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## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF VAZQUEZ



### Chief Charlie Vazquez Director of Public Safety and Security

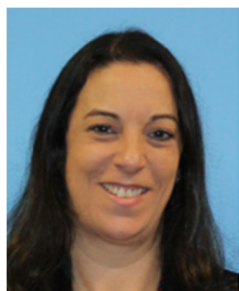
**Welcome to the Tampa International Airport Police Department's (TIAPD) 2020 Annual Report.** We hope that our report provides you with an insight into TIAPD's activities at Tampa International Airport (TPA) and our service to the community.

The women and men of TIAPD, both sworn and unsworn, are dedicated to the safety, security and mobility of your Airport. In addition, you will see that they are actively involved in the Tampa Bay community, as well. They give of themselves both in a professional and personal capacity, and they do so with pride. Despite a challenging year that was marked by the ongoing COVID-19

pandemic you will learn that TIAPD's accomplishments were many.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to personally and publicly express my admiration and appreciation to the dedicated members of our Department for their continued efforts to deliver that level of service the Guests of TPA have grown accustomed to. I would also like to thank all of our partners in the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, TPA Tenants and our guests who make our airport community the special place that it is. We greatly look forward to the coming year! #STAYTIAPDPROUD!

**Lisa Spinnichia**  
**Senior Administrative Assistant**  
**(Office of the Director of Public Safety and Security)**



Lisa began her career with the Department of Public Safety and Security in February of 2016. She came to us from the Banking and Mortgage Industry. Lisa has held leadership positions in project management, auditing, customer portfolio analysis and managing customer service departments. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the State University of New York College at Buffalo in May 1993. Lisa grew up in Rochester, New York, but moved to the Tampa area in 1995.

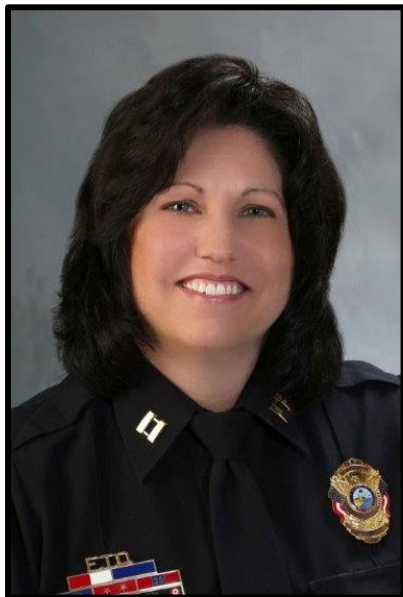
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## COMMAND STAFF



### Captain Teri L. Uno Law Enforcement Operations

**Captain Teri Uno** has served with our department since 1992 and has worked as a Field Training Officer, Detective, Corporal, Patrol Sergeant, Professional Standards Sergeant, and Patrol Lieutenant. She was raised in an Air Force family and has lived on notable bases such as Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, Nevada, Kubasaki AFB in Okinawa Prefecture, Japan, and Mountain Home AFB in Mountain Home, Idaho. After her father retired from military service, she lived in Georgia and eventually moved to Florida. She moved to Tampa in 1986 and was eventually hired by the Tampa International Airport Police Department. She is skilled in crisis management, criminal intelligence, mentoring new hires and current officers, and emergency management. Captain Uno enjoys water activities, such as fishing and boating, and is married to a Tampa Police Officer (Dean). They have two sons (Justin and Philip).

She has a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree from St. Petersburg College, a Master of Education from The University of Georgia. Captain Uno is a graduate from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command 475.



### Captain Ann M. Walters Special Operations

**Captain Ann Walters** began her career as a police officer with the Tampa International Airport Police Department in 1984 and was sponsored by the department to attend the Tampa Police Academy. She worked as a Patrol Officer and a Crime Prevention Officer. She left the department in 1988 to raise her family. In 1995, she became re-certified and returned as a police officer in 1996. She has worked as a Patrol Officer, certified Crime Prevention Practitioner, Detective, Patrol Corporal, Patrol Sergeant and Patrol Lieutenant. She spent most of her career working the night shift. She was promoted to Captain of Special Operations in June of 2014 where she has been in charge of the Professional Standards Unit, Criminal Investigations Unit, Police K9, Lost and Found and Evidence, Police Administration and Accreditation at various times. Captain Walters

has received numerous commendations and awards during her service at TIAPD.

Captain Walters has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Florida and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati.

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## SENIOR MANAGER



### Robert Rinehart Traffic Division Senior Manager

**Senior Manager Bob Rinehart** is a Tampa native who joined the United States Army after graduation from Robinson High School. While in the Army, he attained a Bachelor's Degree and completed studies that resulted in his attaining a certification in Homeland Security. Bob rose to the rank of Sergeant Major with multiple deployments in both Iraq and Afghanistan. The Army afforded Bob with the opportunity and experience in leading people. This experience included the management of large work forces in excess of 150 people, managing a 10 million dollar budget, and working with combat forces that included Afghan soldiers. He was involved in planning and leading search and rescue operations. He coordinated and worked in operations that included other military services and was part of a team that managed the transportation of over 5,000 personnel.

Upon his retirement from the United States Army in July of 2013, Bob joined the Aviation Authority as a Traffic Supervisor. He was promoted to Traffic Manager in May of 2014. In the short time that Bob has been with the Aviation Authority, he has demonstrated strong leadership skills, is supportive of his employees, and believes strongly in providing world class customer service. He leads a team of 60 dedicated team members in our Traffic Department.

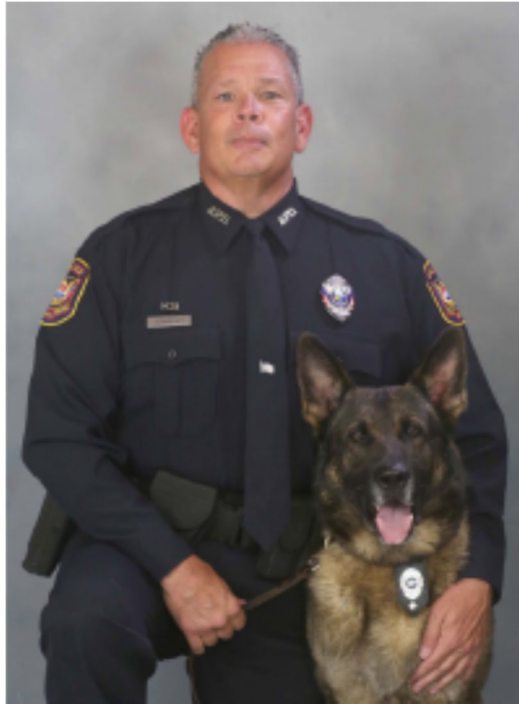
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## 2020 SYKES OFFICER OF THE YEAR



### Officer Thomas J. Donnelly

**Officer T. J. Donnelly** was born and raised in New York and moved to Florida in 1988 to begin his career in law enforcement. After retiring from the Clearwater Police Department at the rank of Sergeant, Donnelly returned to law enforcement with the Tampa International Airport Police Department in 2017.

In 2018, Officer Donnelly competed for and earned a position with the Tampa International Airport Police Department K-9 Unit. He was paired with his new K-9 partner, Ikar, and the two enjoyed immediate success. Officer Donnelly and Ikar are a familiar duo at the Tampa International Airport. They are a proactive team tasked with narcotics interdiction and are assigned to the Special Investigations Unit. In addition to the countless amount of hours focused on narcotics interdictions, this team has been involved in numerous community demonstrations, training and community policing outreach programs. Officer Donnelly has gone to great lengths to forge strong and valuable partnerships with surrounding agencies. Officer Donnelly and K-9 Ikar have been recognized as a valuable and trusted law enforcement asset, and because of this, they are routinely called upon by U.S. Customs, Homeland Security, U. S. Coast Guard and surrounding Tampa Bay Area law enforcement agencies.

To date, Officer Donnelly and K-9 Ikar have deployed over 400 times and have been involved in the seizure of over 430 pounds of illegal drugs, over \$600,000 in illicit currency and firearms. Many suspects trafficking in illegal drugs have been arrested because of the team's efforts.

Officer Donnelly lives in Pinellas County with his family and was raised in the Tampa Bay Area. His oldest son is a firefighter with Pasco County Fire Rescue and his youngest son proudly serves as a Sergeant in the United States Army and recently returned from Iraq.

Officer Donnelly has not only proven to be a conscientious and proactive police officer, he has also proven his dedication and commitment to his department and profession. His actions are a great credit to himself and to the law enforcement community, in general. It is for these reasons, Officer Donnelly is the Tampa International Airport Police Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2020.

# Congratulations

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## TRAFFIC DIVISION



The Traffic Division and Airport Police took delivery of two new Ford trucks to replace aging vehicles.

Efforts were made to match the graphics package to reflect the fact that Traffic and Police work as a team!

2020 will definitely be a year remembered, or maybe a year to forget. Despite the onset of the pandemic, the Traffic Division stayed focused, and stayed working throughout. They adjusted their regular routines, as most everyone had to; zoom meetings, social distancing and wearing masks became the norm. To their credit, the Traffic Specialists embraced the new procedures, continuing to manage the reduced traffic volumes and assisting travelers.

Two major highlights of the year would be the development of the Airport Resource Officer (ARO) program and major construction on the roadways and on the arrival/departure drives.

The ARO program's intent is to have Traffic Specialists respond to minor medicals in the main terminal and airside, gather victim information, capture video and submit a medical report to the Police Supervisor. Police Officers, who are normally tied up writing this report, are now free to conduct their regular duties. Ten Traffic Specialists were selected due to their ability to multi-task, attention to detail and excellent computer skills. These Traffic Specialists went through training conducted by Sergeant Cheryl Porter and her training team, and reinforced by the traffic trainers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of this program was to train the Traffic Specialists to respond to Lost and Found articles, to include unattended bags. The program has proven very successful so far; Medical Reports submitted: 54, Unattended bags: 95, Lost and Found items recovered: 82.

Due to the reduced traffic volumes, we were able to give our construction teams the ability to accelerate their work on the roadways, Central Utility Plant and arrival/departure drive projects. The construction project at the entrance to blue arrivals drive was the most impactful overall for us. A temporary entrance was constructed with an "S" curve that created some new challenges. The Traffic Manager and Traffic Supervisors assembled a response plan to manage the entrance, and the Traffic Specialists managed it very well.

Overall it was a challenging year, but the Traffic team really stepped up and made the best of it. Our hats are off to Traffic Specialists, who showed tremendous effort, focus and ability to work through less than ideal conditions, and yet maintained their professionalism and dedication to TPA and the traveling public.

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# TECHNOLOGY AND EVIDENCE

On Tuesday, October 27, 2020, our agency replaced a 20 year-old, piecemealed report system with the new Report Management System (RMS) vended by the Central Square Public Safety Software System.



Months of planning preceded the implementation. A training program before “Go Live” was conducted for all personnel using the program including, Patrol Officers and Supervisors, Command Staff, AROs, Detectives, TRU and K9.

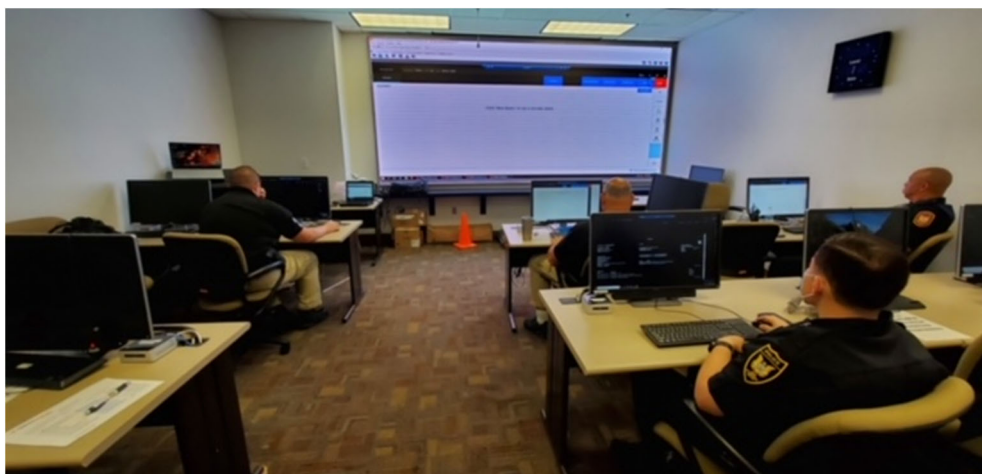
The project team consisted of **Captain Uno** as the project manager, with **Laura Rozansky**, **Tiffany Kennedy**, and **Officer Jean Tremblay** as subject matter experts. Along with the AOC project team of **Shannon Boos** as the project manager, with **Tony D’Aiuto** and **Scott Rooney** as subject matter experts,

| Active  |                  |
|---|------------------|
| INSPECT: Inspection**<br>1 Airside F General, TPA<br>F GATE ARM TRUCK COURT                   | 08:32:18<br>308  |
| SUSPR: Suspicious Property<br>1 Main Terminal General, TPA<br>INFORMATION DESK TRANSFER LE... | 08:18:54<br>364  |
| HVP: High Visibility Patrol<br>1 Airside F General, TPA<br>SS F                               | 07:56:23<br>102F |
| HVP: High Visibility Patrol<br>1 AIRSIDE C GENERAL, TPA<br>SS C                               | 07:42:45<br>124C |
| HVP: High Visibility Patrol<br>1 Airside A General, TPA                                       | 07:31:07         |

Information Technology project manager **Tim Staney**, and subject matter expert **Stacy Walsh** ensured the transition was successful. The transition took place over the course of a week was the result of a year of planning. The result was a smooth transition to a paperless report writing system designed to serve both departments for years to come.

The officers were issued iPhones, with the ability to work from an application called Field Ops. This application takes the officer’s ability beyond the vehicle or desktop. Since the majority of our agency assignments involve foot patrol, this app provides a snapshot of CAD and allows the officer to have a handheld CAD to see assignments and calls in real-time. A future task could include the ability to utilize FCIC/NCIC checks which will reduce radio traffic into the Airport Operations Center.

Included in the system is a new evidence technology which utilizes a scan system for evidence tracking. This is vitally important because evidence is staffed by two officers from the A and B Cycle on a part time basis in addition to their duties, which allow them the best working technology possible.



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# POLICE ADMINISTRATION

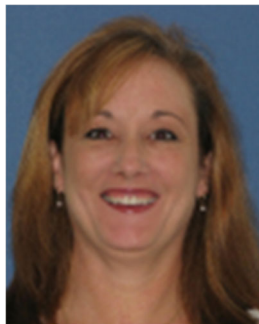


**Tiffany Kennedy**  
Public Safety Administration Manager

The year was full of ebbs and flows for the Public Safety & Security Administration (Admin) Team. Through it all, Admin maintained outstanding continuity of business for the Public Safety & Security Department and TPA. From participating in the design and implementation phases of the new RMS system to providing a PowerPoint curriculum for processing Medicals for the Airport Resource Officers (ARO) program, the ladies of Admin continued to utilize their administrative talents to showcase customer service excellence throughout 2020.



**Donna Mainous**  
Administrative Assistant I



**Trish Jeanfils**  
Administrative Assistant I



| 2020 Snapshot                    |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Processed Reports                | 914  |
| Disseminated Reports/CADs        | 1615 |
| Citations                        | 158  |
| Parking Tickets/Voids            | 1086 |
| Uniform/Equipment/Supplies       | 501  |
| Monthly/Quarterly/Annual Reports | 66   |

Notable highlights of 2020 for Public Safety & Security Administration included,

- Farewell and New Beginnings to **Janet Rowe**, Support Services Manager
- Five Years' Service Award and Lessons in Leadership Interview – **Admin Manager Tiffany Kennedy**
- ARO Medicals PowerPoint Presentation – **Admin Specialist Patricia Jeanfils**
- SKY Leadership Development Program – **Admin Specialist Donna Mainous**
- RMS Go Live – Admin Team



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# ACCREDITATION



**Laura Rozansky**  
**Accreditation and Policy Development**

## TIAPD Achieves Reaccreditation!

The Accreditation process requires the Department to prove compliance with over 199 standards. Our mission is to ensure that our policy meets industry standards and that proofs of compliance are available for each file. During 2020, the Compliance Manager gathered the required proofs of compliance and built the final files for inspection. On December 8-10, 2020, a team of assessors audited our Department's files to determine compliance and unanimously recommended our agency should be awarded Reaccreditation with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). TIAPD earned initial Accreditation in 2017 and this is the Department's first Reaccreditation. In early 2021, members of the Department will meet before of the Commission to officially accept our award.

|             | Compliments | Complaints | Internal Investigations | Service Related Inquiry |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Police      | 39          | 3          | 4                       | 1                       |
| Traffic     | 9           | 8          | 0                       | 0                       |
| 2020 Totals | 48          | 11         | 4                       | 1                       |

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# PATROL DIVISION

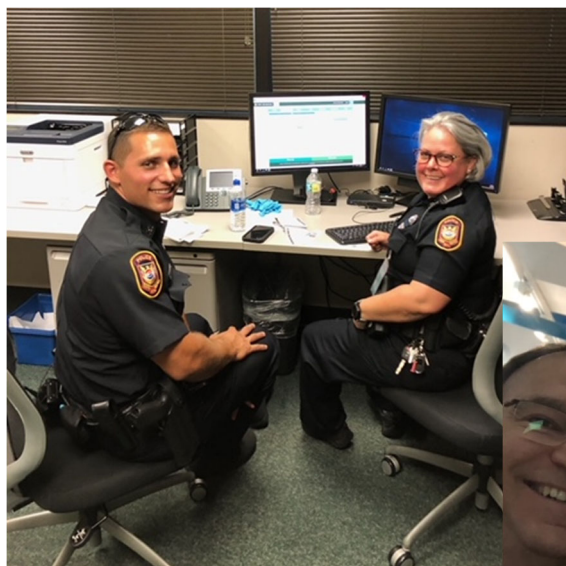
## A Squad

A Squad received several awards in 2020, to include: **Officer Jason Griffith** – Officer of the Quarter, and **Lieutenant Scott Seifer** for Meritorious Service.

A Squad also participated in community events, such as the Dr. Martin Luther King Parade/Breakfast, Great American Teach In, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, 5K Runway Run Preparations, Super Bowl LV Preparations, and TIAPD Honor Guard Representation (several events/funerals).

Members completed notable training, such as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS – Drone), Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Training, Records System Management Training, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitations (CPR), Evidence Submission, Stress Management and Mental Health, Eyewitness Identification, Advanced Report Writing, International Police Mountain Bicycle Association (IPMBA) Refresher, Management of Medical Preparedness & Response to Bombing Incidents, Crowd Control, Changing Nature of Law Enforcement & Impact of Accountability and Societal Change, Bi-weekly Critical Events Training, and Gracie Survival Tactics.

Notable Events included the retirement of **Sergeant Robert Thomson** and the squad's response to an Alert 3 Aircraft Crash where in which all three occupants in the Cherokee Piper survived.



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# PATROL DIVISION

## B Squad

Officers **Dastas** and **Bizzle** helped stranded passengers with assistance from Hands Across the Bay.



L-R: Corporal Wood, Officer Soto, Officer Virt, and Sergeant Browning participated in carbine refresher training.

During the pandemic, members maintained airfield security throughout it all.

B Squad had several officers participate in “No Shave” initiatives for the United Way and Toys for Tots, to include **Corporal Wood**, **Officer Martinez** and **Officer Soto**.



Along with his patrol duties, **Officer Soto** maintained the fleet assignments and took it upon himself to review every vehicle sheet and stay ahead of the maintenance schedule to ensure the vehicles and assigned equipment are working properly each day.



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# PATROL DIVISION

## C Squad

C Squad is one of two (2) midnight patrol squads responsible for the safety and security of the Tampa International Airport during the overnight hours. The duties of the Squad generally consists of traffic management through the evening peak periods and orchestration of various traffic diversions as a result of overnight construction projects. In addition the Squad is tasked with the safety and security of all stakeholders while on Authority property.

Prior to the pandemic C Squad averaged 900 to 1,000 activity calls per month. These calls were primarily calls for service and passenger assists. As a result of a significant decrease in passenger traffic, due to the pandemic, police had to adapt to a new of doing business. An emphasis on directed patrols, high visibility at checkpoints, and traffic enforcement became the effective strategy to policing the Authority campus. Although this method of policing cannot be notably quantified this proactive approach has strengthened our visual presence and is noted by the compliments received by our passengers, concessioners, and other department personnel.

Some of the notable events that C Squad was involved in during 2020 include:

- On January 26, members of C Squad responded to a fatality traffic crash on the inbound parkway. The scene was managed flawlessly with minimal operational impact.
- On June 13, **Officer Tamboe** was summoned to Airside C Gate 30 for a woman choking. Upon arriving he noticed the woman in distress and was able to conduct the Heimlich maneuver, freeing her airway and saving her life.
- C Squad participated in numerous community events to include the Gasparilla Parade, TOBA MLK Breakfast, MLK parade, PRIDE parade, and others.
- C Squad was able to collect 144 toys for the Toys for Tots drive.



C Squad conducted numerous training sessions and career development classes to include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IPMBA Bike Training class</li><li>• PRSBI Bomb Training Class</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IPMBA Intermediate Bike class</li><li>• Sovereign Citizen and Domestic Terrorism Class</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RMS training</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CPR training</li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eyewitness Identification and Stress Management</li></ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human Trafficking</li></ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High Liability Training</li></ul>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Title VI &amp; VII Training</li></ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Courtroom Testimony</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs</li></ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FCIC/NCIC Training</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FTO Instructor</li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carbine Training Course</li></ul>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Numerous TPA Perform classes</li></ul>   |

Our focus this year has been to further our relationships with other departments that we work closely with. From Project Managers to Airport Operations Managers and AOC personnel, we strive to work in a coordinated fashion to reach a singular goal that best benefits the Authority.

# PATROL DIVISION

## D Squad

2020 was a year of perseverance and a true test of fortitude. D Squad set examples of what can be achieved through hard work and dedication.

Despite the diminished passenger load, the team was relentless in ensuring the safety and security of the airport. Calls for service increased by 762 calls from 2019.



Furthermore, D Squad conducted 2,079 additional directed patrols as compared to the previous year. This is a testament to the diligence of avoiding complacency and maintaining a constant state of readiness to defend and protect the airport and its community.

Though much of the training was limited due to COVID-19, D Squad managed to tally a total of 896 hours of training and continued education. Classes such as Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, IED Search Procedures, Kinesics, Gracie Survival Tactics, Stress Management and many more. Sgt. Porter also successfully completed her leadership course at the Command Leadership Institute.

Listed here are some of the highlighted cases throughout 2020:

- 2020-00110 **GTA, Possession of Cocaine, Fraudulent Credit Cards and Driver's License, Possession of Cocaine** – Officers responded to an active GTA and arrested a female subject who attempted to steal a Maserati from the RCC. The subject presented a fraudulent DL and Credit Card. She also had cocaine on her person.
- 2020-00192 **Grand Theft Property** – **Officer Santana** investigated a theft of a bag and with the help of SIU he was able to identify and arrest the suspect a few days later. The suspect was also charged with several other bag theft spanning over a few days' time.
- 2020-00413 **Trespass AOA** – Officers responded to the ramp area between Airsides E and F for a suspect that had intentionally crashed through a gate. Officers arrived within minutes of the call going out and took the subject into custody before he could cause damage to any aircraft, equipment or personnel.
- 2020-00825 **Property Damage** – Officers responded to the DeBartolo hangar to assist TPD with a traffic crash that damaged airport property. It was discovered that the vehicle and driver had been involved in a shooting only moments prior and the subject was at large and possibly armed. D Squad was instrumental in helping set up a perimeter to and maintain the scene at TPD K-9 as TPD Air Service searched the area.

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# PATROL DIVISION

## Honor Guard



The Honor Guard is comprised of eight officers who dedicate themselves to the solemn representation of fallen or deceased police officers and their families in need. They also present colors at opening ceremonies for major events. In 2020, the Honor Guard participated in memorial events for 9-11 and fallen officer events. The Honor Guard has attended numerous funerals of police officers killed in the line of duty within the State of Florida, as well as retired officer funerals.



## Bike Unit



The Tampa International Airport Police Department bikes are equipped with lights for increased visibility and a rear patrol bag containing all the necessary paperwork and equipment for an officer during his/her shift.

The bike unit has a full strength with 12 certified members. All members must show physical capabilities necessary to safely

operate a bike in the demanding Florida environment. Bike members are responsible for handling calls just as patrol officers in a vehicle or on foot. They must show proficiency in bike skills each year to keep their bike membership intact. Bike members have been instrumental in completing several high priority calls, to include locating missing persons and suicidal subjects, as well as assisting airport patrons in their time of need.



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## K9 UNIT



2020 has been a challenging year for our entire Nation. Even with all of the changes that had to be implemented, the Tampa International Police Department K9 Unit still excelled.

In 2020, the TIAPD K9 Unit conducted 12 public demonstrations, over 700 proactive deployments, over 200 requested searches, 113 security details related to sports teams, dignitary protection, and fallen service member escorts. Add to that 1,600 public visibility deployments to enhance airport security, and you have a tremendous amount of work being conducted.

The TIAPD K9 Unit doesn't just serve the airport though, as we are frequently called upon to assist surrounding jurisdictions at local, state and federal levels. We deployed throughout the entire region to provide security for Tampa's Annual Gasparilla events, Super Bowl LIV held in Miami, and the Tampa Bay Lightning Stanley Cup celebrations. We also provide our detection expertise for investigations to many law enforcement partners who may request it. TIAPD K9 works closely with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Our K9 Teams are an integral part of the law enforcement fabric in the Tampa Bay area.



This past year, the TIAPD K9 Unit entered three of our dog

teams in the United States Police Canine Association Region 1 Trials. The teams had never competed in such an event, and all three teams came away with a combined win of 10 trophies in Explosives and Narcotics Detection. Corporal Traci Dietz garnered Top Explosives Detection Team of our entire region. Also this year, our Narcotics K9 Team, Officer TJ Donnelly, was honored as the Sykes Officer of the Year for 2020 and also was recognized by the USPCA with an Excellence Award: Case of the Quarter for the seizure of \$66,400 and a concealed firearm. All TIAPD Police K9 Teams passed their annual K9 Team national certifications with perfect scores.



2020 put the Tampa International Airport Police K9 Unit on the map. Our K9 Teams are recognized for their superior performance and professionalism. While a pandemic slowed travel at the Tampa International Airport, it

allowed our teams to sharpen their detection skills, and confirm what we here at TPA already know.... The TIAPD K9 Unit is second to none. The people we serve and protect can take comfort in that proven fact.

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## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT



The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is a team of detectives that handles all criminal investigations, background investigations and internal investigations. During this past year, our detectives handled over two hundred criminal investigations, and successfully cleared over one hundred of those cases, with an impressive 52% clearance rate. For comparison purposes, the latest FBI

Uniform Crime Report (2019) notes that the national average clearance rate for property crimes such as larceny, burglary and auto theft is approximately 16%.

The SIU is frequently partnered with state, local and federal agencies, for joint investigations of criminal activity. Two of our detectives are Task Force Officers, with one each on the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

The Special Investigations Unit conducts investigations in regard to narcotics smuggling, with over 164 interdiction details undertaken. One detective is a nationally recognized K9 handler, with a narcotic detection dog. These initiatives have resulted in numerous arrests and contraband seized.

Applicants that are seeking employment at the Tampa International Airport Police Department are also researched by Detectives from SIU. 12 new employees were hired as a result of their efforts.

The Detectives in SIU are leaders in charity initiatives at Tampa International Airport as well, with many contributions to the United Way and Toys for Tots.



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# SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

|                    | Cases Assigned | Cases Cleared | Arrests   | Case Clearance Rate |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Quarter 1          | 82             | 40            | 16        | 48%                 |
| Quarter 2          | 23             | 12            | 1         | 52%                 |
| Quarter 3          | 48             | 28            | 6         | 57%                 |
| Quarter 4          | 50             | 25            | 3         | 50%                 |
| <b>2020 Totals</b> | <b>203</b>     | <b>105</b>    | <b>26</b> | <b>52%</b>          |

| Backgrounds        | Reviewed  | Forwarded | Investigated | Hired     |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Police             | 12        | 3         | 4            | 3         |
| Traffic            | 8         | 4         | 8            | 3         |
| AOC                | 20        | 18        | 9            | 6         |
| <b>2020 Totals</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>21</b>    | <b>12</b> |

| Narcotics Interdiction/Contraband Investigations     |          |
|--|----------|
| Details  | 164      |
| K9 Arrest  | 5        |
| Assist Outside Agency                                | 19       |
| K9 Training Hours                                    | 83.5     |
| Public Demonstrations                                | 14       |
| Alert to Odor  | 38       |
| Marijuana Seized                                     | 26 lbs.  |
| Currency Seized                                      | \$13,900 |
| Patrol Assist  | 25       |
| Total Search Areas<br>(Vehicles/Luggage/Rooms, Etc.) | 7,455    |

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# TACTICAL RESPONSE UNIT



The Tactical Response Unit is comprised of eight members; the team commander, the team leader, five team members and the department's drone detective/

crime prevention practitioner. TRU is responsible for reacting to critical incidents, dignitary details, special details, fallen soldier details, high priority calls, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) implementation.

TRU is also responsible for team training, the Department's high liability training, in-service training, scheduling advanced and specialized external training, and holdover training for newly hired officers. TRU humbly assisted various US military branches in over a dozen fallen soldier details through 2020. TRU coordinated and assisted the United States Secret Service with numerous dignitary protection details for the 2020 election year to include visits from the President of the United States.

The UAS "Drone" concerns to TPA are still growing and the "Drone Unit" is working with our local partners to include the FAA, FBI, and other local law enforcement agencies in an effort to stay ahead of the potential threats of a UAS incident.

In the beginning of the year, Detective Jones provided UAS familiarization training to the entire Department.

In preparing for the upcoming Super Bowl operation, along with our daily UAS concerns, we have been very busy meeting with our partner agencies, working groups, and providing training, education, and resources to assist with the safe operation of the event, not to mention our very own Super Bowl committees and sub-committees.

This year, in addition to Super Bowl planning, we saw a large increase in dignitary protection requests from the United States Secret Service and provided support for their missions for UAS monitoring and response.

Over the year, TIAPD investigated UAS pilots who either violated restricted airspace near the airport, broke Florida law, or conducted flights that were alarming enough to cause a police response or impact airport operations. Many cases were handled with an education approach and a few were turned over directly to the FAA for further enforcement.

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# TACTICAL RESPONSE UNIT



The resources available during the Super Bowl operational period (2021) will provide valuable training and experience for future UAS planning and our mission to keep the airspace around TPA safe from UAS incidents, along with refresher training and information sharing amongst our partners in the Tampa Bay area.



*Officer Koehl demonstrating baton techniques during holdover training.*



*Congrats to Officers Perilla and Vasquez (not pictured) on becoming new Tactical Response Team members.*

**Detective Dan Jones** was able to acquire this low-mileage F-350 from the Clearwater Fire Department through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant process at no cost to TIAPD.

Thanks to Public **Administration Manager Tiffany Kennedy**, TIAPD was able to fund a new paint job and graphics package providing the Tactical Response Unit with their own patrol vehicle.



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# AIRPORT RESOURCE OFFICER (ARO)



Airport Resource Officers, or AROs, are Traffic Specialists that are trained in accordance with our Police Field Training Program with regards to certain non-police related tasks, such as medical calls and lost & found calls.

Both a Police Officer and an ARO will be dispatched to a medical call. If the Officer determines that the call did not arise out of a criminal action or does not involve serious bodily injury or death, the Officer will turn the scene over to the ARO. At that point, the ARO will complete the report and review and download all the relevant

video footage from our GENETEC system. This allows your Police Officers to get back in service and focus on their main objective – keeping the Airport safe and secure and remaining highly visible.

After a 90 day pilot program in which the proof of concept was confirmed, the ARO program was made permanent. Currently, there are 10 Traffic Specialists who are trained as AROs.

The AROs are excited about their new duties and have a sense of pride in their new responsibilities. Under the newly signed PBA contract, AROs get a monthly stipend to perform their duties. This motivates them to consistently produce a high quality product.

*Traffic Specialist Benjamin Widlits performing his ARO duties on the Airside*

| 2020 Snapshot   |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Medical Reports | 54 |
| Lost and Found  | 82 |
| Unattended Bags | 95 |



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## CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Congratulations to our fantastic K9 teams! They are the best in the business!

Over 45 canine teams from across Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana competed in areas of obedience, patrol work, apprehension, explosive detection and narcotics detection in the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Regional One Trials, February 2-7, 2020, hosted by Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. TIAPD K9 Teams earned awards in the following categories:

### **Corporal Dietz and K9 Vika:**

Top Dog overall Explosive Detection  
1st place Two Man Team Explosive Detection.  
3rd place Explosive Detection Indoor.  
3rd place Explosive Detection Outdoor.

### **Officer Reggi and K9 Anya:**

1st place Explosive Detection Indoor.  
1st place Two Man Team Explosive Detection.  
2nd place Explosive Detection Outdoor.  
3rd place Explosive Detection Overall.

### **Officer Donnelly and K9 Ikar:**

3rd place Narcotics Detection Overall.  
3rd place Narcotics Detection Outdoor.  
Needless to say, we are #TIAPDProud of these hard working teams!



*L-R: Officer Christopher Reggi, Corporal Traci Dietz, and Officer T.J. Donnelly*



**Officer Donnelly** was presented an Excellence Award for the "Case of the Quarter" by the United States Police Canine Association.

On June 7, 2020, Officer Donnelly and K9 Ikar responded to the Southwest terminal of the Tampa International Airport in request for a narcotics K9. A passenger was attempting to go through screening with a concealed fire-arm, as well as an excessive amount of currency. Throughout the investigation, the subject was unable to explain the manner in which the money was packaged and offered no supporting documentation to back his story. With the positive canine hit, officers were able to create a nexus between the artfully concealed currency and the narcotics. Therefore, the currency was seized under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act and the subject was charged with carrying a concealed firearm.

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Officer Donnelly and K9 Ikar were responsible for the seizure of \$53,000 in US Currency and \$13,400 in money orders. In the two years Officer Donnelly and Ikar have been partners, they have successfully seized nearly one million dollars in US Currency associated with narcotics investigations and they remain an integral part to our mission in fighting the War on Drugs.



**Officer Andres Perilla** and his son had the opportunity and privilege to volunteer their personal time at Feeding Tampa Bay. Officer Perilla recounts, "It was a mix of emotions; the happiness of helping the needy families and community and the sadness to see people crying as they were receiving their fresh produce." Andres continued, "On multiple occasions, my family and I have volunteered at different organizations such as Metropolitan Ministries and The Humane Society. Let's not forget the people in need, especially during these difficult times." Officer Perilla is training for the New York City marathon while raising funds for the American Heart Association.

**Sergeant Eric Diaz** rappelled Over The Edge of the Hilton Tampa Downtown for a great cause. In doing so, he was able to raise \$1,500 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay. Great Job, Eric!



On June 19 2020, **Officer Bizzle** presented donations of \$1,500 to Pearlana's Adult Activity Center located at 9309 N Florida Ave #101 Tampa, Florida.



Pearlana's provides services to individuals with disabilities, seniors and the homeless. The donation will be put towards educational group trips, community outreach, i.e. feeding the homeless, food bank distribution, hosting annual health fair and assisting with sustaining self-sufficiency through assistance with towards rent and utilities.

Thanks again to all who participated in the cash donation drive. We were able to donate a total of \$1,500 to worthy front line service providers. These service providers have day to day contact with individuals in need of basic essentials. Through your generosity, we were able to make a difference in the lives of others.

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# GIVING BACK



Sworn personnel grew beards twice this year; once in spring (United Way) and once in fall (Toys for Tots). The participants paid monthly fees in order to grow and maintain beards. The proceeds benefited United Way totaled \$1450, while Toys for Tots totaled over \$3,800!

*Bottom C to Bottom R (clockwise): Officer Brian Kozera, Corporal Derek Wood, Officer Matt Martinez and Officer Steve Soto, Chief Charlie Vazquez, Sergeant Darrell Colestock, Detective Matt Ewing, Sergeant Eric Diaz, Corporal Brad Dilley, Officer Jerry Patrick, and Officer Steve Soto. Center Picture: Officer Brian Kozera, Sergeant Darrell Colestock, and Corporal Brad Dilley*

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## GIVING BACK



The Police Department collected \$3,800 in donations with the beard initiative and this became close to 50% of the total collection Authority-wide! With over \$7K in donations, **Chief Vazquez** and his wife, **Captain Uno**, **Morgan Grief**, and **Shari Kopp** with her family shopped until they

dropped on December 6 at Target in Wesley Chapel.

Toys filled over 16 carts, along with several bicycles. In addition to these toys, D Squad collected 144 Toys this year on their own initiative. The donations kept coming, and more shopping was completed December 12!



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## 2020 QUARTERLY EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



The new Public Safety Dispatch and Records Management System is valued at over \$1.25 million and is projected to serve the Tampa International Airport Police Department and Airport Operations Center for many years to come. It was paramount that a champion for this project step forward and take a personal interest in its success. **Officer Jean Tremblay** is that person. Officer Tremblay took the initiative to meet with stakeholders, gather suggestions, and create templates needed to bring this project to fruition. His steadfast dedication to this project was met with resounding reviews from his peers, supervisors, and the vendors at Central Square. The Project Manager at Central Square indicated that Officer Tremblay's work was some of the most comprehensive and detailed data for templates she had ever seen. For his efforts, Officer Tremblay has been named Officer of the Quarter.



**Sergeant Eric Diaz** oversees the Tactical Operations and Training Unit of the Tampa International Airport Police Department. In this role, he supervises the Tactical Response Unit, K-9 Unit, and the Training Unit. In addition to those duties, he is intensely involved in policy development. Fulfilling a long-time goal, Sergeant Diaz attended the FBI National Academy – Session #278. Nominated by his classmates and peers, he was selected as the Section Representative, which is an honor for our agency and an accolade for him. As a testament to his leadership, Sgt. Diaz received an invitation to present at the 2020 FBINA Conference in New Orleans on Use of Force training and Role Play in Today's Age of Policing. He actively participates on various committees throughout the Aviation Authority to include the TIAPD Awards Committee, Co-Chair of the TPA Public Safety sub-committee, and a member of the Sky Center Fitness Amenities Group, just to name a few. In addition, he volunteers for many community events to include, the Gasparilla Children's Parade, the MLK Day Parade and the Walk Like MADD Event held in Tampa. The Tampa International Airport Police Department is proud to name Sergeant Eric Diaz as the Officer of the Quarter.



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On January 19, 2020, at approximately 0750 hours, **Lieutenant Scott Seifer** and another officer were conducting firearms training at the Airport Police Firearms Range. During their training, the officer had an accidental discharge of his firearm that caused him to sustain a gunshot wound to his upper right thigh. Lieutenant Seifer was within feet of the officer when the discharge occurred and observed that he sustained an injury. Lieutenant Seifer immediately rendered first aid, summoned medical personnel and reassured the injured officer that he was going to be fine. It was not

until the officer was transported to the hospital that Lieutenant Seifer was able to reflect on the gravity of the situation that had just occurred. His ability to maintain his composure and revert to his emergency response training is a true testament to his professionalism and the reason he was chosen to receive the Meritorious Service Award.



On June 13, 2020, **Officer Robert Tamboe** was on patrol on Airside C when he was informed of a woman choking and unable to breathe in the food court dining area near Gate C30. Officer Tamboe observed the female subject in physical distress and obviously choking. A witness on the scene told Officer Tamboe that the victim attempted to expel the object that was obstructing her breathing but was unsuccessful. Officer Tamboe asked Ms. McKinney if she was choking and she nodded her head, signaling in the affirmative. Officer Tamboe positioned Ms. McKinney

and performed the Heimlich maneuver one time. The object that was obstructing her breathing was expelled allowing Ms. McKinney to resume normal breathing. Officer Tamboe assisted Ms. McKinney in recovering until she was able to function on her own. Officer Tamboe continued to monitor her until ARFF 9 arrived on scene and took over treatment. Ms. McKinney was ultimately transported to St. Joseph's Hospital by Tampa Fire Rescue #8. Due to his quick actions in performing the Heimlich maneuver, Officer Tamboe undoubtedly saved the life of Ms. McKinney and is receiving the Life Saving Award.



On January 31, 2020, at approximately 1330 hours, **Traffic Specialist David Rajioppi** was advised by an airport patron that a male appeared to be in severe medical distress in the men's restroom on Blue Arrivals. David obtained the nearest AED device and rushed to the restroom. As David entered the restroom, there was a Good Samaritan already doing chest compressions. David advised the Good Samaritan that he would place the AED pads on the patient and would take control of the scene. The AED administered a shock. David continued chest compressions and in

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between each set, the AED analyzed his heart rhythm and advised no shock was needed. David performed a total of three sets of chest compressions and the AED shocked only once on the first analysis. For David Rajioppi's quick thinking, immediate response and dedicated performance in the service of others, the Tampa International Airport Police Department is proud to present the Lifesaving Award.



**Traffic Specialist Merry Jo Carper** is known for her propensity to spread goodwill and cheer throughout the Tampa International Airport. After the Tampa International Airport Police Department received holiday greeting cards from a grade school class, Merry Jo took it upon herself to spread her goodwill and cheer beyond the Airport boundaries. Merry Jo was especially touched by the thoughtful student letters and took it upon herself to become their official pen pal. She responded by sending a personalized card to each one of the eighteen students in the class who sent their holiday greetings. Her cards were handwritten and included positive reminders

of the importance of doing well in school and always doing their best. When the students each received their first card from her, they were excited about becoming her pen pal and that is when the letter exchange began. The teacher advised that the majority of the students in her Title One school are underprivileged and come from low socio-economic backgrounds. Many have never received a personal letter, so they were thrilled to receive one written specifically for them. They began to correspond with one another during the holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, and it continues to this day. The Tampa International Airport Police Department is proud to present Merry Jo Carper with a certificate for Exceptional Duty.



On March 22, 2020, at 2117 hours, Officers were responding to a request from Attleboro Police Department in Massachusetts of a missing and endangered 14 year old who was in the company of an unknown adult male. Attleboro Detectives advised Tampa International Airport Police that they had a tip that the subjects were recently in the Tampa Airport. Communications quickly relayed the BOLO and several officers began a canvass of the Terminal. Officer Guirguis was conducting a systematic search in conjunction with other TIAPD officers and located the minor in the Arcade. The minor was in the company of an unknown adult male and **Officer Joseph Guirguis** took the appropriate steps

to begin an initial investigation that led to a felony charge of Solicitation of a Minor. Officer Guirguis' quick and systematic response led to the safe return of the minor and charges being filed on a dangerous subject. Due to his quick actions, Officer Guirguis is being awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.

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The uniform worn by the officers of the Tampa International Airport Police Department is a physical representation of their commitment to serving and protecting the TPA community. With that in mind, **Detective Matt Ewing** took the lead in developing and securing new shoulder patches for the TIAPD. Over the course of one and one half years, Detective Ewing first brought the new shoulder patch concept up at a Quality Improvement Committee meeting. In moving the process forward, Detective Ewing collaborated with vendors to provide mock samples of four separate designs. Detective Ewing made a Staff Proposal for the January 2019 TOPS

meeting in which he presented four new shoulder patch designs. After receiving approval from the Chief, Detective Ewing coordinated a survey of the department officers to select the final design. For his initiative and hard work, Detective Ewing is being awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.



On May 5, 2020, **Officers Ashley Bell and Jason Griffith** responded to an urgent call of a male intentionally breaching the Truck Court at Airside E with a motor vehicle. The subject subsequently breached the AOA by crashing through an electronic gate. The driver of the vehicle conveyed to an airport employee at the Truck Court he wanted to "harm an aircraft". The responding officers were on scene in less than five minutes and in all probability prevented and aircraft from being damaged or worse. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident. Lt. Thomas initiated a call out to the K9 unit in order to sweep the vehicle for explosives. For their efforts, Officer Ashley Bell, Officer Jason Griffith, and Lieutenant Jason Thomas are being awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.



On January 14, 2020, **Traffic Specialist Donald Wildmann** was working Red Departure when he observed a female guest crying. Concerned for her welfare, TS Wildmann asked if she needed any assistance. The guest said her daughter had an airline ticket but did not know there was an additional bag fee which she could not afford. She did not have a credit card nor did she have enough cash to pay for the bag. TS Wildmann used the SunTrust ATM to get \$20 from his own savings account and assisted the guest in using the pre-paid debit machine by the United counter to get the required debit card. The guest was able to send the bag with her daughter and she thanked TS Wildmann for his help. TS Wildmann went out of his way to provide outstanding customer service and upholds the high standards and traditions of the Traffic and Public Safety Departments. For these reasons, he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.

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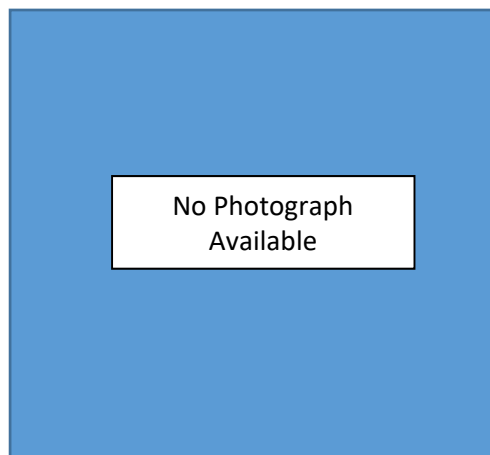


On January 9, 2020, **Traffic Specialist Johnny Guyton** was working Red Departure and encountered a distressed young male. TS Guyton learned the male missed his flight home to Las Vegas. He was not able to rebook or get a refund on the flight. The male was from Lakeland and did not have the funds to get back there or to get a hotel here, and could not pay for another ticket. TS Guyton asked Spirit ticketing personnel if they could assist, and they had a flight the following day he could purchase. TS Guyton realized the male would be at the airport for 24 hours with no money for a room or food, so he

asked if there were other flights. They had one the same afternoon, but it would be an additional cost of \$77. TS Guyton paid the additional cost to get the young male on his way home. TS Guyton paid it forward because someone in Los Angeles had helped his son when he had a similar issue. TS Johnny Guyton espouses the highest standards and traditions of the Traffic Department and the Department of Public Safety and Security, as well as the Aviation Authority. For these reasons, he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.



On May 30 2020, officers were dispatched to the Taxiway Alpha area regarding a security issue. Officers arrived on scene and met with the reportee, GLF Construction employee, **Paul Jones**. Upon arrival, the officers confirmed that Mr. Jones' instincts were correct enabling the officers to take appropriate action to immediately address the security issue. The alertness of Mr. Jones and his willing-ness to not only See Something and Say Something, but to Do Something deserves commendation. It is for these reasons that the Tampa International Airport Police Department is proud to present Paul Jones with a Certificate of Appreciation.



On January 7, 2020, a vehicle pulled up to Red Departures looking for assistance. **Michael Blackmore**, a construction supervisor with RS&H, spoke with the driver and the passenger of the vehicle. The driver and passenger were an elderly couple who had traveled through Tampa Airport the day prior, but had left an important item on the aircraft. The airline contacted them and told them the item was found and available for pick up. The couple became confused while driving and could not find the bag office. Blackmore told the couple to wait on Red Departures while he went over to Blue Baggage Claim to retrieve the item. The couple was extremely happy with the personal service they received from

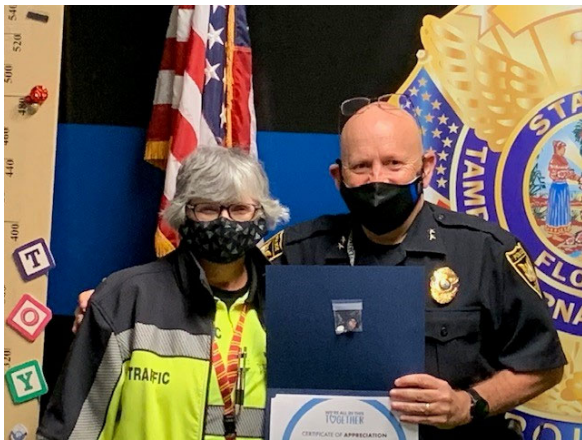
Blackmore. For his efforts, Michael Blackmore was awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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**Traffic Specialists Merry Jo Carper and Herbert Myers** received their 20 Year awards for their employment with the Authority. Congratulations!



**Chief Vazquez** participated in a Law Enforcement Panel Discussion in March



*Lieutenant Rich O'Connor and Sergeant Darrell Colestock*

Police Officers traditionally carry a myriad of equipment on their duty belt. When you add up the total weight of a weapon, ammunition, handcuffs, flashlight, radio, TASER, baton, tourniquet and a few more items, the total can reach 20 pounds or more. Do that for 20 years, and it is no wonder why many officers suffer from chronic back pain.

Chief Charlie recently authorized TIAPD Officers to wear an "outer vest carrier." The carrier not only contains their body armor (rather than wearing it under the uniform shirt), it supports much of the equipment that was previously on the duty belt. This allows the officer to spread the weight around more evenly and relieve pressure on the back.

Purchased with forfeiture funds, many of our officers have chosen to utilize the outer vest carrier in the performance of their duties.



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## TIAPD Launches Mobile App!



TIAPD launched its first ever Mobile App to encourage communication with the police department and as part of our "See Something Say Something" initiative. The Mobile App is free of charge and is located by a search of "TPA Tips" at the Apple Store or Google Play Store. Submit tips, request information, file e-theft reports and more!



Android QR Code



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Congratulations to **Captain Teri Uno** for her graduation in the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command. This course is one of the big three command schools in the nation, offered by the prestigious Northwestern University in Chicago; one of the top universities in the nation. Graduates undergo a rigorous 23 week course which includes leadership, resource allocation, executive image, media relations, budgeting, and project management. Captain Uno graduated with a 96% grade point average and learned with command staff from all over the nation to include members of the Chicago Police Department, Utah Highway Patrol, and other major police departments. The instructional staff includes retired and current Chiefs of Police and other staff members. This course was especially challenging because it was online, and required her to attend while handling her work duties, which she did successfully. Other challenges include the current pandemic and nationwide protests. This class will participate in graduation at Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois in 2021.

Northwestern University is an established leader not only in education, but in Public Safety Education. Beginning in 1929, the Evanston Police Department established the Accident Prevention Bureau who then developed a traffic safety model that brought together research, education, engineering, and enforcement. As a result, the National Safety Council declared Evanston as "America's Safest City." In 1936, Northwestern established the Traffic Safety Institute which also served as the operating arm of the first Traffic Safety Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The Traffic Institute quickly became a world leader in



traffic crash investigation, prevention, and law enforcement management and has maintained that reputation ever since. In fact, crash investigation and reconstruction with investigator standards around the world was established here. In addition to education, NUCPS helped to successfully lobby for the establishment of the Highway Safety Act of 1970 which created the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Today, they continue to be part of national efforts to develop highway design standards that maximize safety, to identify and evaluate strategies to combat impaired driving, and to identify and highlight model traffic service personnel and programs among the nation's law enforcement agencies. Northwestern renamed the Traffic Institute to the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS) in 2000. In recognition of NUCPS's dedication to public safety, City of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel proclaimed Sunday, October 23, 2011, as "Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Day."

NUCPS continues to build on the Institute's tradition of excellence through educational programs offered in Evanston, across the US, and around the world.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY



On January 17, 2020, **Officer Bizzle** and **TSA Officer Velez** attended the 11th Annual Public Safety Fair sponsored by the Northdale Recreation Center and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. During the event, Officer Bizzle spoke to local residents about travel safety tips that would assist them in navigating the Tampa International Airport. Officer Bizzle advised the residents that after they have located and parked in one of our onsite parking garages, take a few moments to survey the interior of their vehicles for any cash, jewelry or electronics. Officer Bizzle advised them to secure their valuables inside the glove compartment or in the trunk of their vehicle and out of plain sight. Officer Bizzle informed the group to always check and recheck their luggage for

any prohibited items before arriving at the airport to prevent any delays in their travels. Several vendors were on hand to provide education and information ranging from fire prevention, internet safety, Code Enforcement and medical services for seniors. This Public Safety Fair was a great opportunity to engage and connect with seniors in our area and provide them with helpful and useful travel tips.



On March 10, 2020, **Officer Bizzle** and the Outreach Committee held their large homeless outreach. This outreach was hosted by Citylife Church located at 8411 N Dale Mabry Highway. Over 50 vendors were in attendance and provided services to 206 members of the Hillsborough homeless community. Many received haircuts, did their laundry and took showers using the Showered & Empowered mobile shower unit. Each of them visited with vendors before being permitted to select clothing items from the giveaway room which was stocked with a variety of shoes and clothing for men

and women. None of this could have been achieved without the combined efforts of the committee members and vendors. It is truly a privilege for Officer Bizzle to serve as the Outreach Committee Co-chairman. Each quarter, the nominee is presented with the task of working out the logistics of this event and coordinating vendors and volunteers. They are able to accomplish such tasks because of the unstoppable efforts of such a motivated group of dedicated professionals.

Officer Bizzle has participated in virtual teen summits, Outreach Committees and other community engagement forums via Zoom. Zoom has created a platform so that individuals can come together for group meetings, communicate and share information on limitless topics. This allows us the opportunity to



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further engage, network and share information with each other. It also provides an outlet for teens to express themselves while listening and learning from the comfort and safety of their own homes. Due to the current need to practice social distancing, Zoom has provided a resource for us to continue to connect with our youth and service providers. Thank you, Officer Bizzle!



**Officer Dastas** was on foot patrol in the Marriott Hotel Gallery when she observed a woman sleeping on a couch. The woman was trying to get home to Denver but was stranded at the airport. She was initially uncooperative because she did not believe Officer Dastas was trying to help her. Officer Dastas built rapport with the stranded passenger who was eventually very grateful to have someone help her. Officer Dastas contacted Hands Across the Bay for assistance. Hands Across the Bay purchased a ticket on Frontier to Denver and the woman was able to get home. Officer Dastas did an excellent job getting a stranded person home and showing her the softer side of law enforcement.



On April 12, 2020, **Sergeant Jeff Browning** and **Corporal Derek Wood** met with Chevonecie Charles, Ibn Rouse and their two month old infant child at the entrance to Police Head-quarters. During the conversation with the family, it was revealed they recently traveled from New Jersey to Tampa with intentions of relocating in the St.

Petersburg area. Upon arriving, they were turned away without assistance and had no place to go. The family was desperate to return to New Jersey where they had resources available. They turned to Tampa International Airport Police as their last resort. The family was hungry and had not eaten because they were unable to afford a meal. Officer Bizzle's assistance was requested by his supervisor due to his experience dealing with individuals in need of services. Due to the efforts of everyone involved, the family of three received a gift card to purchase food, fully paid flights to return to New Jersey and waived baggage fees by the Jet-blue staff. All of this was made possible through the kindness and generosity of **Julie Weintraub's Hands Across The Bay foundation**. Julie's foundation provides emergency funds to the Airport Police Department and other organizations to assist those in need. Thanks, to Julie Weintraub and her Hands Across The Bay Foundation.



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# IN THE COMMUNITY



Scenes from the Gasparilla Children's Parade, Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake, and Bigs in Blue. TIAPD believes in the community!



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Captain Uno, Officer Bizzle, Traffic Specialist Glenn, Officer Oliver Jones, Officer Ashlee Burge, Officer Veronica Hamilton, Officer Andres Padilla, and Traffic Specialist Dwinell Ouellette attended the MLK Leadership breakfast. This event was hosted by TOBA (Tampa Organization of Black Affairs) at the Hilton Hotel in Downtown Tampa. There were over 1,000 in attendance

consisting of corporate sponsors, elected officials and leaders from the Tampa Bay community. The keynote speaker for the 40th Annual Leadership Breakfast was Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. Mr. Glaude is the Chair of African American Studies at Princeton University and regularly appears on the television show Meet the Press. Glaude's message focused on positive solutions to problems many communities are faced with across America today. His message was both informative and inspirational.

Following the leadership breakfast, members from the Airport Police Department, Traffic, Guest Services and Marketing participated in the 2020 MLK Day Parade. Everyone had a great time and joined over 100 other floats participating in the parade. We were honored to participate in the annual celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are looking forward to the celebration in January 2021.





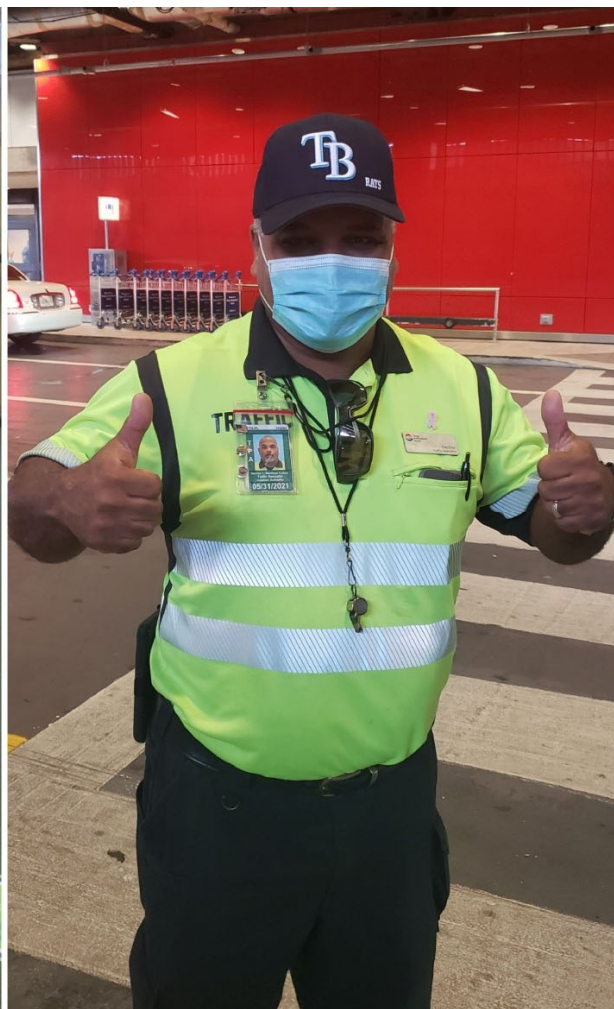
## IN THE COMMUNITY

The Tampa Bay Rays won the American League Pennant and TIAPD showed support for the home team during their World Series matchup against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Personnel were permitted to wear official Tampa Bay Rays baseball caps during the duration of the World Series.

While the Rays were not victorious, their fan support in our department continues to be unwavering. GO RAYS!



*Officer Gina Maggiacomo*



*Traffic Specialist Hector Martinez*



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## IN THE COMMUNITY

Members of the Police Department and Traffic Division worked the special detail that brought Lord Stanley home with the Tampa Bay Lightning!



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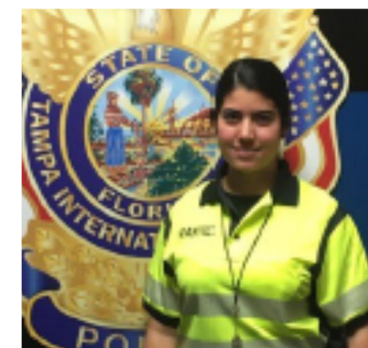
# WELCOME



**Officer Carlos Lopez** was born and raised in the South Bronx, New York and is proud to be of Puerto Rican descent. He has been married for 36 Years, with three grown children and three grandchildren. Carlos started his career in law enforcement with the New York City Police Department in 1983. During his service with NYPD, he also responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11. After he retired in 2003 and moved to Florida, he served with the Pinellas Park Police Department and the Temple Terrace Police Department. He retired from the TTPD at the rank of Sergeant in March 2018. During his career with all three agencies, he served as a Criminal Investigator/Detective, Team Leader of the Crisis Response Team/Hostage Negotiations Unit, and Investigations. His hobbies are traveling and experiencing new countries and cultures. Carlos is fluent in Spanish.



**Officer Ashley Bell** started her career as a law enforcement officer at the age of 25, in 2009, and spent almost 10 years at the Lee County Port Authority Police Department (SWFL International Airport). She worked in patrol, and the Professional Standards Bureau as a Detective until she left the agency in June of 2019. She was part of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Homeland Security Investigations Bulk Cash Smuggling Unit as a Task Force Officer. She was dual-certified as a Deputy with the Lee County Sheriff's Office. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Florida Gulf Coast University and likes to go to the beach, spend time with her family and dogs, and kayak. She recently relocated back to the Tampa area as of February 2020 and is excited to be back.



**Traffic Specialist Ailine Cajiao Saavedra** was born in Colombia. She is 27 years old and has been living in the United States for 8 years. Ailine likes to travel and to visit new places. Her favorite food is pasta and Colombian food. She also likes to roller skate and exercise.



**Traffic Specialist Andre Cabreja** graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 2012. He worked in the airport for G2 security staff from 2005 to 2011 prior to working in the hospitality industry for 10 years. Twice, he was named the employee of the year.

TS Cabreja has been married to his wife, Yulissa, for 11 years and they have 3 beautiful children. He is very grateful to be working with the Traffic Department at Tampa International Airport.

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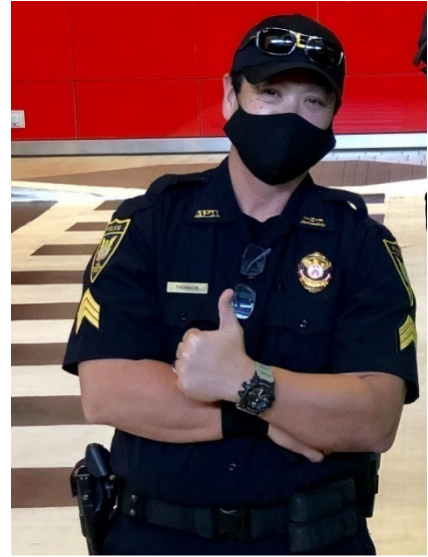
# GOODBYE

## Sgt. Robert Thomson

**Sgt. Robert Thomson** retired November 1, 2020, after a long career that spanned 25 years in local law enforcement. He was initially hired in 1994 by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office as a Civilian Transportation Security Officer, and became a sworn Corrections Deputy in 1995.

In 2002, he was hired by the Tampa International Airport Police as a police officer. He was soon assigned to K9 as a K9 handler, and after five years, became an FTO, bike officer and Firearms Instructor in Patrol. In 2013, he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to lead the K9 unit. After three years leading K9, he transferred back to Patrol and completed his career as a squad sergeant.

Good luck in your future endeavors, Bob!



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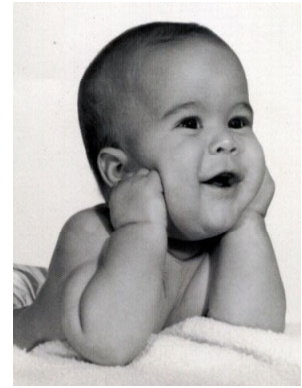


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2021 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tampa International Airport Police Department. We've come a long way since then. Can you guess who these members of the TIAPD are who have come a long way, as well?



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| Steven McDonald  | Teri Uno        |
| Carlos Lopez     | Yamil Dastas    |
| Andres Perilla   | Charlie Vazquez |
| Monique Shughart | Samantha Henley |
| EJ Diaz          | Scott Seifer    |
| Ann Walters      | Jean Tremblay   |
| Bob Rinehart     |                 |



## REMEMBRANCE



### Chief L. Warren Bennett

**Lowell Warren Bennett** died peacefully surrounded by his family on May 12, 2020, at the age of 83. A native Floridian, he was born on February 12, 1937, in Dade City, Florida.

Warren's greatest passions were his family, Florida football, service to his community and his deep Christian faith. Warren was a resident of Hillsborough County for 60 years. He graduated from Pasco High School in 1956 where he was a star running back for the Pasco Pirates. After receiving a football scholarship, Warren played for his beloved Florida Gators and later completed his degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Tampa. Warren began his career at Tampa Police Department where he retired as a Major in 1984.

After a short stint at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, he was hired at the Tampa International Airport Police Department as the Chief of Police. In his 11 years of his airport tenure, he oversaw the deputization of some officers as U.S. marshals. He also saw the department grow. He retired in 2002 after 11 years at the helm.

Throughout Warren's life, he exemplified compassion, professionalism, and held firm to his Christian beliefs. His legacy will be carried on by all those who he mentored and inspired.



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