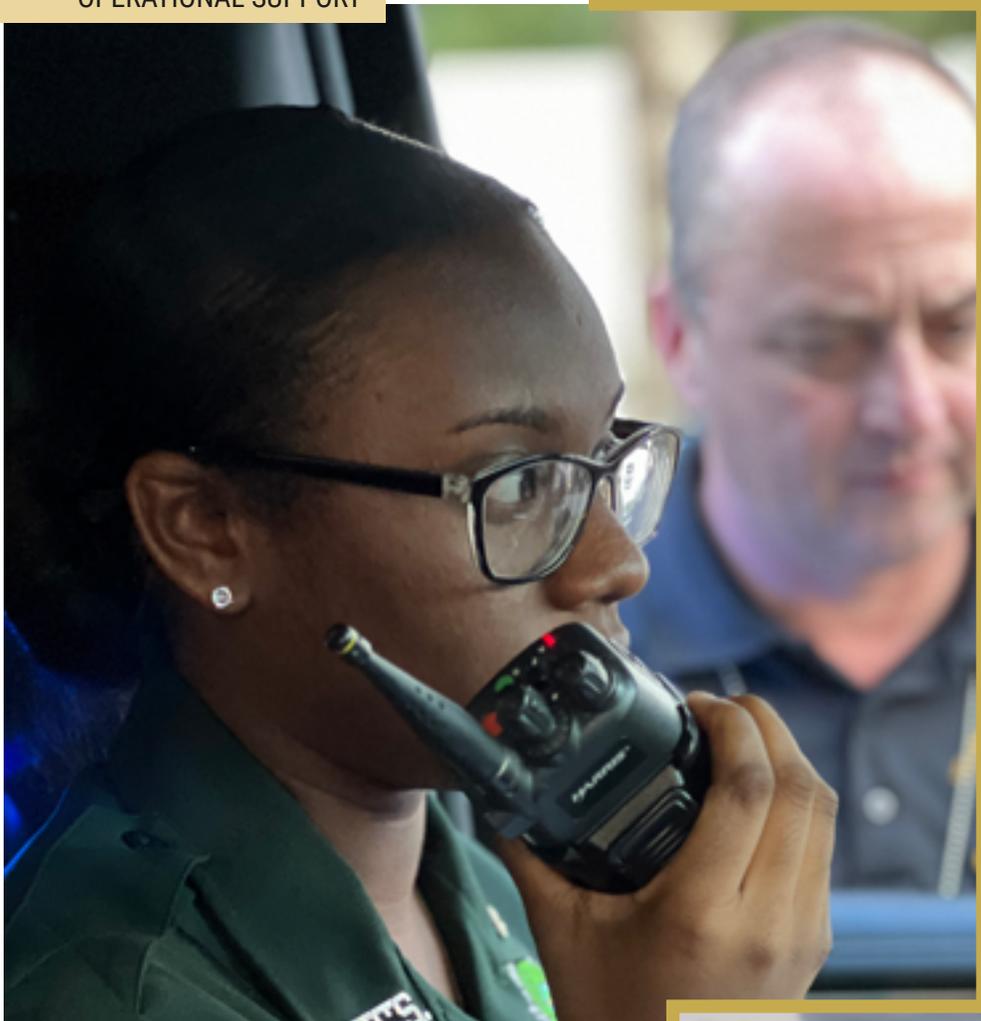
They partnered with HCSO to make a difference by feeding the needy in the community. They volunteered at Trinity Café and were a part of feeding more

than 174 individuals in attendance. In addition, the council purchased and provided more than 400 back packs which were distributed between Miles, Lake Magdalene, Mort and Lewis Elementaries.

In November, the council celebrated Diwali India's biggest and most

important holiday of the year with HCSO. They hosted a breakfast with several of their featured cultural dishes for their HCSO family to feast on in honor of the holiday.

They had a very successful annual fundraising banquet and presented a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Lynn Sowers Memorial Foundation.



## CROSSING GUARDS

The Crossing Guard Unit is tasked with providing for the safety of thousands of students daily. Crossing guards play an important role in helping children cross streets safely at key locations on their way to and from school. They promote safe driver and pedestrian behaviors at **330** elementary and middle school crossings and reinforce safe street crossing practices for children.

School crossing guards are provided for 110 elementary schools and 35 middle schools in Plant City, Temple Terrace, the City of Tampa, and unincorporated Hillsborough County

## EXPLORER POST #238

In 2023, Explorer Post 238 added **20** new Explorers to their Post. They participated in two Florida Association of Police Explorers (FAPE) Delegates conferences. Post 238 hosted two Promotional Ceremonies, welcoming a new Explorer Lieutenant, two Explorer Sergeants, and four Explorer Corporals. The Explorers volunteered their time at various community and HCSO Charities events throughout the year. Explorer Lieutenant Marlin Edwards received the Explorer of the year award at the annual 2023 Black Community Relations Committee Gala.





### SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENT & RESPONSE TEAM

The School Threat Assessment and Response Team (STAR), which began in 2022, investigates school-based threats within Hillsborough County. The STAR Team has investigated threats at

**200** schools including throughout Hillsborough County and has become a “flagship” model for other law enforcement agencies to emulate.



### VOLUNTEER SERVICES UNIT

The Volunteer Citizens Patrol Program provided over **4,000** volunteer hours to serve the citizens of Hillsborough County.

They assisted law enforcement in their assigned areas on over 896 calls for service to include translating for Deputies, clearing road obstructions, directing traffic, and conducting

214 vacation checks. They wrote more than 185 parking violations, completed more than 200 checks on local county schools, over 1,500 checks on local parks and businesses, and contacted more than **2,000** citizens of Hillsborough County.

The program has 30 volunteers and is actively recruiting new members.

### SCHOOL RESOURCE SECTION

Deputies within the School Resource Section serve to create and maintain a safe, secure, and orderly learning environment for all stakeholders, including students, administrators, teachers, support staff, visitors, and parents. School resource deputies secure the seventh-largest school district in the United States and third largest in Florida. With over 220,000 students (297 schools) and over 15,000 teachers from kindergarten through 12th grade, school resource deputies seek to instill values, be role models, and mentor those exhibiting signs of early delinquency.

Although their primary mission is to focus on the safety and security of the students and staff, school resource deputies are also dedicated to building positive relationships with both students and staff to better our youth.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has **47** school resource deputies within 20 high schools, 26 middle schools, and one K-8 school.

The School Resource Section also includes six floater deputies, bringing the total number of deputies within the School Resource Section to **53**.

## **HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION**

Consists of more than a dozen specialty units and teams.

AGRICULTURE UNIT AVIATION UNIT BICYCLE RESPONSE TEAM  
BOMB DISPOSAL TEAM CONSTRUCTION FRAUD UNIT  
CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS TEAM DUI UNIT  
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT SQUAD  
HONOR GUARD MARINE UNIT MOTOR UNIT  
MOUNTED TEAM PARKS UNIT  
PORT OF TAMPA BAY  
K-9 UNIT  
SWAT TEAM  
SPECIAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

### **AVIATION UNIT**

On August 12, 2023, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit was requested to respond to the Alafia River State Park to assist Hillsborough County Fire Rescue hoist a patient out of a heavily wooded area. The patient suffered a femur fracture while mountain biking on a double black diamond trail within the park. HCFR was unable to extract the patient by foot due to the extreme terrain, but HCSO's Aviation Unit worked with a rescue specialist to extract the patient to a clearing, where he was airlifted to a nearby hospital.

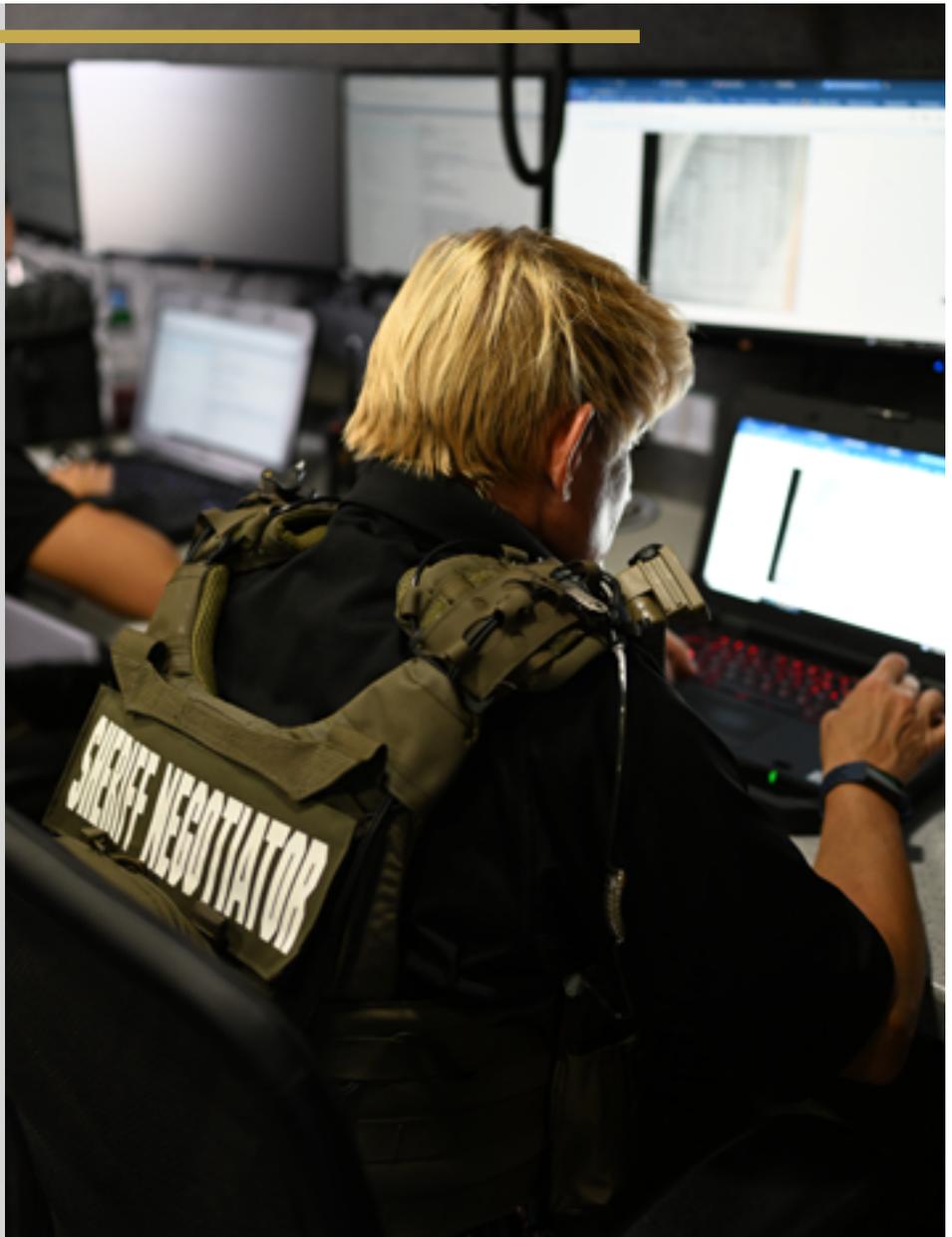


THE HOMELAND  
SECURITY  
DIVISION  
ASSISTED WITH  
SEVERAL  
KEY ARRESTS  
AND RESCUES  
IN 2023.

HERE ARE  
SOME MOST  
NOTABLE

### ***ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT SQUAD***

The Environmental Enforcement Squad spearheaded the Bethlehem Cemetery Beautification Project in Dover, FL. This cemetery was established in 1850 by the Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church. In the late 1800's, the church burned down and was never rebuilt. Most people buried in the cemetery were some of Dover's/Plant City's first settlers. This cemetery has 197 documented grave-sites, primarily military veterans from the Civil War to World War II. Over the years, this cemetery has fallen into disrepair and become a hub for illegal dumping, criminal activity, and drug use by individuals trespassing on this property. Thanks to the EES, the cemetery was restored to its original honor.

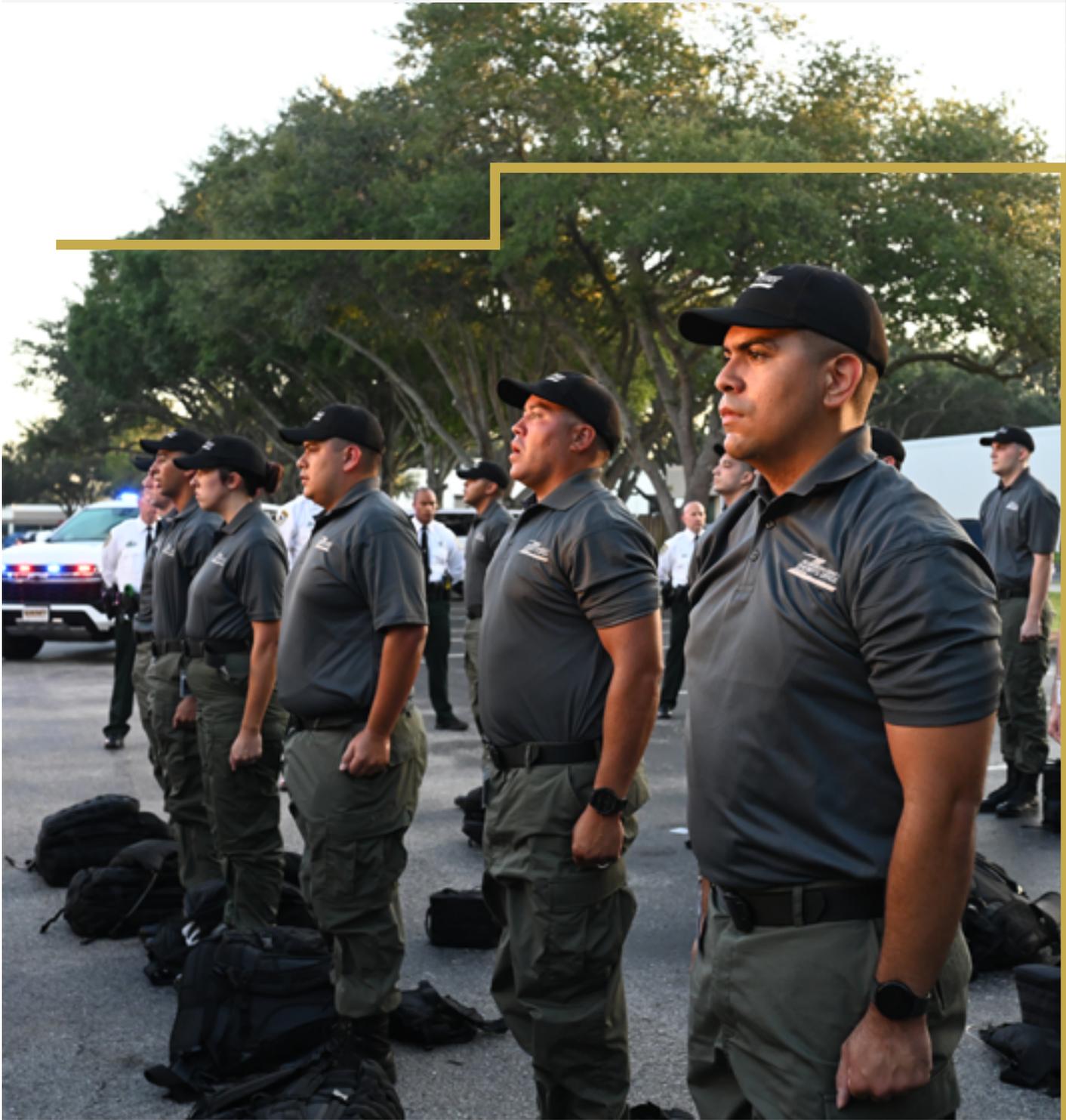


### ***CONSTRUCTION FRAUD UNIT***

In May 2021, the Construction Fraud Unit started to receive complaints from Hillsborough County citizens alleging construction fraud, notary fraud, and theft against Olympus Pools, Inc. As a result of this information, the Construction Fraud Unit became one of the lead investigators in this statewide fraud investigation. Over 260 victims were identified spanning over five Florida counties. The Construction Fraud Unit organized a multi-agency

prosecution committee for this investigation.

On August 11, 2023, the Construction Fraud Unit concluded the 27-month investigation into Olympus Pools resulting in the arrest of its owner for 35 felony charges which included Aggravated White-Collar Crime, Organized Scheme to Defraud, Grand Theft, Misapplication of Construction Funds, and Contractor Fraud.



## SHERIFF'S TRAINING ACADEMY

In 2023, Sheriff Chronister's Training Academy graduated more law enforcement and detention cadets than any other agency in the state of Florida. Fueled by the largest classes in its history, HCSO set records for detention (33) and law enforcement (52) for academy class sizes. LE Class 23-06 had 23 female cadets, making it the largest number of women in one class ever recorded by HCSO.

Success continues to be a pillar on which the Training Academy is built. 212 out of 213 passed the State Officer Exam in 2023, a remarkable **99.9%** pass rate.

Additionally, Sheriff's Training Academy was awarded its second consecutive 'perfect audit,' highlighting the rigorous protocols adhered to and exemplified by the instructors.

A major accomplishment was the opening of the Sheriff's Training Academy was opening the Regional Training Center. This allows HCSO to offer classes to deputies and officers working for other agencies and showcase the resources and skills provided by our Training Academy.

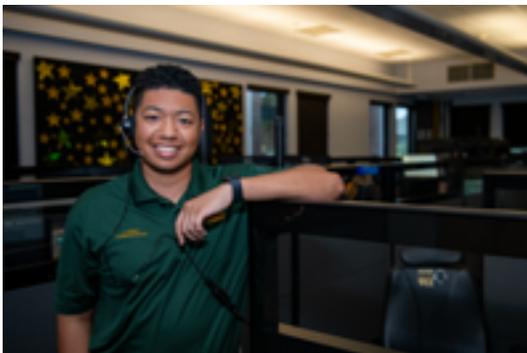


# DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



## COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

The work of our law enforcement deputies could not be one without the diligent work of the Communications Bureau. In 2023 the Communications Bureau handled more than 1 million calls for service. Those calls ranged from **529,221** 9-1-1 calls, 385,602 non-emergency calls, 76,482 calls on command, and 39,602 calls on ring down lines. The Communications Bureau's hard work and perseverance showed this year by the vast number of calls they took assisting the community, our Sheriff's deputies and various other agencies in Tampa Bay.



## FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

HCSO continues to manage its resources in a fiscally prudent manner but faces challenges in maintaining a sustainable budget. HCSO's annual report shows that healthcare and pension costs are increasing rapidly. HCSO is taking a number of steps to address the challenges of rising personnel costs, including:

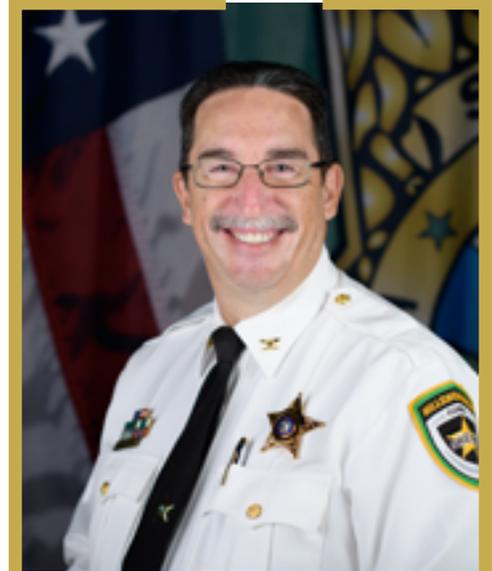
- » Developing competitive compensation and benefits packages. HCSO is regularly benchmarking its salaries and benefits against other employers in the region to ensure that it is offering competitive packages.
- » Managing overtime costs. HCSO is working to manage overtime costs by carefully reviewing overtime requests and by approving overtime only when necessary.
- » Investing in training and development programs. HCSO is committed to investing in its employees and helping them to develop the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.
- » Controlling healthcare costs. HCSO is working to control healthcare costs by negotiating favorable rates with healthcare providers and by offering employees incentives to participate in wellness programs.
- » Working to reduce vacancies. HCSO is working to reduce its vacancy rate by streamlining the hiring process and offering competitive salaries and benefits packages.
- » HCSO is committed to maintaining a strong and productive workforce. HCSO continues to monitor personnel costs and take steps to address any challenges that arise.

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU  
FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION  
INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

## INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

ISD allocated a significant portion of its budget to strategic technology projects and cyber-security advancement initiatives. These projects aligned with the agency's key long-term goals and objectives that reflect the diversity of the agency. These key projects included:

- » Expanded deployment of Axon body worn cameras and tasers to sworn personnel.
- » Implemented on demand access for Patrol staff to county and city school's GIS maps for quick accessibility and enhanced deployment and response efforts.
- » Continued county-wide Eye on Crime expansion.



**COLONEL  
FRANK LOSAT**

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

In 2023, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Public Affairs Office, led by Chief Communications Officer and overseeing a team of 13, achieved significant milestones in transparent, effective, and educational communication.

The team excelled in social media engagement, realizing a remarkable growth of 43.9%. This success was driven by a strategic focus on showcasing deputies, highlighting life-saving work, community policing efforts, and successful arrests—clearly demonstrating their commitment to ensuring the safety of the community. Across various platforms, including

Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, the Public Affairs Office made a total of 4,200 posts, resulting in an impressive 149 million impressions and effectively reaching a diverse audience.

Recognizing the importance of serving the Spanish-speaking community, the PAO prioritized the growth of Spanish-language content, leading to a substantial increase of **75,000** followers on the Spanish-language social media pages. Additionally, the PAO distributed 232 press releases throughout the course of the year and spearheaded recruitment campaigns that drove more than 80,000 clicks to joinHCSO.com in 2023.

The Creative Services Team, an integral part of the PAO, played a vital role in providing educational materials for diverse audiences, completing 774 jobs in 2023.

Overall, the Public Affairs Office made significant contributions to strengthening the connection between the HCSO and the community, fostering transparency, and delivering information through various channels, including social media and press releases. Sheriff Chronister's commitment to providing information in multiple languages underscores the dedication to serving residents in the most accessible and inclusive manner.

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DEPUTY, ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS



DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF PATROL SERVICES  
LEGAL DIVISION  
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU



**CHIEF DEPUTY  
JOSEPH MAURER**

## **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU**

The Professional Standards Bureau is comprised of several units:

### **ACCREDITATION UNIT**

### **BODY WORN CAMERA UNIT**

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS TEAM**

The primary responsibility of the Professional Standards Bureau is to ensure policy and procedures are followed and that all employees maintain the standards and professionalism expected of all personnel employed with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

In July, HCSO received the Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA) for 2023. The Accreditation Unit had worked diligently since 2020 to prepare the agency for the CALEA standards. This process involved revising numerous standard operating procedures, proof gathering, and conducting staff inspections to meet the CALEA requirements.

Also, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is actively preparing to seek accreditation for the Sheriff's Training Academy.

The Body Worn Camera Unit processed thousands of pieces of digital evidence and distributed an additional **500** body worn cameras distributed to detectives and required personnel under the rank of sergeant.

Lastly, the Internal Affairs Unit handled over 900 complaints, completed approximately 40 administrative investigations, and 13 staff inspections.

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DEPUTY, SUPPORT OPERATIONS

## GENERAL SERVICES & FACILITY OPERATIONS DIVISION

### FUEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Gallons Purchased

**2,013,404**

Total Costs

**\$5,739,149**

Average Cost per Gallon

**\$3.19**

Total Miles Driven

**26,174,252**

Avg Fuel Cost per Mile

**\$0.25**

### FLEET OPERATIONS

Number of Vehicles in Fleet

**2,650**

Requests for Service

**15,284**

Car Wash Services

**38,425**

Tires Replaced

**3,945**

Brakes Replaced

**1,500**

New Vehicles Purchased

**798**

### FACILITIES MANAGEMENT BUREAU ADMINISTRATION/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Number of Facilities

**68**

Requests for Services

**18,675**

### FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BUREAU DETENTION SERVICES

Number of Facilities

**40**

Requests for Services

**18,500**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT  
GENERAL SERVICES & FACILITY OPERATIONS DIVISION  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CLINIC

OHC implemented upgrades to eClinicalWorks, electronic health records (EHR), with conversion from the desktop version to the web-based version. Cepheid GeneXpert System, a real time PCR diagnostic system, was added to the OHC laboratory, improving diagnostic capabilities for

SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, Influenza B, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RVS) simultaneously. The system is able to perform studies on four individual patients, simultaneously, without batching specimens.



**CHIEF DEPUTY  
THOMAS ST. JOHN**

## HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

The Human Resources Division is comprised of three bureaus and multiple sections to include the Employment Services Section, Recruitment and Screening Section, Personnel Processing Section, Employee Benefits Section and the Health and Wellness Section.

Each section works diligently to provide services to personnel across the agency as well as potential candidates.

All sections are instrumental in the hiring process of prospective candidates.

This year, HR hired **490** employees. Of that, the largest Law Enforcement class to date with **52** cadets as well as the largest Detention class of **33** cadets. HR also assisted **81** tenured employees through the retirement process.

The Employee Organization and Compliance Bureau has made fundamental Workday enhancements in an effort to better align the agency with CALEA standards and to increase job responsibility transparency to potential candidates.

The Human Resources Division continues to find new ways to improve service and boost benefits for both employees and retirees.

# COMMAND PROMOTIONS



**CHIEF DEPUTY  
JOSEPH MAURER**



**CHIEF DEPUTY  
THOMAS ST. JOHN**



**COLONEL  
MICHAEL HANNAFORD**



**COLONEL  
CHRIS RULE**

In 2023, teamHCSO celebrated numerous promotions, including two to the rank of Chief Deputy and two to the rank of Colonel.



## **COLONEL MICHAEL HANNAFORD**

*In 2002, Colonel Michael Hannaford began his career as a Deputy Sheriff with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.*

*Colonel Hannaford started his career as a patrol deputy within the east side of the county and held several detective positions, most of which were in a covert capacity, in the following areas: Robbery Task Force, Marijuana Grow House Unit, Sheriff's Target Area Response Squad, Narcotics Unit, Clandestine Lab Team, and Tactical Intelligence Team. Colonel Hannaford was promoted to a supervisory role in 2016. Colonel Hannaford has supervised patrol deputies and detectives assigned to the Tactical Intelligence Unit, Street Crimes and the Homeland Security Division.*

*Colonel Hannaford is a graduate of Saint Leo University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Colonel Hannaford has received the Medal of Honor, Lifesaving Award, Deputy of the Year Award and several letters of commendation.*

*Colonel Hannaford is a Plant City native.*



## **COLONEL CHRIS RULE**

*In 2002, Colonel Chris Rule began his career as a deputy sheriff with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.*

*Colonel Rule started his career as a patrol deputy within the west side of the county and held several detective positions, most of which were in a covert capacity, in the following areas: Robbery Task Force, Copper Task Force, Sheriff's Target Area Response Squad, Narcotics Unit, Tactical Intelligence Team and Internal Affairs. In addition to the many assignments Colonel Rule had, he also served on the Underwater Recovery Team for five years. Colonel Rule was promoted to a supervisory role in 2014. Colonel Rule has supervised patrol deputies and detectives assigned to the General Offense Unit, Tactical*

*Intelligence Unit, the Homeland Security Division, and the Special Investigations Division.*

*Colonel Rule holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Homeland Security from Saint Leo University and is also a graduate of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Senior Leadership Program. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Florida West Coast Credit Union. Colonel Rule has received the Medal of Distinguished Service, (3) three Life Saving Awards, the Deputy of the Year Award and several Letters of Commendation.*

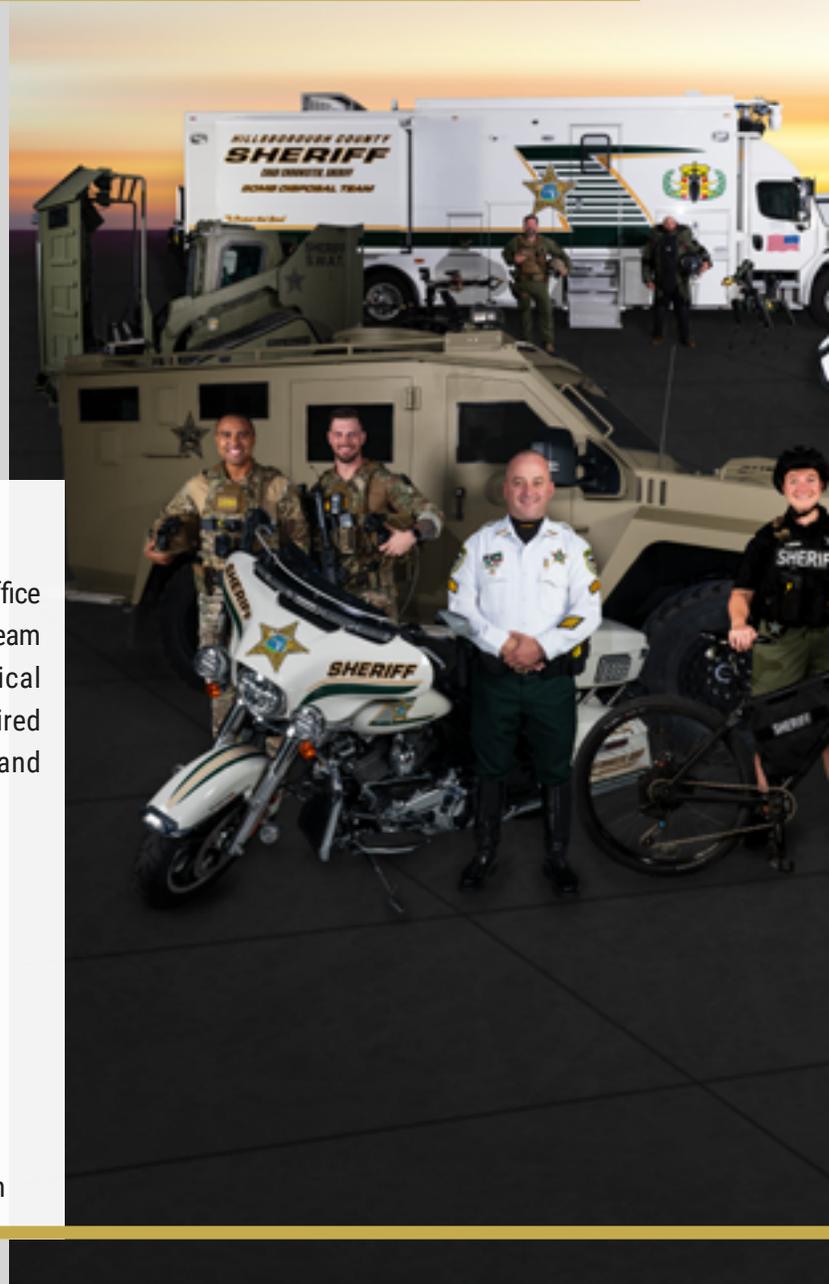
*Colonel Rule is a Tampa native with one child. He is a second-generation deputy with the Sheriff's Office.*

# NEW TECHNOLOGY

## ***TOOLS OF THE TRADE***

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office remains committed to ensuring its team is at the forefront of technological innovations. In 2023, HCSO acquired new technology, resources, and equipment such as:

- » Safe Boat
- » New Vehicles
- » New Helicopter
- » Pendar for Fentanyl Detection
- » K9 Unit in Jail
- » New Security Screening System





HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CHAD CHRONISTER, SHERIFF



# RETIREEES

Master Deputy Carmen Abraham  
Barbara Aguila  
Master Deputy Paul Alessandri  
Cynthia Armstrong  
Master Deputy Miguel Baez  
Deputy William Baker  
Deputy Olvin Beckles  
Master Deputy Gregory Bohn  
Deputy Brian Brown  
Carmen Burgos  
John Chaffin III  
Deputy Trent Clark  
Deputy Donald Conley, Sr.  
Judy Corn  
Master Detective Carlos Cuevas  
Renee Davelt  
Master Corporal Tracey Davis  
Ki Sun Dennis  
Corporal Ronald DuBose, Jr.  
Master Deputy Judi Elliott  
Master Sergeant James Escobio  
Deputy Curtis Fluellen  
Beverly Gant  
Deputy Ivonne Garcia  
Deputy Victor Garcia  
Master Deputy Richard George  
Master Deputy Norman Giovenco

Sergeant John Graves III  
David Gray  
Sheriff's Pilot Jeffery Gray  
Master Deputy Robert Greenberg  
Master Deputy Michael Guerra  
Joseph Gugliuzza  
Deputy Patrick Haney  
Winston Hang  
Lieutenant Tyreese Herds  
Miguel Hernandez  
Brad Herron  
Jennifer Higgins  
Lavonda Humphrey  
Deputy Katina Jackson  
Gustavo Jimenez  
Master Deputy Melvin Jones  
Corporal Jeffrey Jones  
Master Corporal John Kauderman  
Daniel Kimmel  
James Lindberg  
Kathleen Liverpool  
Master Sergeant Thomas Luckey II  
Chief Deputy Donna Luszczynski  
Master Deputy John Masson, Jr.  
Deputy Jock McGlathery  
Master Deputy Milo Millovitch II  
Mary Mitchell

# EN MEMORIAM

Rajesvari Patel  
Master Detective Alfredo Penalvert, Jr.  
Deputy Laszlo Phillip  
Master Corporal Richard Pidgeon  
Colonel Kristin Poore  
Franklin Pressey  
Keith Rafus  
Major Joel Rios  
Master Deputy Richard Robinson  
Master Deputy David Rodriguez  
Armando Rodriguez  
Deputy Raymond Sadler  
Elizabeth Scott-Wester  
Corporal Mark Scruggs  
Master Corporal John Seale  
Master Deputy Jorge Silva  
Deputy William Stoppelman  
Sergeant Gregory Thomas  
William Thompson  
Master Deputy Ismael Tiburcio  
Angel Varela  
Melody Vining  
Deputy Jerry White  
Lieutenant Howard Wooden  
Master Deputy Daniel Woodwell  
Master Deputy Robert Workman  
Master Deputy Travis Wright

Glorious Arnold  
Alice Barker  
Matthew Beck  
Robert Beckner  
Kenneth Bishop  
Rafael Caballero  
Elio Castillo  
Maureen Champion  
Beverly Daly  
Doraine Dorman  
Leona Duffie  
Ramona Duverney  
Robert Dyer, Jr.  
Hawkins Everett  
Stephen Farley  
David Fleet  
Raymond Galto  
Eugene Garand  
Kathleen Geary  
Minnie Graham  
Harmon Griner  
Michael Higgins  
Daniel Holmes, Sr.  
Robert Howard  
Harold Kee  
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### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#### SHERIFF'S OPERATIONS CENTER

2008 E. 8th Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33605

☎ 813-247-8000

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 6843  
Tampa, FL 33511-7001

#### CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
700 East Twiggs Street, 3rd Floor

Tampa, FL 33602

☎ 813-242-5200

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION

2008 E. 8th Avenue

Tampa, FL 33605

☎ 813-247-8115

#### CRIME STOPPERS

☎ 800-873-8477

#### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SECTION

☎ 813-318-5330

#### EMPLOYMENT SERVICES / HUMAN RESOURCES

2207 N. Falkenburg Road  
Tampa, FL 33619

For Civilian Applicants

☎ 813-318-5300

#### EVIDENCE CONTROL SECTION

☎ 813-247-0000

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Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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#### FLEET MAINTENANCE

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#### INMATE ACCOUNTING

☎ 813-247-8290

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

☎ 813-247-8276

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☎ 813-247-8039

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

☎ 813-247-8035

#### LEGAL SECTION

☎ 813-247-8093

#### PAYROLL SECTION

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#### PERSONNEL PROCESSING SECTION

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#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

☎ 813-247-8060

#### PURCHASING

☎ 813-247-8034

#### RECRUITMENT AND APPLICANT SCREENING

For Sworn Applicants

☎ 813-247-8070

#### SCHOOL RESOURCE SECTION

☎ 813-247-8072

#### TRAINING DIVISION

1409 N. Falkenburg Road

Tampa, FL 33619

☎ 813-627-1000

### DETENTION SERVICES

#### ORIENT GENERAL INFORMATION

Jail Division 1

Orient Road Jail

1201 N. Orient Road

Tampa, FL 33619

☎ 813-247-8300

#### ORIENT CENTRAL BREATH TESTING

Jail Division 1

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#### FALKENBURG GENERAL INFORMATION

Jail Division 2

Falkenburg Road Jail

520 Falkenburg Road

Tampa, FL 33619

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#### FALKENBURG GENERAL INFORMATION

Jail Division 3

Falkenburg Road Jail

520 Falkenburg Road

Tampa, FL 33619

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#### HILLSBOROUGH RE-ENTRY CENTER

Offender Registration Unit

1800 Orient Road

Tampa, FL 33619

☎ 813-247-8460

### INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

#### HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION

General Information

☎ 813-247-8603

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Homicide & Special Victims

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#### SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Narcotics and Human Trafficking

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### PATROL SERVICES

#### COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

☎ 813-247-8000

#### D1 GENERAL INFORMATION

District I

14102 N. 20th Street

Tampa, FL 33613

☎ 813-247-0600

#### D1 NORTHDALE COMMUNITY STATION

District I

☎ 813-264-8979

#### D2 GENERAL INFORMATION

District II

2310 N. Falkenburg Road

Tampa, FL 33619

☎ 813-247-8555

#### D2 PLANT CITY COMMUNITY STATION

District II

☎ 813-757-3855

#### D3 GENERAL INFORMATION

District III

7202 Gunn Highway

Tampa, FL 33625

☎ 813-247-0330

#### D3 FOUNTAIN OAKS COMMUNITY STATION

District III

☎ 813-975-2050

#### D3 TOWN N' COUNTRY COMMUNITY STATION

District III

☎ 813-554-5170

#### D4 GENERAL INFORMATION

District IV

508 33rd Street SE

Ruskin, FL 33570

☎ 813-247-0455

#### D4 SUN CITY COMMUNITY STATION

District IV

☎ 813-242-5515

#### D5 GENERAL INFORMATION

District V

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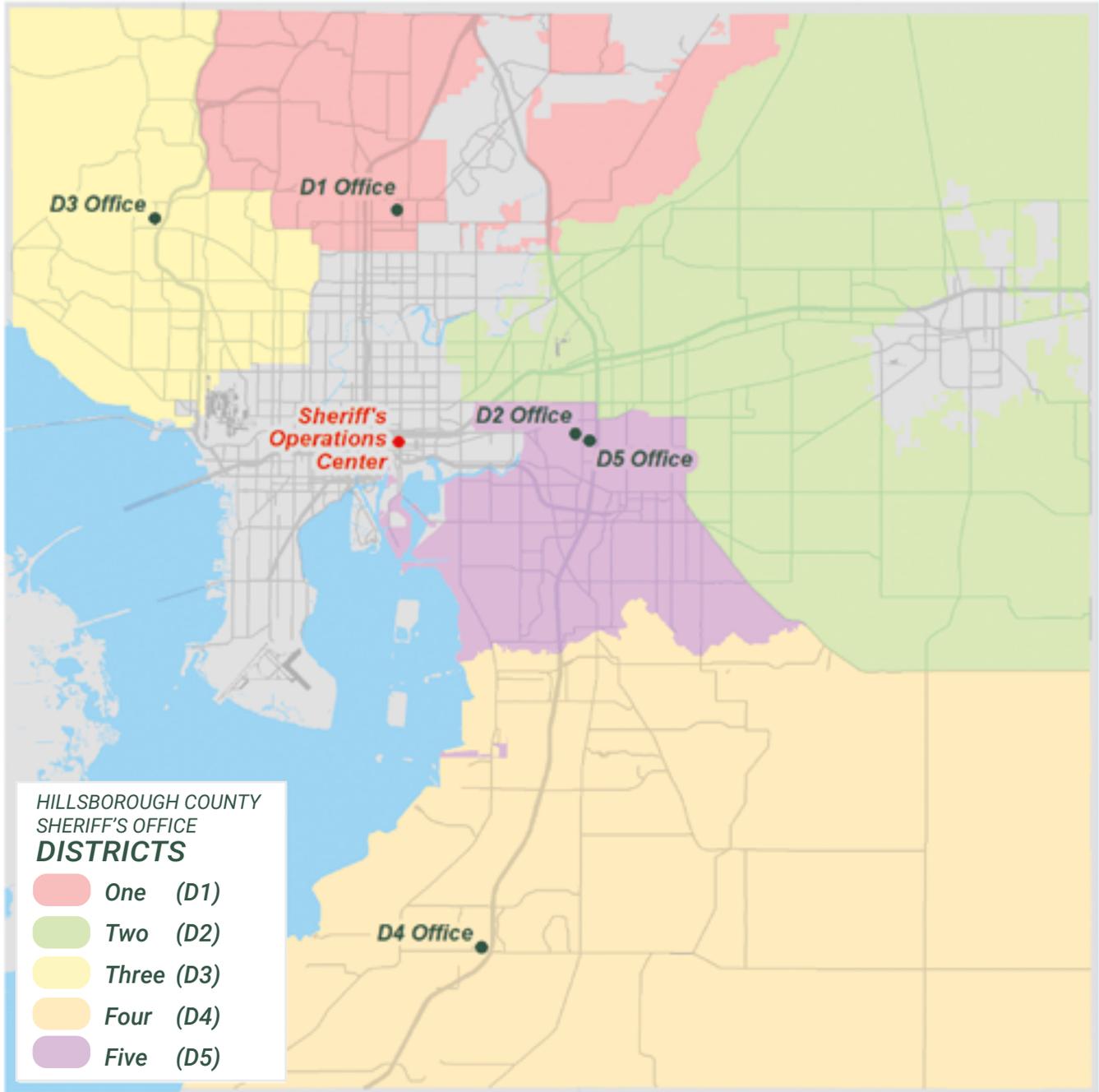
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