

# Tampa Airport Police Department

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Welcome to our 2022 Annual Report. A new era begins...new station, and a new name: TPAPD. TPA is the airport code for Tampa International Airport, and we are recognizing our airport by adopting the code instead of the outdated TIAPD.

Inside this issue, we will showcase our accomplishments, events, hires, retirements, and our people. The most important aspect of any team is the people who make it successful.

We strive to be the best aviation law enforcement agency in the nation.

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## Did You Know

For facts and tidbits, we will highlight in our new "Did You Know" bar on each page!

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## Chief's Message

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

Don't call it a (Covid) comeback; we've been here for years!

Welcome to our 2022 TPAPD Annual Report. If you are a member of our Department, thank you for another successful year. If you are a member of the community we serve, we hope we exceeded your expectations.

In 2022, passenger volume was back in a big way; we went from (pre-Covid) record high passenger levels to unprecedented low passenger levels back to near record highs... your Police, Traffic and Admin teams were here the whole time. We continued to provide for the safety, security, and mobility of TPA through it all. And through it all, we managed change and charged forward. We moved into a new Police Station. We issued Self Aid/First Aid tourniquets to all officers. We passed the FDLE CJIS Audit. We replaced all officers' pistols with brand new 9mm Glocks or Sigs. We successfully implemented our Body Worn Camera program. We conducted a full-scale active threat exercise. We conducted two sessions of our Citizen Police Academy. We did all of this and more. And, we could not have accomplished it unless we worked together as one.

I am proud of the officers, traffic specialists and administrative personnel who sacrifice, on a daily basis, to ensure the Tampa International Airport Police Department remains the finest aviation law enforcement agency in the nation. Bring on 2023!



**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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### Did You Know?

Chief Vazquez is the seventh Chief in the 50-Year history of the department.

## Command Staff

### Captain Teri Uno Special Operations

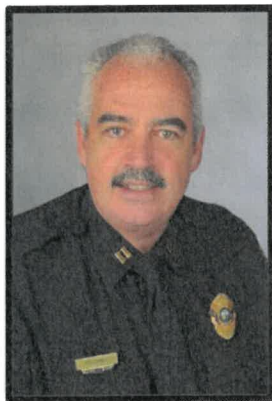


Captain Uno has served with our department since 1992 and has worked as a Field Training Officer, Detective, Corporal, Patrol Sergeant, Professional Standards Sergeant, and Patrol Lieutenant. She was raised in an Air Force family and has lived on notable bases such as Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, Nevada, 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 Dean, who is a retired Tampa Police Officer. They have two sons (Justin and Philip). She has a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree from St. Petersburg College, and 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 Richard O'Connor Law Enforcement Operations



Captain O'Connor joined the Tampa International Airport Police as a Lieutenant in 2016. While serving as Watch Commander, Richard brought extensive leadership, wisdom and experience to TIAPD.

Richard started his police career with the Tampa Police Department in 1988, earning the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Major. His many varied assignments include Field Training Officer, Latent Investigator, Homicide Detective, Shift Commander, and Commander of the Major Crimes Division, where he oversaw Homicide Unit, Sex and Family Violence Unit, the Fugitive Apprehension Unit and the Forensics Unit.

Richard's decorations include the Award of Valor, two Life Saving Awards and twice being named the Tampa Police Department's Officer of the Month. Captain O'Connor received a certification from the International Association of Chiefs of Police for Leadership in Police Organizations. He currently holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from University of South Florida and his Master's Degree in Executive Leadership from Liberty University.



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### Did You Know?

The Captains have a combined 66 years of law enforcement experience.

## Senior Managers

### Senior Manager Bob Rinehart Traffic Division Senior Manager



Manager 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.

Bob 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.

### Sara Clymer Manager of Police Administration



Sara is a Florida native and was born and raised in Orlando. She grew up in the Lake Conway area right next to the Orlando Airport. Sara has been married to her husband Jeff for 15 years and they have two amazing little boys, Jeffrey (9) and Charlie (6). Sara moved from Orlando to Tampa to go to the University of South Florida. After 23 years in Tampa, it is home and She loves it here.

Upon graduating from USF with a BS in Business Administration, Sara was recruited by Target Corp and worked for them for 15 years with her last position being Store Director of the Super Target just down the road from the airport on Hillsborough Ave. In the fall of 2019, she decided it was time to leave retail and spend more time with her family. For the past 3 years Sara has been running her online boutique and it has been a great experience. When Sara is not working, she loves spending time with her family. Sara loves reading, running, and going to all of the different festivals at Epcot.

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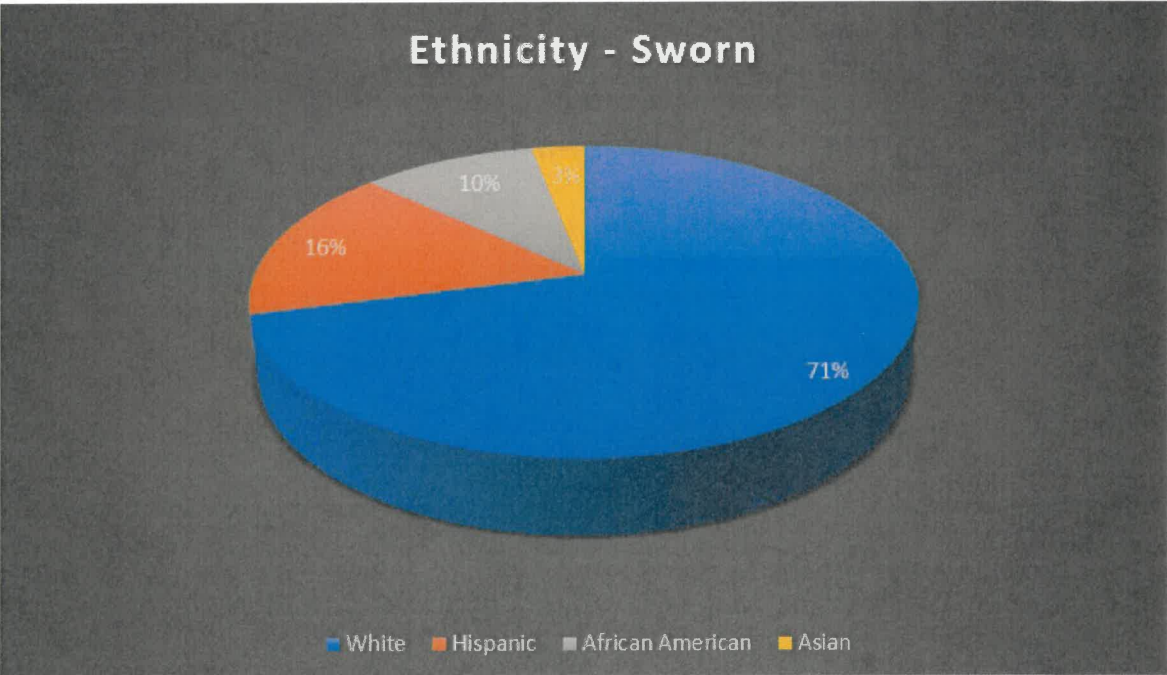
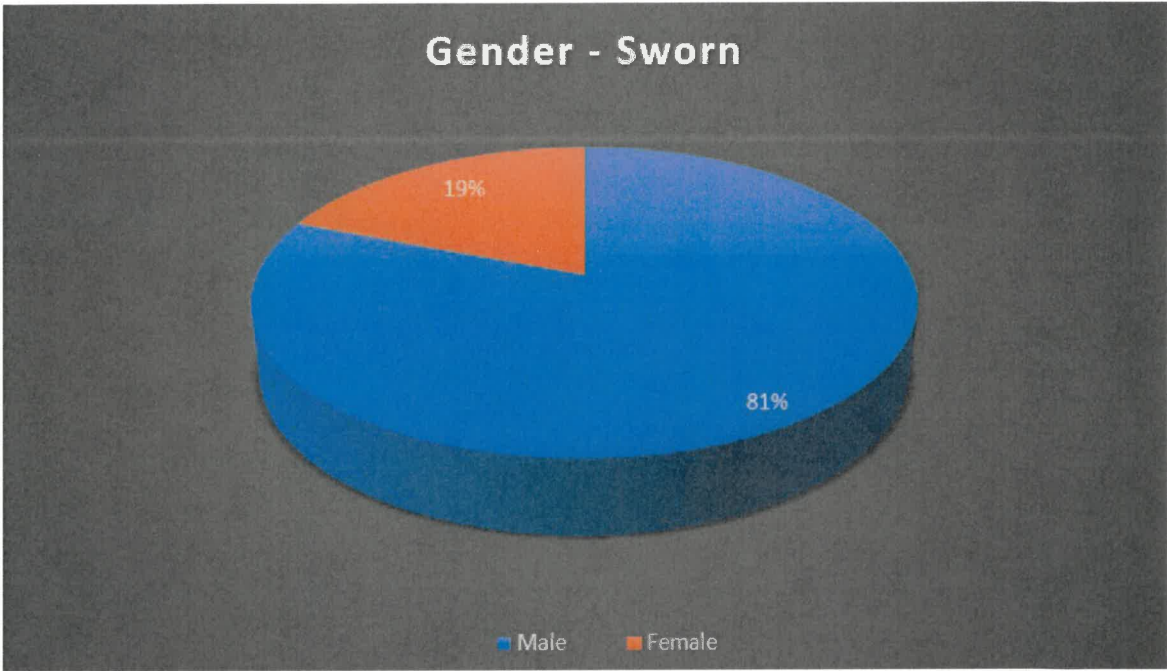
### Did You Know?

The Senior Managers are responsible over 60 plus non-sworn employees and duties range from budgets, traffic management, and report processing.

## Statistical Overview

Event	2021	2022	Change
Calls for Service	58,533	61,067	4.5%
Arrests	230	275	19.5%
Burglary Auto	5	5	0%
Stolen Vehicle (Patron)	26	29	10%
Stolen Vehicle (Rental Vehicle)	74	83	12%
Property Theft	147	69	(114%)
Theft from Baggage Claim	2	9	450%
Homicide	0	0	0%
Suicide	0	0	0%
Fraud	10	9	(1%)
Bomb Threat/Hoax	1	7	70%
Disturbances	692	576	(20%)
Traffic Crashes	287	310	8%
Traffic Fatalities	0	0	0%
Medical Incidents	1,616	2,084	29%
Traffic Citations	786	1,115	41%
Parking Tickets	1,385	2,806	102.5%
Suspicious Vehicles/Persons	328	458	40%
Baker Act (Emotionally Disturbed)	50	32	(64%)
Vehicle Impounds	42	45	.075%
Alarms (includes Fire, TSA, Door/Gate)	1,374	2,017	46%
Trespass	128	245	91%

# Sworn Demographics



## Traffic Division

So long 2022! It has been fun, but time to move on! The Traffic Division seems to never slow down and this year has been no different. The Holiday traffic was back in full swing as the country continued to open up from the pandemic, United Way set a record for donations, roadway construction is here again, Traffic hired new Traffic Specialists and a late hurricane sent Floridians evacuating to higher ground.

It was a welcome sight to see the high volumes of passengers this holiday season, almost equal to pre-pandemic levels. We saw very heavy traffic on the drives however we got some relief on the blue side thanks to the new Blue Express Drives! Speaking of Express Drives, construction has begun again, this time on the red side to build new Red Express Drives. Traffic specialists stay flexible and focused, moving traffic in and around road closures and assisting drivers to pick up and drop off their parties. There is no rest for the weary as the Spring Break travel boom was quickly upon us with a full terminal and lots of traffic. Springtime is also the time for the Tampa Airport 5K run which is the kickoff for the United Way Giving Campaign. Manager Rinehart had the opportunity to be a co-chair for this year's campaign. Thanks to all those employees and the participants from the 5K, we were able to achieve a record \$165,180 in donations! A number of our Traffic employees opted to use United Way to give to the local



Vargas and Tony Sealy for their donations to the Harram Temple.

Harram Temple No 23. These employees received certificates from the temple leadership group, represented by Brother Tony Downing. Thanks to Nicole Minnifield, Hector Martinez, Dwinell Ouellette, Kenny

Traffic employees are not only great at moving traffic and helping customers, they lend their time and skills in other critical areas as well. We have employees who are members of the airports Toastmaster club, airport employee committees, Airport Resource Officer's, 5K run volunteers, Gasparilla Children's parade and MLK parade, Triennial exercise and Police Active Shooter exercise just to name a few.



All of our Traffic Specialists, Seniors and Supervisors work very hard each and every day, maintaining an efficient operation at the Main Terminal curbside, ensuring security at the checkpoints and keeping our roadways clear of hazards. Chief Vazquez implemented an employee of the month program this year and two of our Traffic Specialists, Dwinell Ouellette and Jeff Lawrence both received that honor this year.



## Did You Know?

30 years ago, there were less than 10 traffic specialists. The division now employees over 60 personnel with additional duties!



## A Place of Our Own

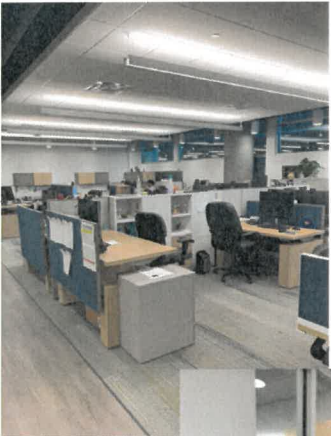
This year brought the biggest change to the police department in recent memory: a brand-new station.

The new space is the fourth departmental space in the police department's 50-year history. But what separates the new station apart from the previous three is that it was designed and built from the ground up with partnerships from the Police Department, Planning and Development, Maintenance, and Procurement. The result is a state-of-the-art space designed to grow with the department for decades to come.



interview rooms designed for victims and suspects, and space for Federal partners.

The space is an open concept, and there are additions that were considered that were never considered before: a sallyport with holding cells, pre-planned conference room technology, adequate space for leaders and staff to work, focus rooms for meetings, mail slots for all members and future growth, interview rooms designed for victims and suspects, and space for Federal partners. The result is a home that was designed for our law enforcement agency to grow and contribute.



Our police department moved in the new station in April of 2022 and continues to add personal touches to make it our own.



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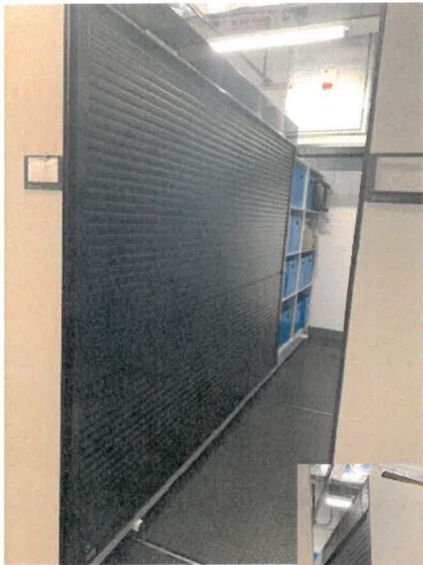
This new station is the fourth in the department's 50-year history. It is the first station designed and built from the ground up and designed for future growth!



## Technology and Evidence

This year brought a new era to the police office as we moved into a new space created specifically for police needs with police input. Included is a state-of-the-art Evidence Room created with state-of-the-art ventilation and shelves. The system installed is designed to anticipate future growth of the agency.

Spearheaded by Officer Veronica Hamilton, who is the Evidence Custodial Officer, a brand-new system of evidence storage and entry was installed.



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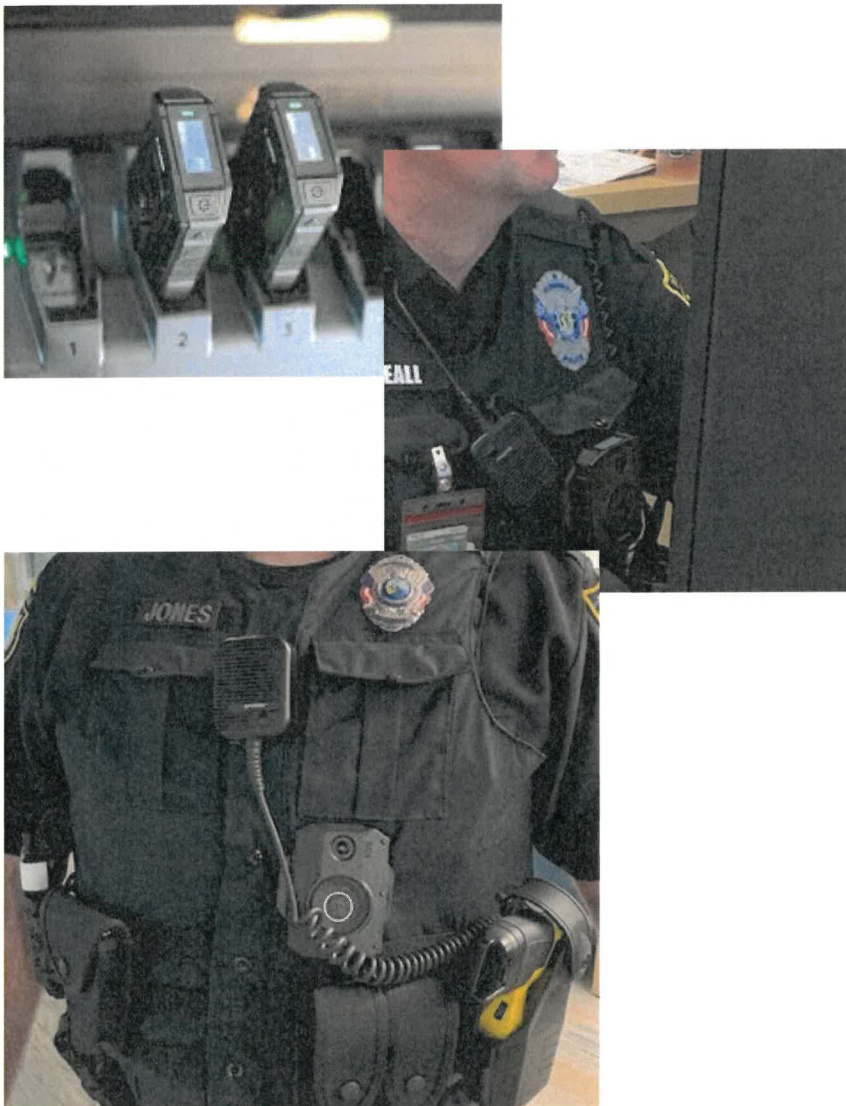
In 1911, the State of Illinois won a murder conviction against Thomas Jennings by the use of fingerprint evidence.

Reference:

Balko, Radley. (2015, April 21).  
A Brief History of Forensics.  
Washington Post

## Technology and Evidence

In law enforcement, transparency is key and goes hand in hand with professionalism. In March, our agency purchased Body Worn Cameras (BWC) along with cloud storage to further professionalize our agency. Our agency becomes the latest in the Tampa Bay area to embrace this technology and the cameras were rolled out in late September. Now all sworn personnel, from the Chief to the newest officer, wears the BWC. The purchase of Axon 3, along with cloud storage allows TPAPD to work with partners, such as the Hillsborough County State Attorney, to facilitate the safe transfer of evidential video. The cameras have assisted the officers in reports and arrests, and against any false complaints.



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### Did You Know?

BWCs have been adopted rapidly over the last ten years in law enforcement!

## Police Administration

The Police Department said goodbye to Tiffany Kennedy as she assumes a new role in HCAA's Internal Audit Department. Under the direction of new Manager, Sara Clymer, Police Administration clears reports and citations. They are responsible for ensuring the State receives certain reports, departments within the Authority have information, and work with the State Attorney's office. They are a vital part of the daily operation of the Police Department.

## In 2022,

### Administration processed:

- 1,710** Reports
- 4,132** CADs disseminated
- 1,491** Citations
- 2,661** Parking tickets/voids
- 579** Uniform and supply requests
- 117** Monthly/quarterly/annual reports



Trish Jeanfils  
Administrative Assistant I



Donna Mainous  
Administrative Assistant I



## Did You Know?

There is over 45 years of administrative experience in the Police Administration Unit

## Accreditation

The accreditation process requires us to prove compliance with over 200 standards. During 2022, the Department continued to review and update departmental policies to meet changes in accreditation and Florida State Statutes.

Our accreditation process is a three-year cycle, and 2022 was year two of our cycle which means continual proof collection. We are ramping up for our CFA onsite in 2023.

Bias-based profiling occurs when, whether intentionally or unintentionally, an officer applies his or her own personal, societal, or organizational biases or stereotypes when making decisions or taking police action, and the ONLY reason for that decision or action is because of a person's race, ethnicity, background, gender, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, age, culture or other personal characteristic, rather than due to the observed behavior of the individual or the identification of the individual as being, having been, or about to be engaged in criminal activity. It is the policy and practice of the Tampa International Airport Police Department to protect the Constitutional rights of all people, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, physical handicap, religion or other belief system or physical characteristic; and to treat each person with respect and dignity. While contacting persons in a variety of situations is not only routine, but also germane to law enforcement activities, the agency will not accept or tolerate bias-based profiling.

The following provides that total number of commendations, complaints, Internal Affairs (IA) investigations and Administrative Inquiries and Biased Based Profiling complaints during 2022:

	Police	Traffic	2022 Total
Compliments	32	26	58
Complaints	9	25	34
Internal Investigations	0	1	1
Service-Related Inquiry	11	0	11



Laura Rozansky  
Accreditation and Policy Development

### Did You Know?

TPAPD has to comply with over 200 standards as put forth by the Florida Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) and must do so every three years!

## Patrol Division A Squad

March 15, 2022: While on patrol, Officer Runge came upon a vehicle v. motorcycle crash on Air Cargo Rd. and MLK. A southbound van turned left in front of the northbound motorcycle causing a high impact crash. Officer Runge, a nurse and an off-duty EMT provided medical care for the motorcycle rider until TFR and TPD arrived. Officer Runge's actions were instrumental in keeping the rider alive until he could be transported to the hospital. The rider survived with multiple injuries.

March 29, 2022: Chosen by the Chief, Captains, Managers of Traffic and Admin, Cameron was the unanimous selection for employee of the month. Officer Beall has established the first Traffic Units for the Tampa International Airport Police Department. Officer Beall was instrumental in coordinating a functional schedule for the Traffic personnel to be the most effective for the purpose of traffic mitigation while not taxing existing patrol staffing. He has also attended several meetings with FDOT and is coordinating the disbursement of a Speeding and Aggressive Driving grant as well as assisting in the procurement of the grant for the upcoming year.

April 20, 2022: Officer Matas assisted a Southwest passenger who left their purse at Airside C in a seating area. Officer Matas reviewed video and determined the purse had been stolen by a Flagship employee. Officer Matas did a great job identifying the employee who stole the purse and bringing the person to the police station for an interview. Officer Matas was assisted by Officer Dastas with Spanish translation. Officers Matas and Dastas were able to obtain a confession. He retrieved the purse and returned it to the complainant. The complainant declined prosecution but was grateful for the return of her purse.

May 15, 2022: Officer Griffith investigated the theft of an iPhone valued at \$1,000. The "Find my iPhone" app showed the phone left TPA and was at an address in Tampa. Officer Landry, officer-in-training Trapnell and Tampa Police Dept. units responded to the location and found a suspect in possession of the iPhone. The phone was recovered and returned to the victim. Victim did not wish to prosecute. Officers Griffith, Landry and Trapnell did an excellent job investigating a grand theft and recovering the property. They used their extensive experience and resources to return an iPhone to the victim, who was very appreciative of their efforts.

June 15, 2022: Officer Dastas responded to Airside E security screening reference a missing laptop. She reviewed video footage of the incident. Another passenger took the laptop and boarded his Delta Airlines flight to La Guardia. Officer Dastas was able to identify the passenger. She contacted Port Authority Police Department and spoke with Detective Ahmad. She also had assistance from TSA Assistant Federal Security Director, Greg Mertz, who put Officer Dastas in contact with Detective Sgt. from La Guardia Port Authority Police. The flight landed at La Guardia and detectives were able to make contact with the passenger that took the laptop. The laptop was recovered and mailed back to the owner.

August 25, 2022: Officer Perilla and Officer Griffith were on patrol at the RCC and identified a male as the subject of a BOLO. The officers developed information relating the subject to several GTAs. The subject was interviewed by SIU detectives and confessed to numerous crimes. Several cases were successfully closed due to attentiveness while patrolling on foot.



Lieutenant Jason Thomas



Sergeant Jeff Browning



Corporal Tammi Woodard

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## Patrol Division B Squad

May 8, 2022: Officer Bizzle assisted a family who became separated while at the airside. The mother of a 2-month-old baby seemed confused and separated from her husband at the gate area. Officer Bizzle reunited the family and determined they were in crisis because they didn't have enough formula for their trip. Officer Bizzle helped rebook their flight and also purchased formula for the family to have for their trip.

May 19, 2022: Officers responded to a Medical Call, possible heart attack on Blue Departure Drive. Numerous officers arrived on scene and observed an off-duty paramedic performing compressions on an elderly male. Officer Smith placed the AED pads on the elderly male, later identified as Mr. Greener. Officer Maggiacomo attempted to locate the victim's vitals. Officer Perilla arrived on scene and took over the compressions. Officer Smith monitored the AED which delivered three separate shocks. The officers continued to administer CPR until ARFF 9 arrived on scene. The victim was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital. Later in the evening, contact was made with the victim's son, who advised his father was alert and communicating.

May 30, 2022: Officer Lopez observed a subject driving a 2010 Kia Forte. The officer came into contact with the subject. Upon asking the subject to exit the vehicle, he did state, Pre-Miranda, that he had a firearm under his seat. The officer asked him to place his hands on the steering wheel and also inquired if he had a Concealed Carry permit. The subject acknowledged that he did not have a Concealed Carry permit. Upon arrival of back-up, he was removed from the vehicle. Upon opening the door, the officer observed a silver-colored revolver in a suede holster with no snap or safety. The firearm was not secured in a container in the vehicle and was easily accessible by the driver at any time. Recovered was a Taurus Titanium.38 Cal revolver fully loaded with five rounds.

July 3, 2022: Officer Lopez observed a Black Dodge Charger traveling on Blue Arrivals Drive. The registered owner of the vehicle had an active warrant out of Hillsborough County for Homicide. Officer Lopez initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and came into contact with four male subjects in the vehicle. The driver indicated that the vehicle belonged to his father who has a warrant for Murder. The officer observed the Male/Hispanic in the back seat that entered the auto and matched the description of the wanted subject. Although the wanted subject was not in the vehicle, there were two guns in the center console of the vehicle. The driver was subsequently arrested and charged with providing a False Name to LEO and FOJ.

July 25, 2022: Officer Tran responded to a property damage call at the Sky Center for approximately \$4,000.00 in damage to sprinkler heads which were pulled from the ground and broken off, damaged water lines and a damaged junction box. Officer Tran was able to visually identify the suspect with extensive review of video which led SIU to later make a positive identification and payment of restitution to the Aviation Authority.

September 14, 2022: Officer Lopez was assisting a US Postal OIG Agent on an investigation of a postal employee for allegedly bringing in a firearm and marijuana onto a postal facility (Federal Property). The officer observed the two Postal AIG Agents make contact with the subject who was exiting the postal facility. As the agents made contact with the employee, Officer Lopez observed him to be in possession of a red fanny pack which allegedly contained a firearm and marijuana. As the agents attempted to detain the employee, a struggle ensued, and the officer observed the employee forcibly pulling away from the agents. He then ran from the Postal Agents and was captured by Officer Lopez in Remote Economy after a brief foot chase. In November of 2022, the postal employee was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury.



Lieutenant Beth Baucom



Sergeant Wendy Shughart



Corporal Mike Cooper

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## Patrol Division C Squad

During the 2022 bid year, C Squad had incredible achievements that highlighted Tampa International Airport Police Department Values: Integrity; Passion; Diversity; Collaboration and Creativity. Members of the squad participated in the 5K Runway Run, Military Appreciation Event, Habitat for Humanity, MADD Vigil, Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Members of C Squad completed training to include IPMBA Bike Training, Internal Affairs, FBI LEEDA, Field Training, Iron Sharpened Leadership and Kinesics. C Squad members received multiple compliments and recognition throughout the year.

C Squad was on duty during Hurricane Ian. They worked together seamlessly to keep the airport safe and secured.

Listed below are some of the highlighted cases throughout 2022:

January 23, 2022: Officers responded to Sheltair reference a male subject that jumped over the fence onto the AOA. Officer Koehl conducted a foot pursuit, jumped the fence and later placed the suspect into custody with assistance of civilian retired officer. Additional officers on scene assisted with medical, scene security and searches of areas throughout the ramp. The Squad worked quickly and efficiently to locate suspect and secure AOA.

April 11, 2022: Officer Ruiz received information that a suspect from a previous theft was walking around the RCC. Ruiz located the subject and attempted to identify him along with Officer Smith. The subject provided several false names to identify himself. Corporal Pell spoke with subject's supervisor separately and obtained information. Officer Ruiz placed subject under arrest and Officer Smith transported him to ORJ.

April 11, 2022: Officer Maggiacomo responded along with Officers Basnight and Perilla reference a passenger who intentionally damaged HCAA property in the area of the jetway gate. The female had left the scene and Lt. Porter immediately went to cameras to assist. Sgt. Wood located the female in blue baggage and Officer Maggiacomo arrested the subject for Criminal Mischief.

May 19, 2022: Officers were dispatched to Blue Departures reference an unresponsive male. Officers Maggiacomo, Smith and Anaya arrived on-scene and assisted an off-duty paramedic (Patrick Kembla) with CPR, AED and vitals. Officer Perilla arrived on scene and took over chest compressions. Officers Koehl, Ruiz, and Basnight responded and assisted in directing traffic to keep the scene safe. Efforts from the entire squad contributed greatly to saving a man's life.

September 17, 2022: Officers responded to MRO Hangar reference a careless driver that left the roadway, struck the fence, and entered onto the AOA. Officer Smith made initial contact with the uncooperative driver and assessed the situation. Officer Sandel arrived and assisted in maintaining control/safety of the scene. Officer Ruiz arrived on-scene and determined that the driver was not impaired but careless. Officers Maggiacomo and Basnight obtained witness/maintenance information.



Lieutenant Cheryl Porter



Sergeant Derek Wood



Corporal Hallie Pell

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## Patrol Division D Squad

In 2022, D Squad is comprised of a group of highly experienced and motivated officers who utilized great teamwork to achieve Department goals and satisfy the needs of TPA passengers.

During the 2022 bid year, Lieutenant D.J. Colestock, Sergeant Bradley Dilley and Corporal Thomas Olsen were all promoted on May 8th and assigned to D Squad.

D Squad had some remarkable achievements and outstanding work performances. Multiple officers received compliments and awards for their above and beyond customer service to the guests of TPA. Officers Vic Gancedo and Bobby Tamboe received Exceptional Duty Awards for their swift actions in detaining a subject who armed himself with a knife in the kitchen area of Pei Wei at Airside A. Due to their actions, they were able to take the subject into custody before he could harm other patrons and workers in the area.

Multiple officers assisted with a male passenger who was having a heart attack on the Transfer Level. Officers quickly administered first aid to the subject until ARFF arrived. The actions of the officers undoubtedly helped to stabilize the passenger until he could be transported to the hospital for further treatment.

In June, Officer Tamboe witnessed a high-speed pursuit by The Florida Highway Patrol on Airport property that led to a traffic crash fatality. D Squad officers quickly located two suspects who fled the scene on foot and conducted traffic control for several hours as the Inbound Parkway was shut down until the traffic crash investigation was completed.

Throughout the year, the officers of D Squad showed exemplary customer service to the passengers and patrons of TPA on multiple occasions. They used their skills and knowledge to fully assist in a multitude of situations and keep the public safe. Their supervisory team couldn't be more proud to work with such a great group of officers.



Lieutenant Darrell Colestock



Sergeant Brad Dilley



Corporal Tom Olsen

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## Honor Guard and Bike Unit



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 2021, 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.



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### Did You Know?

The Honor Guard attends law enforcement funerals around the state, officer memorials, and opening/closing ceremonies for law enforcement events.

The Bike Unit Officers are certified to utilize bicycles to conduct directed patrols, respond to calls, and maintain visibility.

The Tampa Airport Police Department Bike Unit is utilized for high visibility patrol in the terminals, special events, covert patrol in the garages, and are a great community policing tool. The bikes are equipped with lights for increased visibility and a rear patrol bag containing all the necessary paperwork and equipment for an officer during their 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.

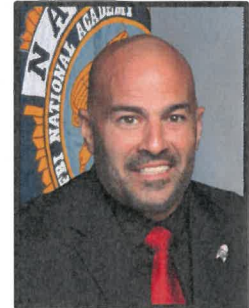
## Special Operations

K9 and Training is led by Sergeant Eric Diaz and two Corporals.

The Tampa International Airport Police K9 Unit continues to demonstrate that it is one of the premier detection K9 Units in the nation. This has been a very busy year filled with high performance and a tremendous amount of change. Regardless of the task, the K9 Unit rose to every test and challenge. Once again, our unit surpassed over 2,000 proactive deployments related to explosives and narcotics detection. In addition to deployments, we conducted dozens of public demonstrations and covered security details related to the NFL, NHL, and the NCAA ensuring the safe movement of teams and their assets and provided protection for our nation's leaders, and dignitaries from around the world.



Lieutenant Monique Barry



Sergeant Eric Diaz



Corporal Traci Dietz

A solemn task that our K9 Unit is often called to assist with is the movement of our nation's Fallen Service Heroes. All of our officers are humbled and grateful to support the men and women who sacrificed all for our nation. The coordination efforts between K9 and the Special Investigation's Unit resulted in proactive seizures of over 1,000 pounds of illegal drugs and hundreds and thousands of dollars seized in illicit funds. The K9 Unit routinely assists our fellow law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and federal level providing our canine teams as regional assets for the Tampa Bay area. Our most important mission though, is our daily encounters with the multitude of passengers that travel through the Tampa International Airport.



When it comes to change, the K9 Unit has been in the thick of it this year. With the retirement of K9 Vika, K9 Aatwood, and K9 Ikar, the unit welcomed aboard our newest detection dogs. K9 Tyson, a two-year-old German Shepherd, is now partners with Corporal Traci Dietz, specializing in explosive detection. K9 Caleb, a two-year-old Belgian Malinois, is partners with Detective TJ Donnelly tasked with narcotics interdiction. K9 Uzi is a two-year-old Belgian Malinois and is partners with our newest K9 Handler Officer Erick Sanchez specializing in explosives detection. With half of the unit's dogs being new, they had to hit the

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ground running. A good start for the new teams included all the TIAPD K9 Teams passing their annual certifications at 100%. This year, we entered into a partnership with the American Kennel Club to assist in funding the purchase of K9 Caleb through their "AKC Reunite" grant program. Corporal Dietz with K9 Tyson, and Detective Donnelly with K9 Caleb, qualified to compete in the 2022 United States Police Canine Association National Trials held in

Lowndes County, Georgia. This trial is where some of the best K9 Teams in the nation go to compete. With two dogs having less than 6 months of service between them, Corporal Dietz, K9 Tyson, Detective Donnelly, and K9 Caleb showed up big. Corporal Dietz and K9 Tyson took home 3 top place awards finishing ranked as one of the top explosives detection dog teams in the nation while Detective Donnelly and K9 Caleb took home two awards finishing ranked as one of the top narcotics detection dog teams in the nation.

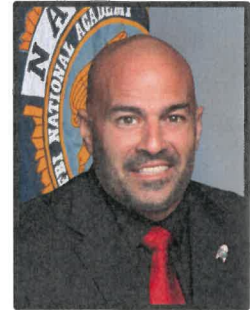


The Tampa International Airport Police Department K9 Unit serves as a valuable tactical tool and an ambassador for the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority. The team looks forward to the upcoming challenges of 2023 and strives to provide the highest level of service possible to the Tampa Bay area and beyond. We endeavor to conduct our deployments and training in public view as much as possible to provide education and criminal deterrence. There is very little down time with our K9 teams, as they must remain

proficient, maintained, and ever vigilant. When you come across our officers and their K9 partners, please feel free to talk to them about their dogs and responsibilities or grab a picture for the road. You can follow the TIAPD K9 Unit on Instagram at @TIAPD\_Guardian\_Foundation to see all the latest adventures.



Lieutenant Monique Barry



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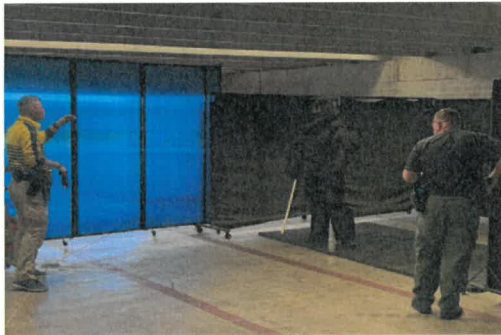
The Training Unit is led by Corporal Steve Krantz and has four assigned trainers



The Training Unit is responsible for; Tactical Officer training, the Department's High Liability training, In-Service training, scheduling Advanced and Specialized external training, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Drone Detection, and Holdover training for newly hired officers.

Throughout the year, The Training

Unit humbly assisted various US military branches in over a dozen Fallen Soldier details. The Training Unit also coordinated and assisted the United States Secret Service with numerous dignitary protection details to include visits from the Former President of the United States.



Just a few of the highlights for the Training Unit this year were:

Two Citizen's Police Academies, Active Threat Exercise in October, and five New Officer Holdover Classes.

During the year we welcomed new team members Officer Ronald Graham and Officer Michael Anderson to the unit. The TPAPD Gun Range was updated with some new equipment and additional re-allocated training equipment, the PAT Course sand pit was refurbished and upgraded to include Rubber Mulch, and implementation of the new Body Worn Cameras



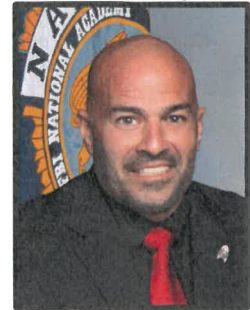
Our Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Drone Detective Daniel Jones was promoted to Patrol Corporal.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work Corporal Jones, we will miss you.

We in the Training Unit are looking forward to another great year of training and keeping the airport safe.



Lieutenant Monique Barry



Sergeant Eric Diaz



Corporal Stephen Krantz

## Did You Know?

The Training Unit ensures department members are in compliance with Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission (CJSTC) standards and adherence to departmental policy. The Training Unit also provides training to HCAA employees and tenants and provide a Citizens Police Academy!

## Special Operations

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is led by Sergeant Kevin Durkin with six assigned Detectives, one Evidence Officer, and one Narcotics K9.

Officer Hamilton oversaw the removal of all of the department's evidence in order to relocate it to the new headquarters. During that operation, Officer Hamilton documented the location of each and every item of evidence, and then gave lists to her supervisor for determination as to retention or disposal. Over 2,100 items were disposed of, leaving approximately 1,000 items of evidence stored in the new evidence room. Officer Hamilton also sought out the method for disposing of bulk marijuana. A subsequent audit of the new evidence department determined that the move and subsequent disposals and retentions was 100% accurate.



Lieutenant Monique Barry



Sergeant Kevin Durkin

SIU Narcotics Interdiction initiatives continued with great success during 2022. During the past year, 962 lbs. of bulk marijuana had been seized, and \$296,628.00 in drug currency had been seized as well. 79 physical drug arrests were made, with several arrest warrants still active.



For his narcotic interdiction efforts, Detective Matt Ewing has been nominated as Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Officer of the Year for 2022.

K9 Officer Donnelly has become renowned in the national Police K9 associations. During this rating period, he competed in the United States Police Canine Association Trials, where he placed 15th place overall, and 2nd place nationally for team searches. Though his dog has only been active for a few months, K9 Officer Donnelly still received a score of 100% for his annual certification. K9 Officer Donnelly utilizes a narcotic detection K9, and they are an integral component of the interdiction initiatives.

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The Special Investigations Unit is comprised of six detectives, an evidence custodial officer, and a narcotics K9. This unit manages intelligence, criminal investigations, internal investigations, and background investigations for Traffic, the AOC, and sworn personnel.

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	Cases Assigned	Cases Cleared	Arrests	Case Clearance Rate
Quarter 1	102	61	21	60%
Quarter 2	82	52	11	63%
Quarter 3	141	45	20	32%
Quarter 4	146	79	22	54%
<b>2022 Totals</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>51%</b>

Backgrounds	Reviewed	Forwarded	Investigated	Hired
Police	21	18	14	8
Traffic	29	22	20	14
AOC	34	28	18	15
<b>2022 Totals</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>37</b>

Narcotics Interdiction/Contraband Investigations	
Interdiction Deployments	75
K9 Arrest	12
Assist Outside Agency	13
K9 Training Hours	180
Public Demonstrations	6
Marijuana Seized	962 lbs.
Narcotics Other	½ Kilo Cocaine/4 Gm Amphetamine
Total Search Areas (Vehicles/Luggage/Rooms, Etc.)	3,093



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## Airport Resource Officer

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.

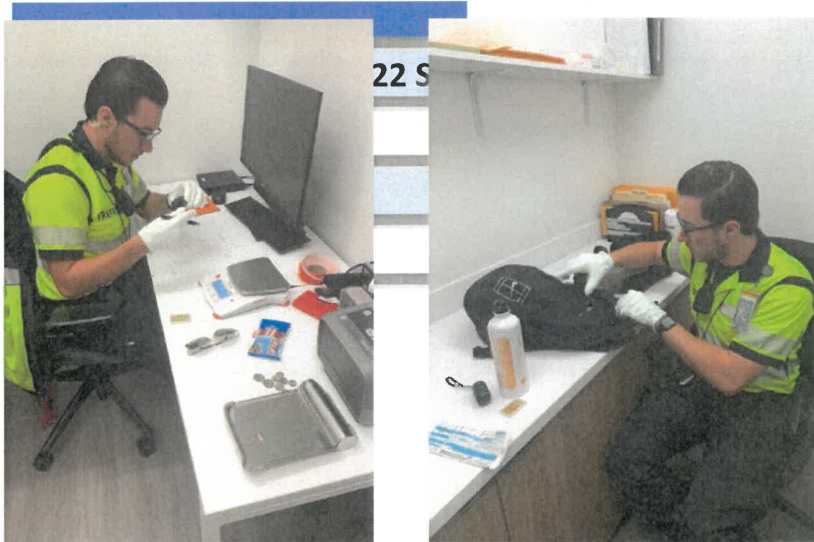
Both a Police Officer and an ARO will be dispatched to a medical call. If the Officer determines that the call did not arise out of a criminal action or does not involve serious bodily injury or death, the Officer will turn the scene over the ARO. At that point, the ARO will complete the report and review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



Traffic Manager Gilberto Solla

### Did You Know?

Traffic Specialists who become Airport Resource Officers are trained in accordance with our Field Training Program and complete non-police related tasks, such as medical calls, lost and found, and will expand to property damage



## Community Outreach



### Rappel for a Cause

The one-day event gathers 76 “Edgers” to “rappel for a cause” by individually raising a minimum of \$1,500 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay. Each participant had the opportunity to rappel down 17 stories of the Hilton Downtown Tampa. All funds raised for the event supported the one-to-one mentorship program and helps expedite mentors for the many children on the program’s waitlist. Sergeants Diaz and Browning raised money and participated!



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### Missing Dog— Found!

After a week-long search, a family was happy to be reunited with their 6-year-old Chihuahua mix named Rocky. The family said he slipped out his collar at Tampa International Airport on May 6, 2022. Since then, family members, airport officials, and even passengers searched every day for Rocky. Airport officials said a few people reported seeing him. Airport Officers found him in a wooded area near the runway.



“He was a little anxious when I approached the cage, obviously, he probably just had a really rough week running around an airport by yourself. It's scary for us. I can't imagine what it is for a dog. So, we picked him up right away,” Detective Dan Jones with TPA said.



## Community Outreach

### Habitat for Humanity Women Build

Team Warrior Women participated for their fifth year of building a home for a woman in need. The recipient, Barbara Colon, has a young son and qualified for her home. After raising well over their goal, the TPAPD women got to work! On May 17, Captain Teri Uno, Corporal Hallie Pell, and Officers Britti Verret, Yamil Dastas, and Gina Maggiacomo put their skills to work! On June 7, Captain Teri Uno, Corporal Tammi Woodard, and Officers Veronica Hamilton and Stephanie Pascalli put their skills to work!



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### Military Appreciation Event

On May 4, 2022, Corporal Hallie Pell and Officers Jason Griffith and Ron Graham enjoyed the Military Appreciation Event. This year the event was held at the Florida Aquarium.



### Tampa Connections

Tampa Connections visited and toured our new police facility.



## Community Outreach

### TPA 5K on the Runway

Springtime is the time for the Tampa Airport 5K run which is the kickoff for the United Way Giving Campaign.

Traffic Manager Robert Rinehart had the opportunity to be a Co-Chair for this year's campaign, and thanks to all those employees and the participants from the 5K, we were able to achieve a record \$165,180 in donations!



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### Toys for Tots

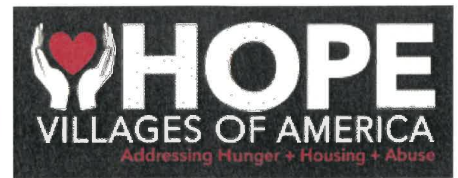
Members of Human Resources, along with Planning and Development, shopped with Chief Vazquez, Captain Uno, and Traffic Manager Rinehart. There was over 2K of toys purchased along with donated toys in various departments. There were also 30 bicycles assembled by Traffic Specialists.



## Community Outreach

### Hope Villages of America

This year, the Traffic Division had an opportunity to support a great organization called Hope Villages of America. They provide dignified apartment-style emergency shelter to homeless families. Due to the recent impact of Hurricane Ian, they were in need of volunteers to assist with outdoor cleanup. Jennifer Bielevicz took the lead on this, making all coordination between the volunteers and the location leadership team. It was a great team building opportunity for Traffic but more importantly we were able to help out a great organization that is supporting the families in their community.



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## Community Outreach

### Military Appreciation Wall

When our move was complete, Chief Vazquez realized there was a wall of opportunity. Hence, a wall dedicated to our Military. We have numerous personnel in both sworn and non-sworn within TPAPD who have honorably served, and we wanted to thank them. Captain Uno worked to procure lettering, plaques, and a beautiful American Flag to display. We also give thanks to our Maintenance for the installation.



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### Citizens Police Academy



The TPA CPA had two sessions; with Summer Session Six and Fall Session Seven. The participants from each session were able to learn about the law enforcement profession, participate in our physical abilities test, train and



shoot firearms with certified instructors, and view K9 demonstrations. At the end, there is a graduation and highlight video that shows the experience of the prior six weeks in class!



## Awards/Promotions/Achievements

### Certificate of Appreciation:

*Officer Patrick Koehl, Kevin Langiotti (Southern Airways) and Joshua Purvis (Sheltair)*

*Officer Veronica Hamilton (Life Saving), Linda Thomas (TSA), David Huddleston (TSA), and Tiara Ryan (TSA)*

*Officer Jimmie Bizzle (Life Saving), Nahum Thermidor (TSA), Anthony Gonzalez (TSA), Tiara Ryan (TSA), and David Huddleston (TSA)*

*Lieutenant Jason Thomas, Officer James Basnight, Officer Patrick Koehl, Officer Jose Anaya, and Officer Michael Ruiz*

*Traffic Specialist Dwinell Ouellette, Employees Mark Balasay, Andrew Bachman, Marcus Dixon, and Lesley Francois (Crystal Movers)*

### Excellent Achievement:

*Officer Jason Virt and Traffic Specialist Jeffrey Lawrence*

*Officer Michael Anderson*

### Life Saving

*Officer Andres Perilla, Officer Curtis Smith, Officer Gina Maggiacomo, and Treasure Island Paramedic Patrick Klemba*

*Officer Ryan Runge*

### Officer of the Quarter

*Officer Michael Ruiz*

*Officer Steve Soto*



### Did You Know?

Certificates of Appreciation is a recognition of any employee of the department or deserving individual or organization for a deed worthy of recognition.

Excellent Achievement is awarded to any employee who exhibits an excellent level of sustained performance or who performs a task, assignment, investigation, or self-initiated action in an exemplary manner. This award rises above the level of recognition warranted by a Certificate of Appreciation.

Exceptional Achievement is awarded to a police officer(s) or civilian employee(s) for a highly creditable accomplishment bringing acclaim to the department or the police profession as a result of training, devotion to service, or service to the public.

Life Saving is for an intelligent act performed in the line of service which through disregard of personal safety or prompt and alert action results in saving a life. If life saving measures are performed however, the subject succumbs to their injuries, a certificate for their efforts will still be presented.

## Awards/Promotions/Achievements

**Corporal Tom Olsen (from Officer)**



**Sergeant Brad Dilley (from Corporal)**



**Sergeant Tammi Woodard (from Corporal)**



**Lieutenant Darrell Colestock (from Sergeant)**



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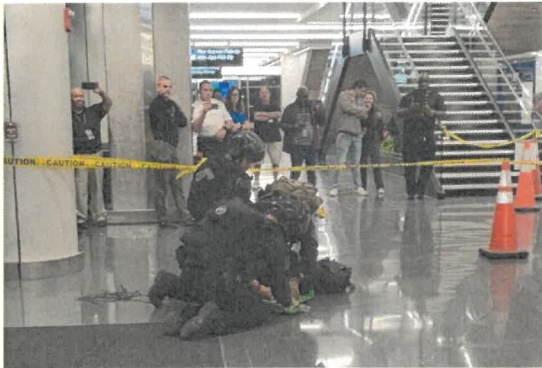
Corporal is the first line supervisor and responsible for the training of the squad.

Sergeant is the main squad supervisor and can work in place of a lieutenant in his/her absence.

Lieutenant is the commander of the squad and will be responsible for projects, policy development, and other aspects of the police department.

## Active Threat Exercise

On October 18, TPAPD held its annual active threat exercise. The exercise took place on the new Blue Express Drive and participants ranged from local colleges to airport employees. The exercise also provided an opportunity for the Tampa Police and Tampa Fire to work with TPAPD in the event such an incident would occur in reality. The joint effort was led by the Training Unit and ensured that the exercise was safe.



## Did You Know?

Booker T. Washington stated, "that success is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

## Welcome



### Fernando Deneira

Fernando is a Florida native, decided to come to Tampa International Airport because he saw a new opportunity for a better job as well as the benefit of being able to go back to school. He loves the benefit of tuition reimbursement. His hobbies consist of drawing, writing, singing, video games, and collecting.



### Wayne Gardner

Wayne is from Tampa. His work history includes driving and customer service positions. He has come to the airport in hopes of a long career.



### David Long

David is from Tampa and came to the Airport because it's a better career choice. He used to work for the Department of Juvenile Justice in Pasco County. David is married with 3 kids ages 13, 6, and 3 months old. His hobbies are going to work and spending time with his kids.



### Khristina Bravo

Khristina was born in Roanoke Rapids, NC and raised in Tampa, FL. She likes to keep busy and enjoys reading, baking, and going on nature walks with her dogs.



### Cesareo Rivera

Cesareo was born in New York and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico. He served proudly in the United States Army where he gained many skills that he continues to use today. He also had the privilege to travel to many places around the world while serving our Country. After the military, Cesareo continue to serve the community by working with at risk youth with different institutions. Now, he is happy to take on a different mission, by working and serving the community as a Traffic Specialist with the TPA.

Specialist with the TPA.



### Jimmy Dorsey

Jimmy is a Florida native and looks forward to working with the Traffic team. He would like to further his education with the Aviation Authority to better himself and his family.



## Did You Know?

"This is a shout out for Mr. Ouellette for his outstanding courtesy, help and understanding of my situation this morning. I arrived from Cincinnati at 8 am and was outside the baggage claim waiting for my husband, Frank. After 30 minutes and several unanswered phone calls I was worried sick. I approached Mr. Ouellette for help. He did see my husband earlier. Frank had gone to the express pick up and I was at the baggage pick up. He had forgotten to bring his cell phone. I was frantic that he had gotten into an accident. Mr. Ouellette let me know he saw him and told the traffic personnel on the other side to stop Frank and send him over to where I was. We were reunited and went on our way. Please thank him again for his great service and help."

Sincerely, Sherry Masters



## Welcome



### **Geraldo Dias-Martins**

Geraldo was born in Brazil. He worked and retired in the Military Police of State of Sao Paulo in Brazil from June 1990 to November 2016. In 2016, he traveled to the United States for a vacation and decide to stay. He applied for employment with the Aviation Authority and was very excited to become part of the Traffic Division. Geraldo speaks Portuguese, English and Spanish. He has 3 children who live in Brazil, and he is currently applying for his 14-year-old son, who lives in Brazil, to come live here. Geraldo currently lives in Lutz.



### **Michael Ruiz**

Michael grew up in Tampa Florida. He started his law enforcement career with the City of Tampa in 1994 and served the city and its citizens for 26 years as a patrol officer, a field training officer, a school resource officer, and a street anti crimes officer. In 2009, he was promoted and assigned as a sex crime detective. After leaving the Detective Division, he returned to the Patrol Division as a Corporal where he retired in 2020. Officer Ruiz is the proud father of 22-year-old twins, and he is looking forward to his return to law enforcement.



### **Alexander Cebotaru**

Alexander was born in the city of Chisinau, Moldova and moved to the United States in 2004. He has lived in the USA for 18 years and learned English after he moved here. Officer Cebotaru earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Connecticut in 2012. He speaks Moldavian, Romanian, Russian, and Ukrainian. He has approximately 9 years' experience in corrections and law enforcement. In 2021, he married his beautiful wife, Ashley, with whom he has been for five and a half years.



### **Andrew Kondek**

Andrew was born in Tampa, Florida and raised in Spring Hill, Florida. He received his education with Pasco Hernando State College where he received his Associates degree. After the loss of his father, fallen Tarpon Springs Police Officer Charles Kondek, Jr. E.O.W. 12/21/14, Andrew decided to follow his father's footsteps and continue his father's legacy. He received a scholarship from the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association. The Scholarship paid in full for Andrew's Law Enforcement academy in 2019. Andrew spends his off time building custom trucks; one of which is a memorial truck he built in honor of his father.



### **Anthony Stovall**

Officer Anthony Stovall retired from The Village of Ossining Police Department where he served his community for 20 years. During his time, Officer Stovall was heavily involved with the youth of the community as he was a School Resource Officer and a liaison for the community that cares program. Officer Stovall is married to his wife Stephanie for 12 years and have 3 boys; Bryce 10, Kendall 9 and Christian 5. Also, Tarik 27 from his previous marriage.



## Did You Know?

"I would like to recognize Officer Kondek for turning in my son's wallet. Everything still in the wallet. Integrity is a choice every day. It is people like Officer Kondek that make our world a better place. I tried to leave a gift for him as a reward and it couldn't be accepted. Again, integrity! Thank you for having such wonderful people working to make our travel safe and showing us that goodness is alive. Since he wasn't allowed to take our reward we are paying it forward in his name. Thank you!"

## Welcome



### **Christopher Trapnell**

Christopher was born in New Port Richey, Florida. He worked for the Clearwater Police Department and St. Petersburg College as an Americorp volunteer, while he earned his law enforcement certification through the SPC degree program. In 2001, he was hired by the New Port Richey Police Department as a Patrol Officer and became a Field Training Officer as well as interagency SWAT and DEA. He recently retired as a Sergeant from NPR after 20 years of service. He is married with five children and likes to work on vintage Volkswagens.



### **Elias Vazquez**

Elias was born in the Bronx, New York. He grew up in Westchester County New York in the town of North Salem. Officer Vazquez has a bachelor's degree in history. Elias joined the New York City Police Department in 2010 shortly after graduating college after he was inspired to join by his Father, a former New York City Police Officer and Captain in the Fire Department of the City of New York and his uncle a New York City Police Detective. Officer Vazquez was promoted to Sergeant and joined the Strategic Response Group of the NYPD, which was tasked with immediate intervention duties

during periods of civil unrest, terrorist incidents, or other citywide emergencies. Elias retired from the New York City Police Department with 11 years of service and relocated his family to Florida. He is married with 2 children.



### **Gary Sandel**

Gary was born and raised in Tampa Florida. He attended Hillsborough Community College and became a Detention Deputy for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and worked as a Detention Deputy from 1988 until 1994. He was hired as a police officer with the Tampa Police and worked in the patrol division and as an FTO until November 2006 when he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and worked as the acting Sergeant of the Homicide Squad as needed. In January 2020, he transferred to the Internal Affairs Division, and retired from the Tampa Police Department after 28 years of service. He is married

with 3 grown daughters and 3 grandchildren.



### **Andrew Balistreri**

Andrew was born and raised in Medford, New York. He attended Patchogue-Medford High School, where he graduated in 1991. He was hired by the Suffolk County Police Department in 1993. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Marketing at SUNY Empire College. The last 10 years of his career he was assigned to the Homicide Squad with a short stint in the District Attorney's Office, where he worked on high profile cases. He retired in January 2021 after 27 years. He enjoys running, biking, kayaking and nearly anything outdoors. Andrew is married

to Amie, has a daughter, Alexa who is an ER Nurse with Yale/New Haven Hospital in Connecticut and a son, Hunter who is currently a senior majoring in Business Finance at the University of Tampa.



## Did You Know?

"This past Sunday night, officer Anthony Stovall met my wife and me at our gate, (Frontier Flight 736).

I had called the main number for Tampa Airport Police. I believe Marie was the person that answered the call. I asked for a police escort from the airport to Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater. She informed me that could not be done but she could have an officer meet us at the gate and transport us to the economy parking lot, which saved us precious minutes.

Because officer Stovall met us and transported us to the garage and escorted to the economy garage exit, we were able to get to the hospital just before my wife's mother passed away.

As you can imagine that meant the world to both mother and daughter to be able to say goodbye to each other.

This service by the PD was above and beyond our wildest expectations! Thanks to officer Stovall and the entire department! Please extend our appreciation to all.

All the best,

Michael R Gorsage"

## Fair Winds



### Lieutenant Scott Seifer

Lieutenant Scott Seifer retired on April 30 after a working with the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority for over 32 years as a police officer. He was a Field Training Officer, Firearms and Defensive Tactics Instructor, and an overall class act! Best of luck on your retirement and future endeavors!



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### Did You Know?

"Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself. Go forward and make your dreams come true."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

### K9 Officer Bob Porter

K9 Officer Porter retired from NYPD and worked at TPAPD from January 2005 to June 2022. He was a K9 Officer for the majority of his career at TPAPD. Best of luck in your retirement and future endeavors!



### Traffic Specialist Rick Serrano

Rick Serrano retired this year after 25 years of service with the Authority. Rick was a great employee who brought a positive to work attitude each and every day. Best wishes for a happy retirement!



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