

RIVIERA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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# CHIEF OF POLICE



## MICHAEL COLEMAN

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to share with you the ongoing commitment of the Riviera Beach Police Department to our community policing philosophy. Community policing is not just a strategy for us—it is a way of life and a fundamental principle that guides every aspect of our operations. At the heart of community policing is the belief in developing strong relationships with community members. It is about forging partnerships, collaborating on solutions, and working together to address the challenges we face.

Our officers strive to build trust and rapport with residents, recognizing that effective policing requires active engagement and mutual respect. Our business model centers around community policing, which encompasses various strategies such as geographical policing, intelligence-led policing, and crime mapping.

This approach ensures that every member of our organization understands and embraces their role in fostering positive community outcomes. We recognize that community policing goes beyond just law enforcement—it involves the entire community. That's why we actively seek partnerships with the business community, schools, government agencies, and other law enforcement organizations.

By taking a holistic approach and engaging stakeholders from all sectors, we can better address the complex issues that impact our neighborhoods. In the year ahead, we remain committed to listening to your concerns, addressing your needs, and working collaboratively to make Riviera Beach a safer and more vibrant community.

I encourage all residents to be actively involved and to share your feedback with us. Your input is invaluable as we strive to enhance our services and meet the evolving needs of our community. On behalf of the Riviera Beach Police Department, I want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support throughout 2023. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead in 2024, and we look forward to achieving even greater success together. Thank you for your partnership, trust, and dedication to making Riviera Beach a better place for all.



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## ABOUT US

Situated in the heart of South Florida's Palm Beach County, Riviera Beach thrives as a bustling community of nearly 40,000 residents. Anchoring the city's safety and security is the Riviera Beach Police Department, comprising a dedicated force of 120 sworn officers and 79 non-sworn employees, steadfastly responding to around 80,000 calls for service annually.

Within Riviera Beach's diverse landscape—from the renowned oceanfront properties of Singer Island to the bustling inter-coastal waterway and industrial zones—the Police Department stands as a beacon of protection. From patrolling residential areas to safeguarding businesses and welcoming millions of annual visitors to our theme park, our officers are tirelessly committed to ensuring safety and order.

Under the District-Based Community Oriented Policing program, every neighborhood receives tailored attention, fostering strong police-community relations that are integral to our success. At the Riviera Beach Police Department, we take immense pride in our role as guardians of the city, serving residents, visitors, and businesses alike with unwavering dedication and professionalism.

## MISSION

The mission of the Riviera Beach Police Department is to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve and protect, to reduce the incidence of crime and to enhance public safety while working with our diverse communities to improve their quality of life. We will provide professional services and hold ourselves accountable at all times in support of our community.

## VISION

Every member of the Riviera Beach Police Department is dedicated to delivering the highest quality police services to our community with the utmost professionalism and integrity.

## CORE VALUES

**DIVERSITY:** Our police department shall relate to all societies with dignity, sensitivity and respect.

**TRUST:** We are mindful of our community interactions and the preservation of public trust in everything we do to legitimize our profession.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** We value the need for effective use of our resources and open lines of communications with our citizens. Everyone shall be responsible for their own actions.

**INTEGRITY:** We are committed to the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct.

**PROFESSIONALISM:** We value technology, innovation and community policing strategies to perform our jobs in an efficient manner.

**COMMUNITY FOCUSED:** We share our values of community centered policing with openness and respect for all citizens.

# EXECUTIVE STAFF



**DEPUTY CHIEF**  
KEVIN COPPIN



**ASST. CHIEF**  
MICHAEL MADDEN



**INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS**  
CAPT. SCOTT  
PRIVITERA



**MAJOR**  
STEVEN THOMAS



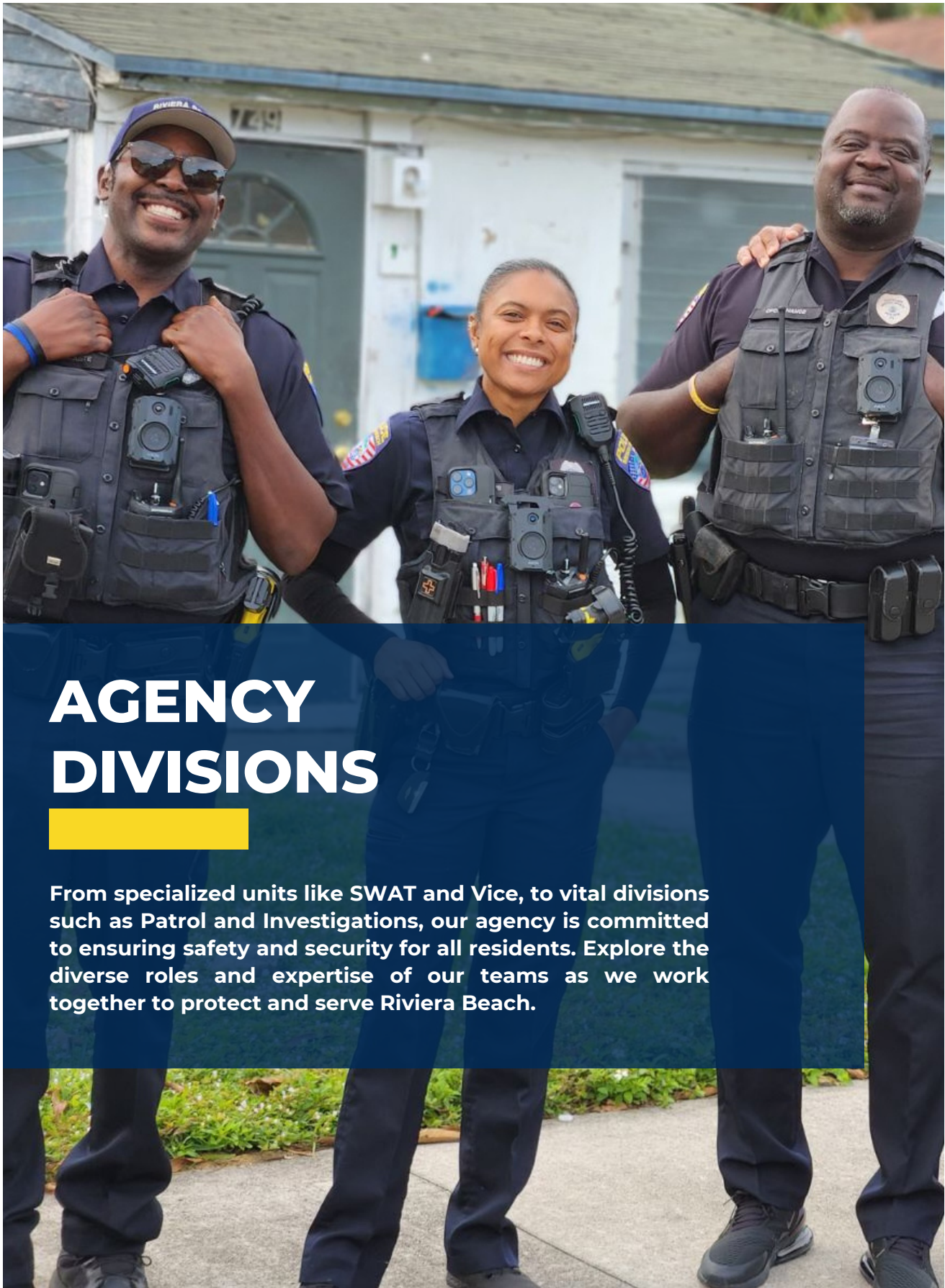
**MAJOR**  
JOSH LEWIS



**MAJOR**  
TRAVIS WALKER



**MAJOR**  
NATHAN GORDON



# AGENCY DIVISIONS

From specialized units like SWAT and Vice, to vital divisions such as Patrol and Investigations, our agency is committed to ensuring safety and security for all residents. Explore the diverse roles and expertise of our teams as we work together to protect and serve Riviera Beach.



# PATROL

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The backbone of law enforcement in Riviera Beach, the Road Patrol Division is structured into three distinct geographical police districts, ensuring comprehensive coverage and rapid response capabilities around the clock, every day of the year. These districts are strategically positioned to effectively serve the diverse needs of our community.

Within these districts, our dedicated uniformed patrol officers are the frontline responders to approximately 75,000 calls each year. Whether it's a report of a crime in progress, a traffic accident, or a community concern, our officers are trained to swiftly assess situations and take appropriate action to maintain public safety.

Their duties extend beyond just responding to emergencies. Our officers actively engage in traffic enforcement efforts, ensuring compliance with laws and regulations to enhance road safety for all residents and visitors. Moreover, community policing initiatives are integral to their daily activities. By building trust and fostering positive relationships with the community, our officers work collaboratively to address local issues and concerns, ultimately promoting a safer and more cohesive neighborhood environment.



# TRAFFIC

The primary role of the Riviera Beach Police Department Traffic Enforcement Unit is to uphold both the traffic laws of the State of Florida and all ordinances concerning traffic within the city limits. This enforcement is crucial for ensuring the safety and security of all individuals traveling on Riviera Beach roadways.

This specialized unit plays a vital role within the Police Department by providing support to the Patrol Division. Traffic enforcement officers handle all traffic-related matters, thereby enabling road patrol officers to focus on their immediate patrol duties.

## CROSSING GUARDS

In addition to the efforts of our traffic enforcement officers, the Traffic Enforcement Unit employs civilian Community Service Aides (CSAs) who play a critical role in managing traffic incidents, particularly crashes.

Moreover, our team of crossing guards serves as a vital component of our commitment to pedestrian safety, especially for the youngest members of our community. These vigilant crossing guards are stationed at key intersections along school routes, ensuring the safe passage of children as they travel to and from school.





## K-9 UNIT

The K-9 Unit comprises four dogs, with two trained in narcotics detection and all trained in apprehension work. These canine officers are not only invaluable tools but also trusted companions to their human partners. Their primary duty is to risk their lives to protect police officers when faced with danger. The officer and their K-9 undergo extensive training, including a rigorous 420-hour in-service course that demands dedication.

These highly trained dogs are utilized for various tasks, including building searches, area searches, narcotic detection, article searches, and vehicle searches. Their presence serves as a constant reminder of the importance of officer safety.



## MARINE

The Marine Unit upholds State, Local, and Municipal laws, ensuring safety on the water. Their duties include enforcing safety regulations, providing rescue assistance, and investigating derelict vessels. They also oversee activities like water skiing, jet skiing, swimming, and fishing, ensuring the safety of all participants. Additionally, they enforce conservation laws, investigate boating accidents and fatalities, and assist in locating missing persons near water bodies.

Marine patrol officers conduct a variety of tasks, including investigating accidents, inspecting boats and boaters, conducting safety checks, inspecting fish, assisting with wildlife management, drug interdiction, law enforcement, report writing, making arrests, and providing courtroom testimony.

# STRATEGIC INVESTIGATIONS

The Investigation Division of the police department comprises three specialized sections: General Assignment, Crime Scene, and Vice. Each unit is staffed by highly trained, well-educated, and motivated individuals dedicated to investigating, apprehending, and incarcerating criminals.

## GENERAL ASSIGNMENT

The General Assignment unit of the Investigation section handles follow-up investigations for all major crimes occurring within the jurisdiction of Riviera Beach. This encompasses crimes against property, ranging from burglaries to frauds, and crimes against persons, from simple assaults to homicides. Investigators in this section are committed to safeguarding the city's residents and their property, including children, adults, and the elderly. They collaborate closely with Crime Scene Detectives and other investigators from various agencies, both local and federal.

## VICE

The Vice Unit in Riviera Beach identifies, investigates, and infiltrates street to mid-level narcotics dealers and organizations. They collaborate closely with other units in the Investigations Bureau and various law enforcement agencies. Their responsibilities extend to investigating the sale of drug paraphernalia, prostitution, lewd activity, and regulating alcoholic beverage laws.

By working with local, state, and federal agencies, they monitor and combat illegal activities. Daily citizen reports aid in their investigations. The Vice Unit effectively deters drug abusers through routine drug reverses, leading to arrests and vehicle seizures for forfeiture, imposing significant costs on offenders and dissuading them from purchasing drugs in the city.





# STRATEGIC INVESTIGATIONS

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## CRIME SCENE

The Crime Scene unit is a critical component of the Riviera Beach Police Department, comprised of highly trained police technicians specializing in evidence collection, preservation, and documentation. Equipped with advanced skills and techniques, these technicians play a pivotal role in the investigation process.

With expertise in various methods of processing and lifting latent fingerprints, the team ensures that crucial forensic evidence is properly gathered and preserved at crime scenes. Additionally, their proficiency extends to photography, videotaping, and analyzing intricate details such as blood spatter patterns, firearms, projectiles, and shell casings.

Collaboration is key to their success. The Crime Scene unit works closely with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab and other local, state, and federal agencies to leverage resources and expertise. By pooling together their collective knowledge and resources, they enhance the effectiveness of criminal investigations and contribute to the pursuit of justice in our community.

# STRATEGIC INVESTIGATIONS 2023 STATS

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# INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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The Office of Internal Affairs is responsible for investigating complaints regarding Riviera Beach Police Department employees. Individuals with complaints about an employee can contact the Internal Affairs Office by phone, mail, or email.

The Riviera Beach Police Department is unwavering in its commitment to upholding the integrity of its members and preserving the trust of the community. To ensure this, the department thoroughly investigates both formal and anonymous complaints from community members and internal sources.

## INVESTIGATION TYPES

The Riviera Beach Police Department conducts two types of investigations into employee misconduct: those conducted by an assigned supervisor and those conducted by the Internal Affairs Division.

Internal Affairs investigations are initiated for allegations involving criminal misconduct, corruption, brutality, or violations of civil rights. Additionally, the Internal Affairs unit investigates other complaints as directed by the Chief. Complaints related to violations of departmental rules and regulations are handled by the member's immediate supervisor or another designated supervisor within each Division's Commander





## S.W.A.T.

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The Riviera Beach Police Department's SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) unit is a highly trained and specialized team dedicated to handling high-risk situations with precision and expertise. Comprised of specially trained officers, SWAT responds to incidents such as hostage rescues, armed standoffs, and high-risk warrants. Their duties include executing tactical operations, providing crisis negotiation, and ensuring the safety of civilians and officers alike in intense and dangerous situations. SWAT plays a crucial role in maintaining public safety and upholding the law in Riviera Beach and surrounding areas.

## RESERVE PROGRAM

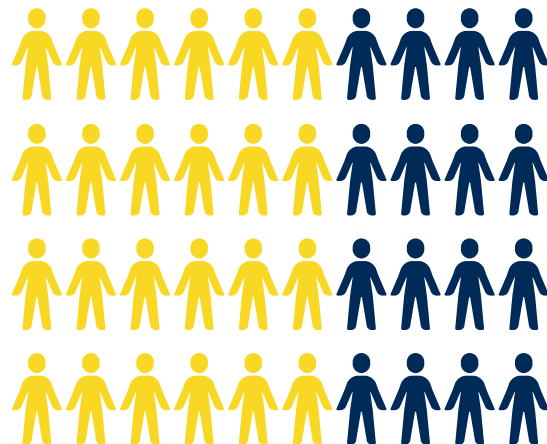
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The Riviera Beach Police Department's Reserve and Auxiliary Officer Program comprises volunteers who assist full-time sworn officers in crime prevention and law enforcement duties. They undergo similar training as full-time officers and work alongside them in emergency situations. Reserve and Auxiliary officers, often retired or certified officers, contribute to enhancing the city's quality of life. Their law enforcement background and community involvement provide valuable insight into neighborhood issues, benefiting both officers and residents.



# VICTIM SERVICES

The Victim Services Unit is a compassionate and dedicated team committed to advocating for victims of crime. Offering a wide range of resources and support, they provide assistance during what can be a challenging and traumatic time. From emotional support and counseling to helping navigate the criminal justice system, Victim Services ensures that victims receive the care and guidance they need. Their advocacy extends to providing information about available resources, connecting victims with community services, and ensuring their rights are upheld throughout the process. With their unwavering support, victims find solace and empowerment as they navigate the path towards healing and justice.

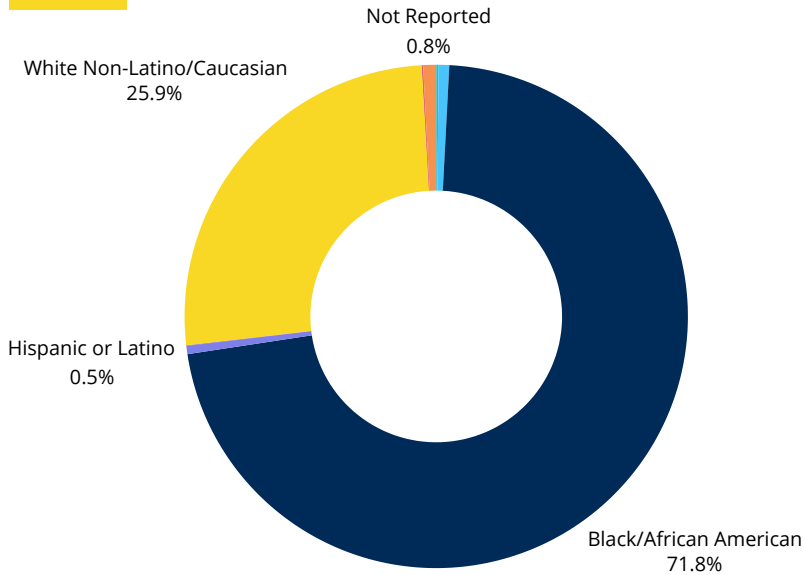




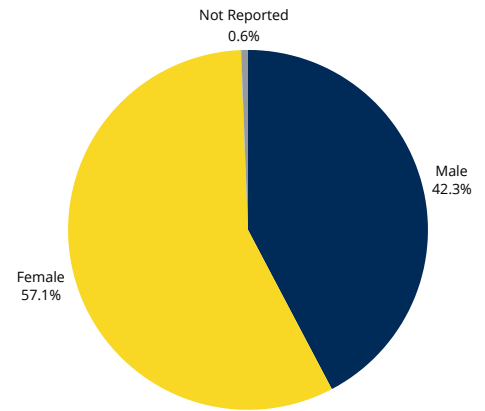
# VICTIM SERVICES

## Demographics of Clients Served

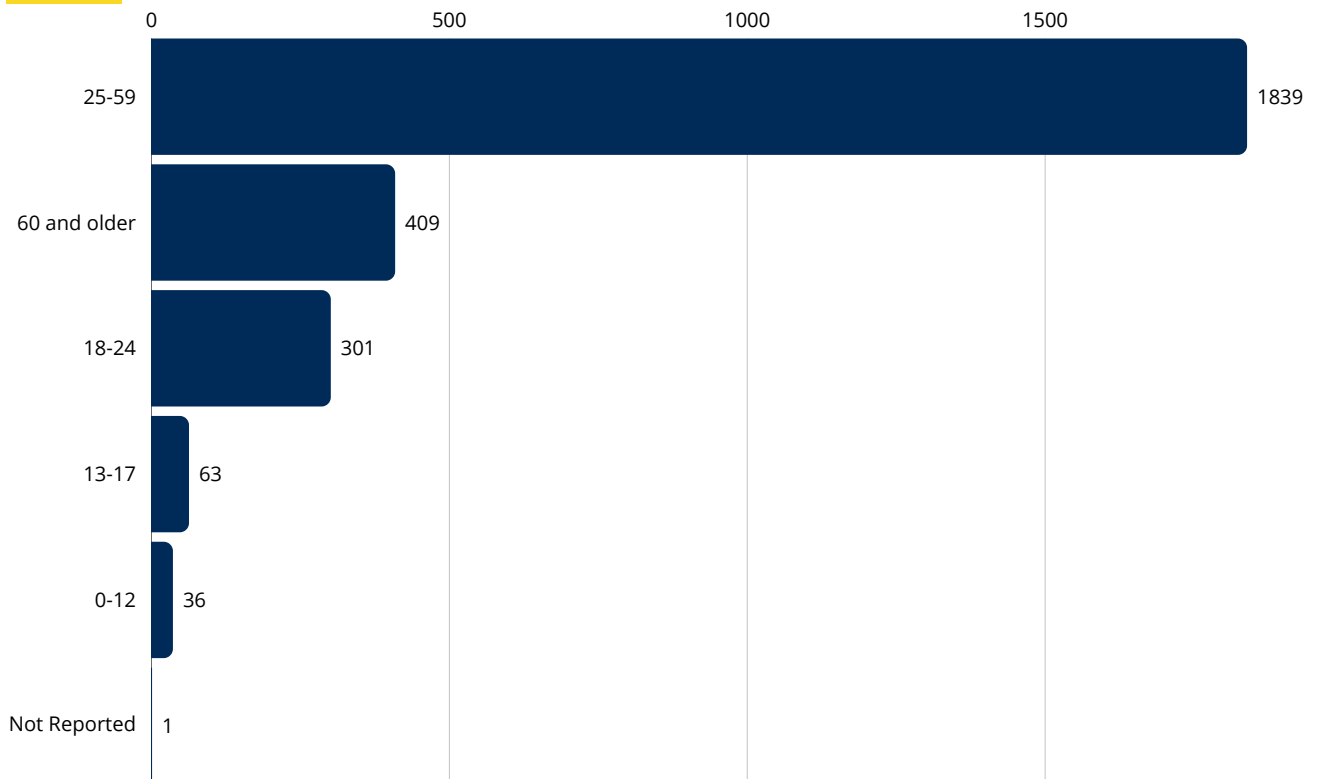
### Race



### Gender



### Age



# COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

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The Community-Oriented Policing Unit of the Riviera Beach Police Department is dedicated to enhancing community safety through collaboration. We prioritize cooperation and coordination of public safety efforts with all stakeholders in our city.

Establishing trust, bolstering legitimacy, and fostering cooperation are essential for community stability. This approach reinforces the integrity of our criminal justice system and ensures the delivery of effective and efficient police services.

Community-Oriented Policing emphasizes increased engagement with the communities we serve. This includes participation in neighborhood association meetings, cultural events, and youth sporting activities. We recognize the importance of diversity in these engagements, with a focus on gender, ethnicity, religion, culture, and livelihood diversity, as vital assets for sustainable community-oriented policing.





# COMMUNICATIONS

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The Communications Team at Riviera Beach Police Department is a hub for police, fire, and medical communications. Our team handles both emergency and non-emergency calls, dispatching services efficiently. We manage over 100,000 calls annually, providing rapid assistance to the public and vital support to field personnel.

The mission of the Communications Section is to deliver timely assistance to the public, serving as their initial point of contact for police, fire, and medical aid. Additionally, it provides essential support to field personnel. Recognized as the frontline for community assistance, our highly skilled team takes pride in delivering exceptional service.

# RECORDS

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The Records Section provides diverse services to the Police Department and the public, including external agencies like the State Attorney, FBI, and other police departments. Services include fulfilling document requests, responding to subpoenas, and managing over 13,298 documents yearly. It classifies criminal offense reports, maintains crime statistics vital for internal monitoring, and shares data with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for national crime reports.



# TECHNOLOGY

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Our Technology Specialist leads the way in innovation, managing the city's extensive wireless infrastructure. They serve as the main integrator for specialized IT systems, such as surveillance, evidence collection, and in-car video systems.

As a vital technical liaison between the police department and external agencies, they ensure seamless coordination with the City's IT department. This underscores our dedication to advancing law enforcement capabilities through cutting-edge technology.



**Police Administrator  
FDLE Local Agency  
Security Officer**

Ben Sheehan



# CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

Our Crime Analysts use data analysis to detect crime patterns and trends. By examining various datasets and employing advanced tools, they identify hotspots, predict future trends, and provide actionable intelligence to law enforcement agencies. Collaborating closely with officers and stakeholders, they play a crucial role in enhancing public safety and reducing crime rates.



**CRIME ANALYST II**

Morgan Campen



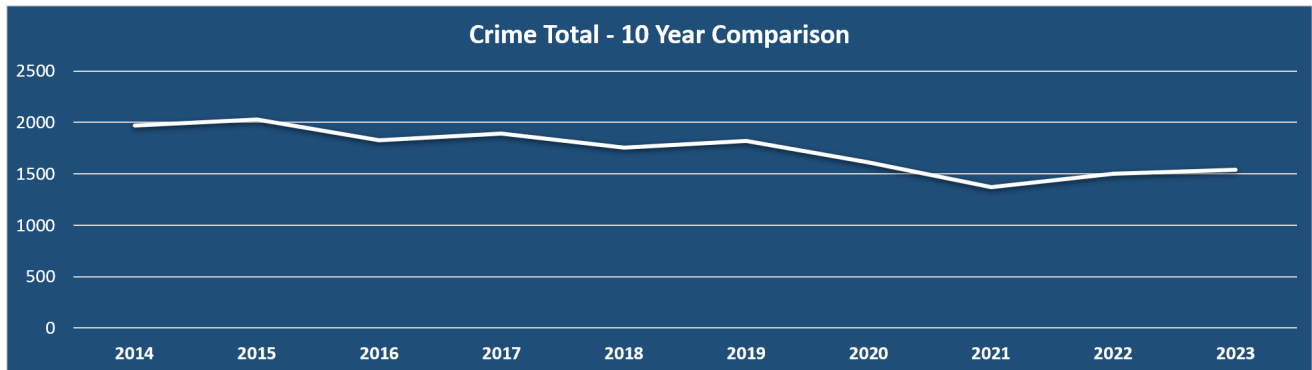
**CRIME ANALYST**

Brittany DuBois

# 2023 CRIME STATS

## 10 YEAR CRIME COMPARISON

10 YEAR CRIME COMPARISON											
	Homicide	Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crime Total	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Property Crime Total	Total
2014	14	31	92	276	413	392	1025	139	1	1556	1969
2015	13	34	79	362	488	296	1053	193	1	1542	2030
2016	12	30	56	387	485	309	902	130	3	1341	1826
2017	11	34	72	371	488	236	995	169	7	1400	1888
2018	9	25	65	321	420	212	970	151	1	1333	1753
2019	7	23	71	248	349	186	1141	139	7	1466	1815
2020	16	26	63	326	431	151	909	114	9	1174	1605
2021	12	27	54	354	447	90	747	82	4	919	1366
2022	11	30	47	264	352	165	872	110	2	1147	1499
2023	8	27	51	288	374	169	850	143	3	1165	1539



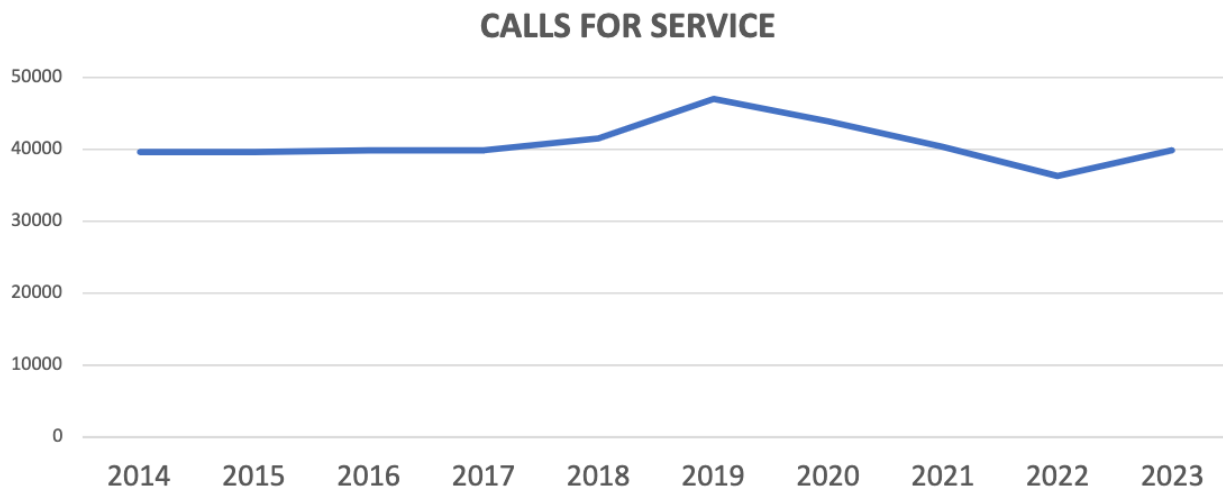
### **\*\*Important to note\*\***

- Crimes against persons are totaled based on the number of victims, not offenses.
- Crimes against property, crimes against society and Group B offenses are totaled based on the number of offenses, not victims.
- Offenses that were unfounded or referred to another jurisdiction were excluded.

# 2023 CRIME STATS

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

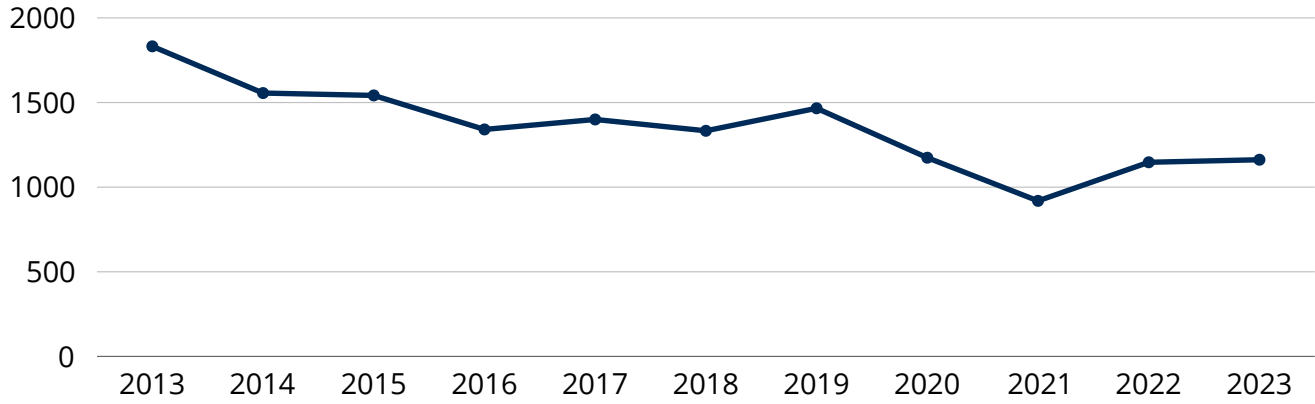
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY YEAR	
YEAR	CALLS FOR SERVICE
2014	39,483
2015	39,553
2016	39,619
2017	39,672
2018	41,483
2019	46,763
2020	43,699
2021	40,217
2022	36,104
2023	39,713



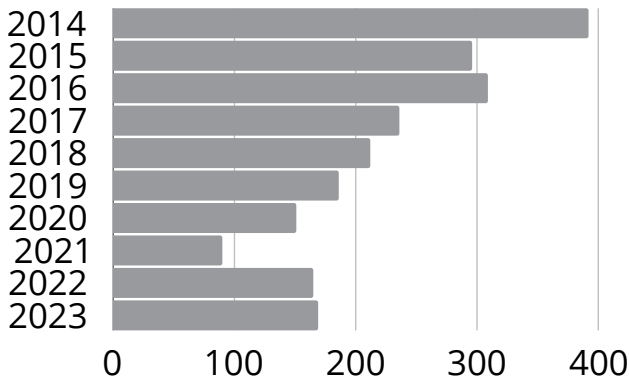


# 2023 CRIME STATS

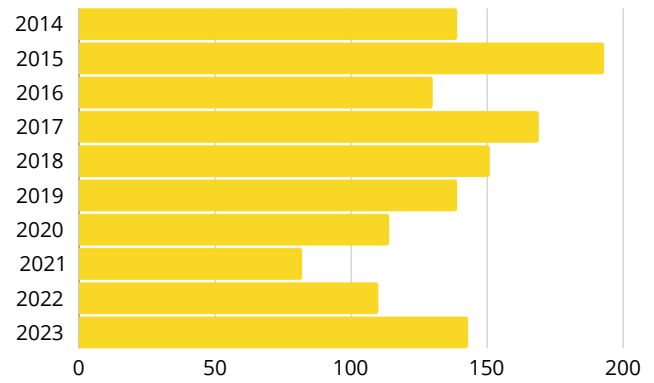
## PROPERTY CRIME 2013 -2023



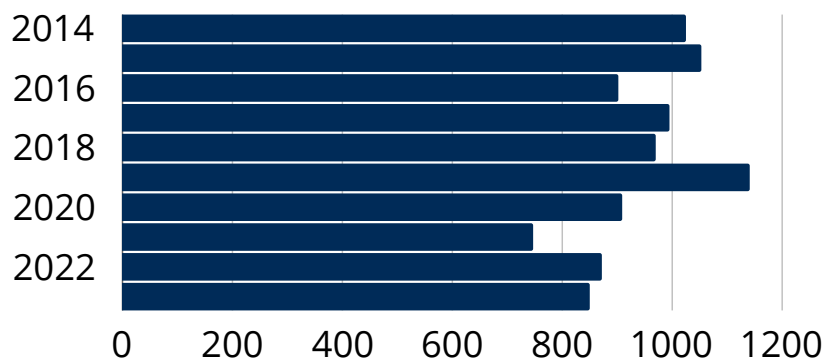
### BURGLARY INCIDENTS



### MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT INCIDENTS

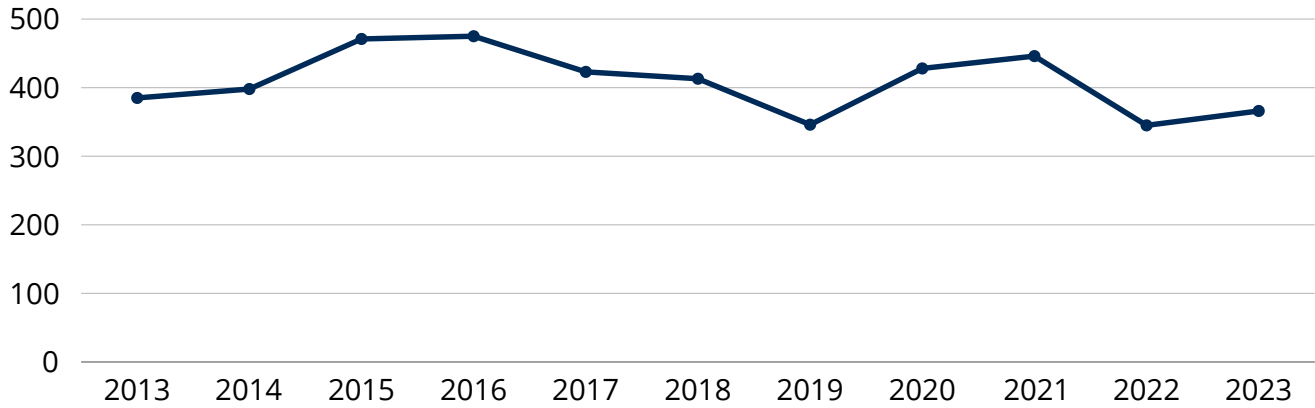


### LARCENY INCIDENTS

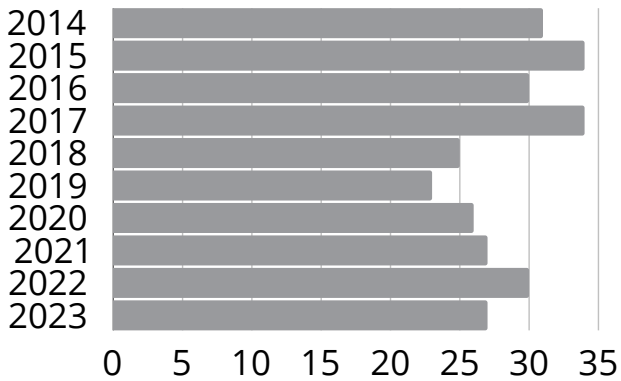


# 2023 CRIME STATS

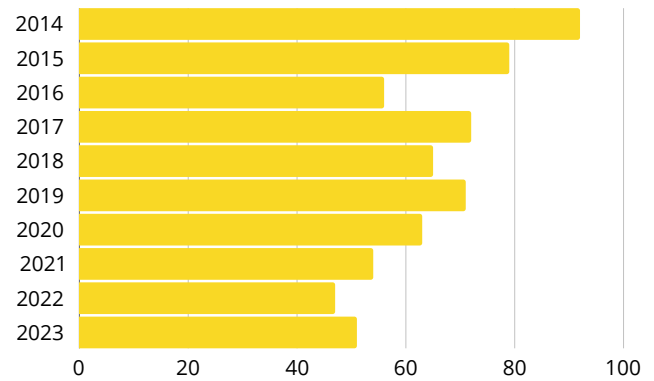
## VIOLENT CRIME 2013-2023



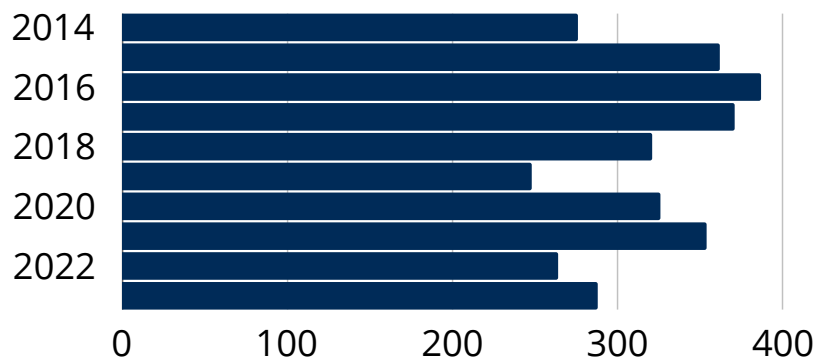
### SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENTS



### ROBBERY INCIDENTS

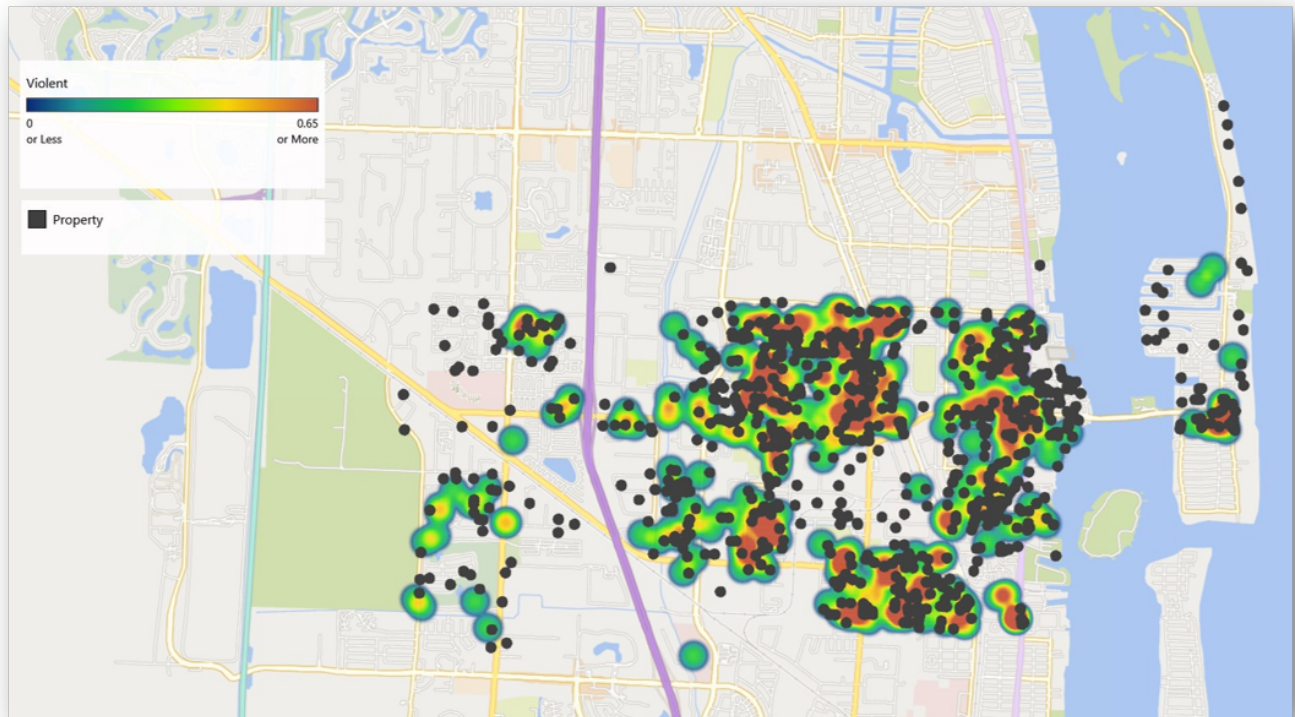


### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INCIDENTS



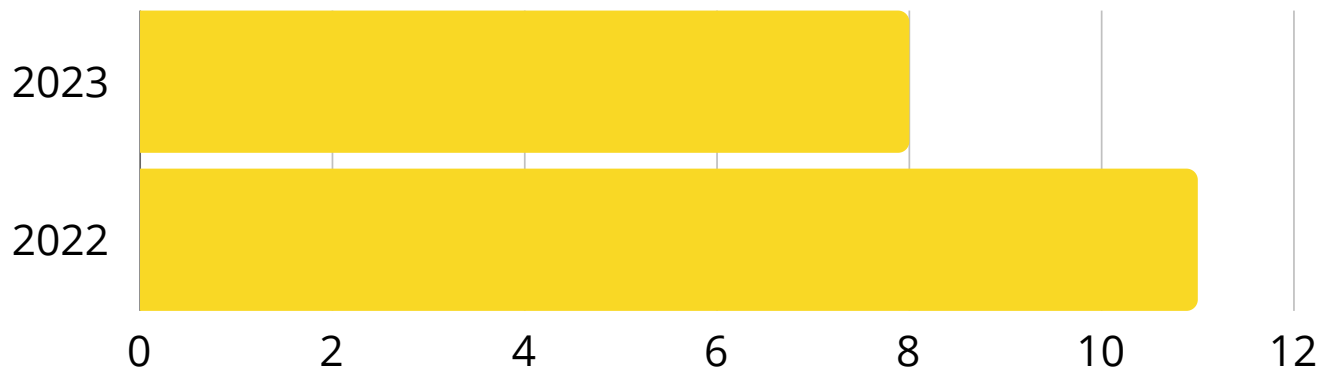
# 2023 CRIME STATS

## MAP OF VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIME DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE CITY FOR 2023



# 2023 CRIME STATS

## HOMICIDES



There were 8 homicides in 2023, a decrease of about 27% from 11 homicides in 2022.

- Out of 8 homicides, 4 arrests were made and 1 case was cleared exceptionally as the offender ended his life. This makes the **2023 clearance rate for homicides 62.5%** so far (investigations are ongoing).
- All homicides in 2023 were the result of gun violence.  
\*In 2023, 210 guns were recovered.



## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS & INITIATIVES

In 2023, the Riviera Beach Police Department embarked on a transformative journey aligned with our community-oriented policing model. Introducing a series of innovative initiatives, we forged stronger bonds with our community, tackled crime, and uplifted our neighborhoods.

Through initiatives such as community meetups, pill drop boxes, and the new CRA Clean and Safe team, we've made significant strides in fostering a safer and more resilient Riviera Beach. These efforts stand as testament to our commitment to serving and safeguarding our community with unwavering dedication and forward-thinking strategies.



# RE-LAUNCH OF THE REAL TIME CRIME CENTER

The Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) employs state-of-the-art technology to provide up-to-the-minute information, details, and analytics for crime prevention, reduction, and resolution. This includes advanced tools like License Plate Recognition (LPR), ShotSpotter technology, and live real-time camera feeds.

Furthermore, the RTCC is actively enhancing its collaboration with businesses and housing communities equipped with video surveillance.

We encourage businesses and residents interested in partnering with the Riviera Beach Police Department through our Security Camera Registration Program (SCRCP) to contact the RTCC. Together, we can further strengthen community safety and security.

# LIGHT OUTAGE INITIATIVE

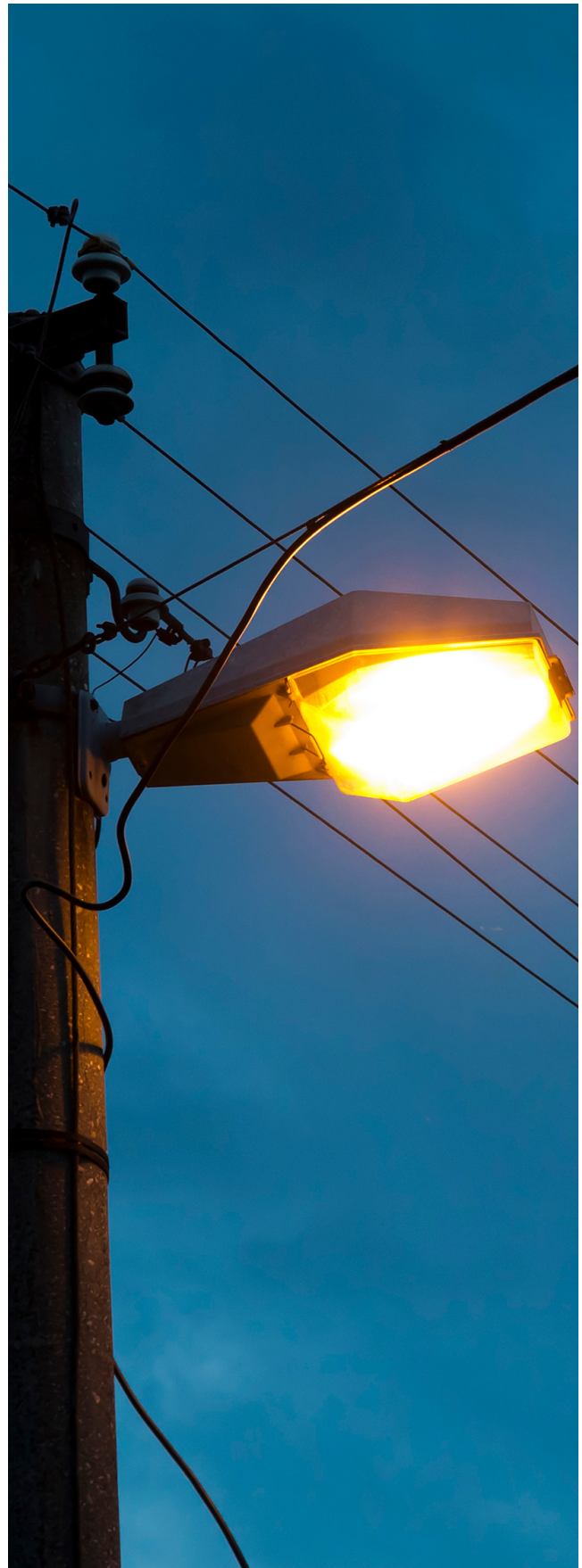
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Captain Meyer and his team, in collaboration with Florida Power and Light (FPL) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), began this initiative as a proactive effort to address street lighting issues in the City of Riviera Beach.



**750 OUTAGES**  
IDENTIFIED AND REPAIRED

Additionally, Riviera Beach Police Department has been actively engaged in identifying missing street name signs and damaged traffic control devices. These initiatives demonstrate our commitment to enhancing safety and infrastructure within the community.





## THE CLEAN AND SAFE INITIATIVE

In October, the Riviera Beach Police Department and the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) united under the leadership of Sgt. Roosevelt Lee to launch the Clean and Safe Initiative. This innovative program marks a significant collaboration aimed at improving the quality of life within the CRA District. Led by Sgt. Lee's expertise and vision, the initiative mobilizes a dedicated team of "Clean and Safe Ambassadors" alongside law enforcement officers.

Together, they commit themselves to working diligently, seven days a week, to address pressing issues and enhance the overall well-being of Riviera Beach residents. With their combined efforts, the initiative strives to make a visible and sustainable difference in the community, fostering a safer and more prosperous environment for all.





## FL POLICE OFFICER MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN KIDS' LIVES

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JURY ACQUITS FORMER PARKLAND, FL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ON ALL COUNTS

Speed

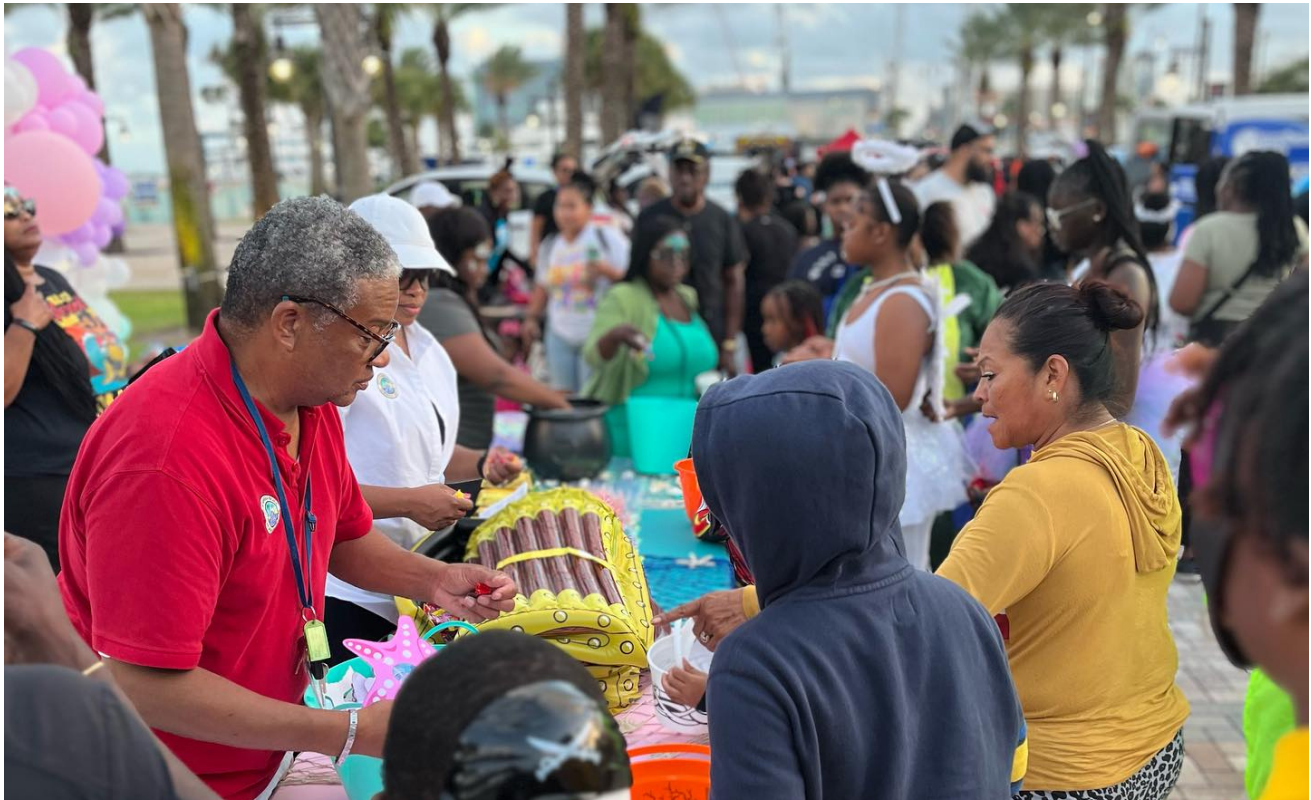
# CNN FEATURES THE PAL PROGRAM



The PAL program was also featured on WPTV Ch. 5 News

In June, our PAL program gained national recognition when it was spotlighted on CNN. Correspondent Randi Kaye from Anderson Cooper 360 showcased the program and highlighted Officer Nance and his team for their impactful outreach efforts, which are positively impacting the lives of local youth. It's a testament to the dedication and commitment of our officers in making a difference within our community.

Currently, there are close to 80 kids enrolled in the Police Athletic League (PAL), with ages ranging from 10 to 17 years old.



# TRUNK OR TREAT

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Riviera Beach Police Department hosts an annual Trunk or Treat event, offering candy, music, games, and more to the community in a festive celebration.





## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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In August, the Riviera Beach Police Department hosted a National Night Out, actively participating in this annual community-building campaign. National Night Out fosters partnerships between law enforcement and residents, promoting neighborhood camaraderie to enhance safety and unity in our communities. This event revitalizes the bond between neighbors and the police, reinstating a genuine sense of community and providing an invaluable opportunity for positive interaction between law enforcement and residents.



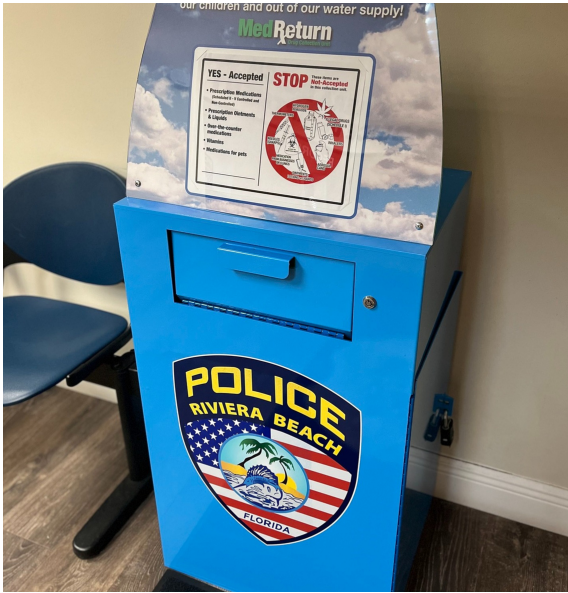
## RBPD WINS 3 LEO AWARDS

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon (LEO Awards), hosted by The First Responders Appreciation Foundation, celebrated the exemplary work of South Florida law enforcement. Investigator Jennifer Jones received recognition for her dedication to community policing, while the Riviera Beach Police Department's ACE/Vice Unit was honored with the Task Force Unit Award.

Additionally, Ben Sheehan was acknowledged as Civilian of the Year for his outstanding contributions. Congratulations to all the deserving honorees for their commitment to serving and protecting our communities.



# NEW INITIATIVES



## Pill Drop Box

In October, we introduced a pill drop box conveniently situated in our lobby, providing residents with a safe and accessible method to dispose of unwanted or expired medications. This initiative aims to help community members mitigate potential hazards associated with keeping such medications in their homes, promoting safer disposal practices and safeguarding public health and safety.



**35lbs collected  
in first 3 months.**



## Inlet Grove Criminal Justice Program

In 2023, we proudly forged a partnership with Inlet Grove Community High School to inaugurate their Criminal Justice Program. With approximately 60 students enrolled, this program equips future leaders with foundational knowledge in law enforcement, encompassing essential topics such as arrest procedures, traffic stops, report writing, and courtroom testimony. Led by Officer Walter Terrell, this program nurtures the next generation of community-minded officers, not only empowering young minds but also strengthening the fabric of our society through education and engagement.

# NEW INITIATIVES

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## Community Clean-ups

In the Inlet City community, regular community cleanups, encompassing activities like painting, landscaping, and trash removal, are organized to foster stronger community pride and legitimacy while also reducing crime rates. These efforts not only beautify the neighborhood but also promote a sense of ownership among residents, leading to increased safety and cohesion within the community.



## Community Meetings

The Riviera Beach Police Department has made community meetings a priority to foster closer ties between law enforcement and the community, creating a platform for open dialogue. These meetings serve as an avenue for community members to actively engage with discussions on public safety and crime prevention strategies, ensuring a collaborative approach to addressing community concerns and enhancing trust and cooperation between residents and the police department.





# NEW INITIATIVES

## CompStat Meetings

The Riviera Beach Police Department has recently introduced monthly CompStat Meetings aimed at analyzing statistics and crime trends to develop effective strategies for combating and reducing crime.

During these meetings, each department meticulously examines the monthly data and adapts tactics and strategies accordingly. These sessions are open to the public, fostering transparency and community involvement in our efforts to enhance public safety. We invite everyone to join us as we work together to create a safer and more secure environment for all.



# NEW INITIATIVES

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## Convenient Stores Community Meetings

In the fall of 2023 the Riviera Beach Police Department partnered with Code Enforcement and Development Services to create a plan that addresses concerns surrounding convenience stores. In September we held our first meeting with community stakeholders, particularly convenience store owners, to pinpoint several issues, such as police calls for service and criminal activity in proximity to these stores.

Development Services Department provided insights into the Municipal Code of Ordinances, covering crucial areas like property maintenance, building modifications, signage, trash, and landscaping. This ongoing initiative offers a collaborative platform to address concerns collectively and explore actionable solutions.





## Homeless Outreach & Community Partnerships

Under the leadership of Detective Jones, we took proactive steps to address homelessness by organizing a community partner meeting with organizations dedicated to tackling this issue.

Under the Homeless Outreach Initiative:

**35** Adults placed in housing/shelter

**25** Kids placed in housing/shelter

**12** Community Partners who assist with resources and housing



Detective Jones earned recognition from the Palm Beach County State Attorney's office for assisting mother and newborn baby in accessing housing and resources.

# 2023 NEW HIRES



## NEW CHIEF IN TOWN

In April, the City of Riviera Beach proudly welcomed Michael Coleman as its new Chief of Police, a seasoned law enforcement professional with over two decades of experience. Having served in various leadership capacities within the Delray Beach Police Department, Chief Coleman brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role.

Throughout his distinguished career, Chief Coleman has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to fostering safe and secure communities. Notably, as Director of Neighborhood & Community Services, he led groundbreaking community policing initiatives that garnered national acclaim for their effectiveness in reducing crime and promoting community engagement.

Chief Coleman's innovative approaches and proactive strategies have been instrumental in building trust and collaboration between law enforcement and residents. His dedication to implementing comprehensive policing strategies tailored to the unique needs of each neighborhood underscores his vision for creating a safer and more prosperous Riviera Beach.

With his exceptional leadership skills and unwavering commitment to service, Chief Coleman is well-equipped to lead the Riviera Beach Police Department towards continued success, ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents.

# 2023 NEW HIRES



**Deputy Chief  
Kevin Coppin**



**Internal Affairs Captain  
Scott Privitera**



**Senior Multimedia  
Communications Specialist  
Serena Spates**



**Senior Staff Assistant to  
Chief Michael Coleman  
Sandy Nelson**

# 2023 PROMOTIONS



## **Major Nathan Gordon**

In July Nathan Gordon was promoted to rank of Major and In August successfully completed the 480-hour Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville. With his newfound knowledge and skills, he is poised to make significant contributions to our department's success and the safety of our community.



## **Sergeant Latoya Wright-Ambersley**

With her extensive experience, exceptional leadership skills, and unwavering dedication to public service, Sergeant Wright-Ambersley has proven herself as a valuable asset to our team. Her promotion exemplifies her commitment to excellence and further underscores her ability to lead with integrity and professionalism.



## **Sergeant Jemel Headings**

Detective Jemel Headings was promoted to the position of Sergeant within the Special Investigations Division (SID) unit. Sergeant Headings' elevation to this role underscores his exceptional skills, commitment, and leadership abilities. His promotion signals a significant milestone in the department's efforts to enhance its investigative capabilities and ensure the safety of our community.



## **Lydia Seifert, Records Supervisor**

After dedicating 4 years of exemplary service in the Records department, Lydia Seifert was promoted to Records Supervisor. She oversees the department, managing services such as handling all requests for copies of reports and other police documents, as well as responding to subpoenas for information. Her promotion is a testament to her exceptional skills, dedication, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

# 2023 ACADEMY GRADUATES

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## The Department Welcomed 6 New Officers

In November, the Riviera Beach Police Department proudly welcomed six exceptional recruits who successfully graduated from the Police Academy. Their dedication, perseverance, and passion for law enforcement are evident in their exemplary performance throughout the rigorous training program.

As they embark on their careers, they bring with them a strong commitment to serving and protecting our community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to each recruit and eagerly anticipate their positive impact within our department and the community at large.



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**ACCREDITATION CONSULTANT**

# ACCREDITATION

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Riviera Beach Police Department proudly stands at the forefront of law enforcement excellence in Florida, having achieved full accreditation by The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. This prestigious recognition underscores our unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and accountability in serving and protecting our community.

With this accreditation, we assure our residents and stakeholders of our dedication to continuously improving our practices, fostering trust, and maintaining the highest levels of performance in law enforcement.



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