

2023 Orange City, Florida Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT



*Wayne M. Miller – Chief of Police
Orange City Police Department*

March 6, 2024

**To: Honorable Mayor Gary Blair and Members of City Council,
 Dale Arrington, City Manager
 Christine Davis, Assistant City Manager**

On behalf of the men and women of the Orange City Police Department, it is my privilege to present to you the **2023 Annual Report**. This report provides an overview of our successes and illustrates a historical perspective while providing a great deal of statistical information during the past 12 months. I am personally very grateful to our team of sworn and civilian personnel who are committed and dedicated to providing exceptional service and safety to the citizens and visitors of the City of Orange City. The members of our Orange City Police Department team, diligently work hard each and every day to provide a high level of customer service. This is accomplished while embedding ourselves directly in and with our community to support our mission: ***"To reduce crime and to protect and serve all citizens with professionalism, integrity, pride and respect"***. We realize that our success is directly related to how strong our community relationships are. We continue to develop opportunities to build ties within the community so we can maintain the safe community in which we all take pride.

The residential and commercial development continues to increase adding elements to the City that have a significant effect on police activity within the community. The Police Department responded to 38,258 calls for service over the calendar year. The violent crime component of part one offenses decreased by 10% in 2023 and property crimes increased by 4%. There were 332 combined part one crimes, an increase of 13 incidents over the prior year. Officers responded to the criminal activity by producing 499 physical arrests, an increase of 12% or 57 additional arrests over the previous year.

With the upturn in growth, traffic counts also increased during 2023. Efforts to manage the safe flow of traffic and address associated transportation problems in the community resulted in the issuance of 3,358 traffic citations, 703 criminal citations, 402 written warnings, 45 DUI citations and 129 parking citations. This activity resulted in an overall 6.7% reduction in traffic accidents and a 45% reduction in accidents involving injuries. Traffic fatalities also decreased by 66% with one fatality investigated, compared to three the previous year. This is a remarkable accomplishment by our officers as they situated enforcement at the right place and at the right time. In 2023, the Police Department partnered with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) & the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM), where officers conducted *High Visibility Bicycle and Pedestrian Enforcement* in specific areas, at specific times, where the highest representation of traffic accidents have resulted in serious or fatal injuries. Additionally, innovative traffic technology was applied during the year using traffic data collection units and speed monitoring motorist displays to further strengthen our ability to address speeding and other chronic traffic issues.

We faced many challenges in 2023. The Police Department experienced staffing deficiencies during the year requiring the reassignment of the two detectives to patrol for several months. This created a significant interruption with timely follow-up on criminal investigations. Recruitment and retention also remain a very complex challenge. The applicant pool for law enforcement, as with several labor fields, has changed and continues to change. Concerns regarding officer safety, increased scrutiny of police, and generational differences, have exhibited fewer candidates applying. Every effort continues to be made to be creative with recruitment and retention strategies.

I would like to thank our community for their continued support in our endeavors as we strive to maintain committed and professional service. This support makes our jobs extremely rewarding and I am proud to serve alongside each member of our department. It is an honor to lead the Orange City Police Department as Chief of Police. I thank City Manager Dale Arrington for her leadership, and for placing her trust and confidence in me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne M. Miller', with a large, stylized loop at the bottom.

Wayne M. Miller
Chief of Police



CITY LEADERSHIP

Orange City Council Members



**Mayor
Gary Blair**



**District: 3
Vice Mayor
Alex Tiamson**



**District: At Large
Council Member
Anthony Pupello**



**District: 1
Council Member
Harold Grimm**



**District: 2
Council Member
Alisa "Lisa" Stafford**



**District: 4
Council Member
Kelli Marks**



**District: 5
Council Member
Fran Darms**

**Dale Arrington, *City Manager*
Christine Davis, *Assistant City Manager*
William E. Reischmann, *City Attorney*
Kaley Burleson, *City Clerk***

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Orange City Police Department

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Orange City Police Department to reduce crime and to protect and serve all citizens with professionalism, integrity, pride, and respect.

CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY - We hold ourselves accountable to the highest level of honesty, truthfulness, and ethical conduct.

PRIDE - We take pride in ourselves as individuals, our division as a team and our citizens as a community.

RESPECT - We will ensure that all persons are treated with equality, dignity, and courtesy.

PROFESSIONALISM - We are committed to the highest level of professional standards through development of highly trained and motivated employees.

VISION STATEMENT

To be the model agency in modern day law enforcement, through an expectation of excellence, a commitment to innovation and a devotion to unparalleled service.



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ORANGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Emergency
Non-Emergency/Animal Control
Main Telephone Number
Fax Number
Records Section
Code Enforcement
Investigations and Evidence
Operations Lieutenant
Investigative Services Lieutenant
Support Services Lieutenant/ PIO

9-1-1
386-736-5999
386-775-9999
386-775-5481
386-775-5476
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386-775-5486



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



**Support Services Lieutenant
Sherif E. El-Shami**

The Support Services Division is an integral part of the Police Department and coordinates the efforts of all divisions and sections within the agency and composes the Budget, the Annual Report, oversees Code Enforcement, Quartermaster, and Fleet. Additionally, the Records Section within this division is responsible for maintaining all reports, records and transactions generated by the public.



Police Officer of the Year

Each year the members of the Orange City Police Department recognize the officer who exhibits the highest level of professionalism and dedication in the performance of their duties. Such an honor is not lightly given but is reserved for only the most respected and valued members of the organization. The officer selected to represent the Orange City Police Department as the 2023 Police Officer of the Year is ***Officer Jarmarus Brown.***

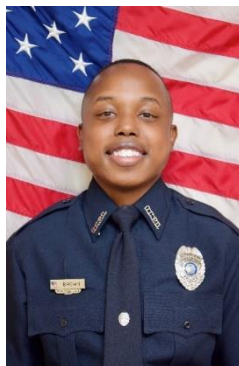
Officer Brown always had a passion for law enforcement and being a Police Officer. He is a 3.5 year veteran of the Orange City Police Department. He was born and raised in Orange County, Florida. Officer Brown is a graduate of Maynard Evans High School in Orlando, Florida. He attended and graduated from the Seminole State College Basic Law Enforcement academy in 2019. Officer Brown was sworn in as a full-time police officer for the Orange City Police Department in June of 2020. In 2021 he was named the City of Orange City's "New Employee of the Year". During his tenure with the Orange City Police Department, he has served the department in many capacities: a patrol officer, traffic officer, field training officer, bicycle officer and acting shift supervisor. He is currently assigned to the Charlie Platoon in the Patrol Division.

Officer Brown never backs down from work and he is always professional and eager taking a proactive approach on criminal interdiction, holding offenders accountable. He consistently works a plethora of overtime assisting other shifts that are short staffed. Officer Brown has received recognition and accolades for his professionalism and outstanding efforts. He serves as a role model for other officers to emulate. Jarmarus is a very proactive officer and is one of the highest producing officers in the agency. In 2023 he produced: 66 physical arrests, conducted 1,100 traffic stops, issued 141 criminal citations and 852 traffic citations.

Officer Brown has been instrumental in his duties and has served the department with distinction in every assignment he has been given. He has consistently distinguished himself as an exceptionally capable and dedicated police officer as well as a person of high moral character and integrity. There is never a day you cannot find Officer Brown without a smile on his face!

Jarmarus is a valued member of our organization and is well respected by his peers for his service, dedication and commitment to the Orange City Community.

We take great pride in presenting Officer Jarmarus Brown as our selection for Officer of the Year 2023!

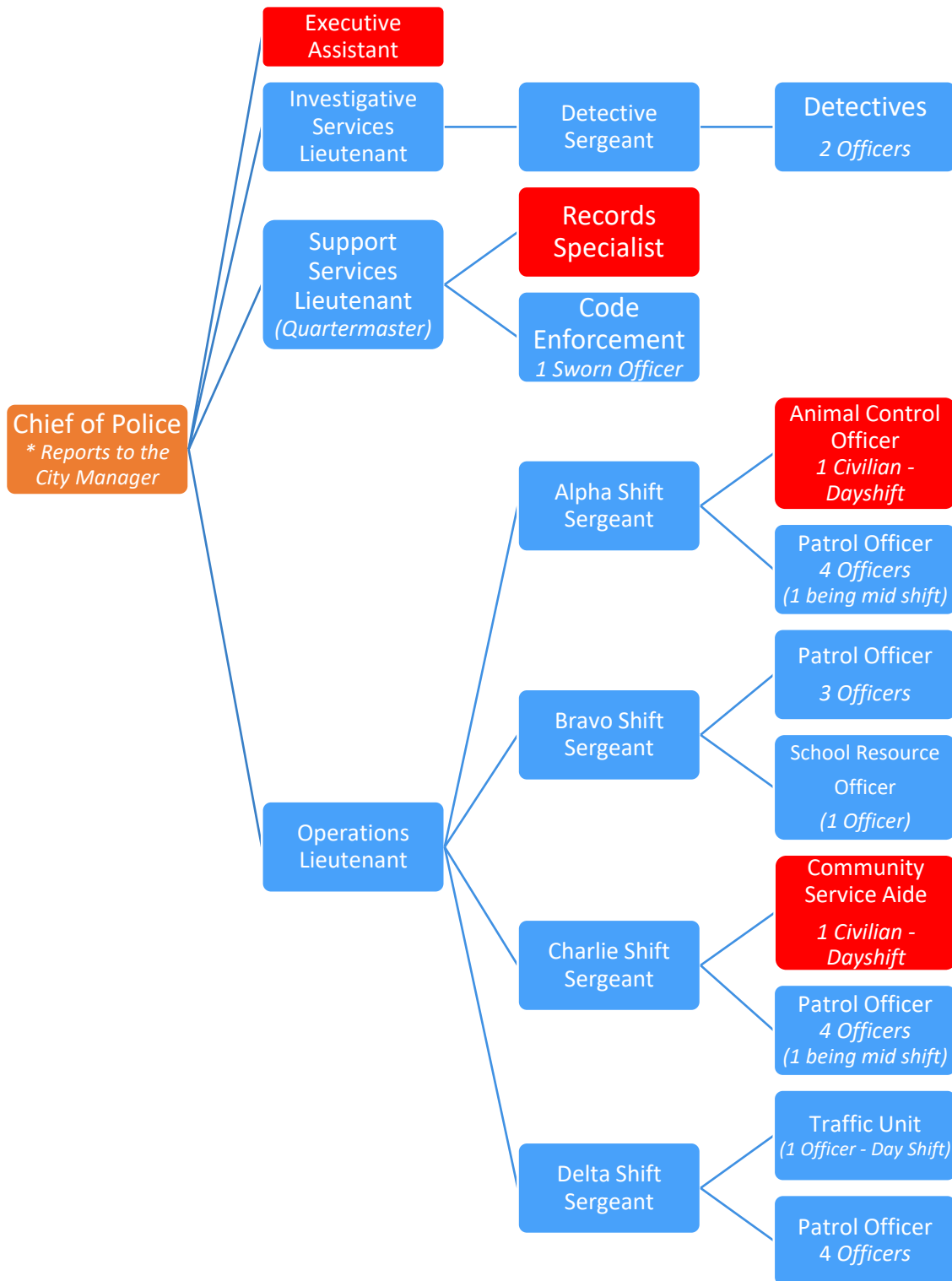


Officer Jarmarus Brown



Orange City Police Department Organizational Chart – 2023

29 sworn / 4 civilian



Specialty Assignments

Alcohol Breath Test Agency Inspectors	<i>Sergeant Brian Kibbe</i>	<i>Officer Joshua Hoffman</i>
Alcohol Breath Test Operators	<i>Sergeant Jordan Herzog Sergeant Samuel Harralson Officer Brie Dagley</i>	<i>Sergeant Brian Kibbe Officer Joshua Hoffman Reserve Officer Bobby Scott</i>
Background Investigators	<i>Sergeant T. Scott Theriault Detective Brie Dagley</i>	<i>Detective Berenice Martell</i>
Bicycle Unit Members	<i>Sergeant Rolly Cavida Detective Brie Dagley Officer Jarmarus Brown</i>	<i>Sergeant T. Scott Theriault Officer Berenice Martell Officer Gisela Soto</i>
Child Abduction Response Team	<i>Lieutenant Jason Ward Detective Brie Dagley</i>	<i>Sergeant T. Scott Theriault Detective Berenice Martell</i>
Clandestine Meth Lab Response Team	<i>Lieutenant Sherif El-Shami</i>	
Computerized Voice Stress Analysts	<i>Lieutenant Sherif El-Shami</i>	<i>Sergeant T. Scott Theriault</i>
Crisis Negotiators	<i>Sergeant Samuel Harralson Officer Jonathan Presley</i>	<i>Officer Joshua Hoffman</i>
Defensive Tactics Instructors	<i>Sergeant Rolly Cavida</i>	<i>Officer Gisela Soto</i>
Drug Recognition Expert	<i>Sergeant Brian Kibbe</i>	
Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructors	<i>Lieutenant Jason Ward</i>	<i>Sergeant Samuel Harralson</i>
Field Training Coordinators	<i>Lieutenant Jason Ward</i>	
Field Training Officers	<i>Sergeant Jordan Herzog Sergeant Brian Kibbe Detective Berenice Martell Officer Joshua Hoffman</i>	<i>Sergeant Samuel Harralson Detective Brie Dagley Officer Jarmarus Brown</i>
Homeland Security Officer	<i>Lieutenant Sherif El-Shami</i>	
Honor Guard Unit	<i>Sergeant Rolly Cavida Officer Robert Hylton</i>	<i>Officer James Koch</i>
Organizational Proficiency Team Members	<i>Lieutenant Sherif El-Shami Sergeant Samuel Harralson Sergeant Scott Theriault Officer James Koch Officer William Litke</i>	<i>Officer Joshua Hoffman Officer Carrie Byers Officer Jamaila Rodriguez Officer Gisela Soto Exec. Assistant Pennie Traber</i>
Firearms Instructors	<i>Lieutenant Jason Sampsell Sergeant Samuel Harralson</i>	<i>Lieutenant Jason Ward Officer James Koch</i>
Police Cadet Advisors	<i>Officer Jamaila Rodriguez Reserve Officer Heather Olszewski</i>	<i>Officer Robert Hylton</i>
Traffic Homicide Investigators	<i>Sergeant Brian Kibbe</i>	<i>Officer Joshua Hoffman</i>



2023

New Hires, Promotions, Retirements, Awards, Resignations

New Hires:

Matthew Crisera – Police Officer *(April from Orlando PD)*
Nathan Stewart – Police Officer *(May-Oct BLE Certification, Daytona Beach)*
Eric Mahoney – Police Officer *(May-Oct BLE Certification, Daytona Beach, prior Probation Officer State of Florida)*
Jeff St Val – Police Officer *(October from Flagler County Corrections)*
Shadrach King- Police Officer *(April from Orange County Sheriff's Office)*
Steven Neily- Police Officer *(July from Town of Springfield, Vermont)*
Kyle Walker- Police Officer *(May from US Army)*
Coy Rainey- Community Service Aide *(March from Hotel Management, Security Supervisor)*

Promotions:

Officer Berenice Martell to Detective *(January - Assigned to Investigative Services Division)*

Retirements:

None

Police Awards:

Police Chief Wayne Miller – Mayor Blaine O'Neil Award of Excellence *(Volusia League of Cities)*
Officer Jarmarus Brown – Officer of the Year
Detective Berenice Martell – Award of Heroism
Officer Robert Hylton – Life Saving Award
Officer Jonathan Presley – Bronze Award *(West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce)*
Officer Jarmarus Brown – Award of Merit
Detective Brie Dagley – Award of Achievement

Civilian Awards:

Jerald Cornelius – Citizen Commendation
Jill Cornelius – Citizen Commendation
Kathleen Dodgen – Citizen Commendation

Resignations:

Jose Rivera – Police Officer *(procured employment with Volusia County Sheriff's office)*
Stacy Dudley – Police Officer *(procured employment with Seminole County Sheriff's office)*
Brandon Taylor – Police Officer *(procured employment with Volusia County Sheriff's office)*



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
Police Dispatch Center / 9-1-1 Communications

Lieutenant Sherif E. El-Shami

As with all Volusia County Public Safety Entities, the Volusia Sheriff's Office (VSO) Communications Center answers emergency 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls for service for the City of Orange City 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and dispatches for the Police Officers, Community Service Aides, Code Enforcement Officers and Animal Control (*Animal Control also includes DeBary*). This centralization of services results in:

- *Cost savings to tax payers*
- *Faster emergency response times by co-locating multiple dispatching services*
- *More efficient coordination of resources*
- *Improved officer safety*
- *Rapid sharing of information, particularly among multiple agencies responding to an emergency event*

911 CALLS
ORANGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

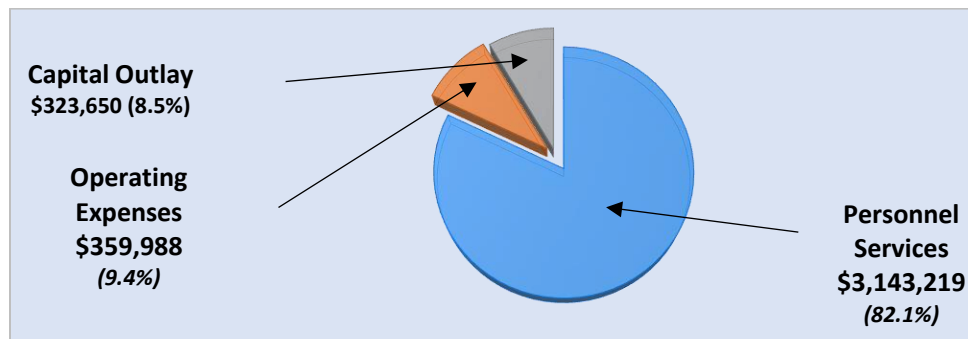
In 2023, the Volusia Sheriff's Office Communications Center switched software programs and, as such, can no longer separate and track 9-1-1 calls by jurisdiction. This individual data is no longer captured.



POLICE DEPARTMENT
Budget Summary FY 2022/2023 (Amended)

Lieutenant Sherif E. El-Shami

Personnel Services	\$3,143,219
Operating Expenses	\$359,988
Capital Expenses	\$323,650
Total Police Budget	\$3,826,857



SUPPORT SERVICES STRUCTURE / FUNCTION OVERVIEW

The Support Services Division is composed of several sections/units that work together to provide resources to the Operations and Investigative Services divisions. Support Services incorporates Code Enforcement, Records Division, Fleet maintenance, and Quartermaster services. The Support Services Division is also charged with development of the Police Department's annual budget, as well as its annual report. The primary responsibility of Support Services is to ensure that both the Operations and Investigative Services divisions have the resources necessary to provide the highest level of police service to the community. The Quartermaster function, handled by the Support Services Lieutenant, ensures the resources and necessary supplies and equipment are procured, distributed, and maintained as needed. The Code Enforcement unit is comprised of one full time officer. Although the code officer is a sworn police officer, the position is not handling patrol duties, rather, code compliance and city ordinance violations related to complaints/issues.

If a law enforcement agency is to function effectively, it must have comprehensive information by which to develop plans and strategies designed to address criminal behavior, reduce traffic crashes, and allocate resources. The Records Section is a key component in providing information to all divisions. One full time records specialist ensures that all information received by the department is accurately entered into the Records Management System. Once in the system, this information is readily available to department personnel and assists the Records Section with providing information to citizens, insurance companies and other law enforcement and governmental agencies, as well as reporting said statistics to the UCR – Florida Incident Based Reporting System (FIBRS).



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Records Section

Records Specialist Heather L. Olszewski

The Records Section, staffed by one Records Specialist, is responsible for the efficient retention, distribution, preservation and disposal of police reports and forms in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations, and guidelines. It fulfills requests from insurance companies, attorneys and the public for police reports and other documentation kept on file. The Records Section assists officers by receiving subpoenas and retrieving reports for the officers' use in the prosecution of cases. The Records Section greets visitors to the Police Department and provides customer services in the form of giving directions, assisting in the preparation of Citizen Reports and summoning officers to assist visitors with criminal cases. The Records Section receives assistance from civilian volunteers (VIPS) and the Chief's Executive Assistant with Records/ front desk duties.

- The Records Section provided data entry and management for **3,680** incident reports, **3,358** uniform traffic citations, **45** DUI citations and **0** animal citations during 2023.
- The Records Section staff and volunteers provided customer service for **1,710** citizens at the front desk/lobby during 2023. The Records Section also handled **10,151** phone calls.

Revenue from the services provided by the Records Section includes:

A total of **\$73,419.94** of revenue was handled by the records section for various services to the public to include:

- **\$2,585.00** from city parking citations payments
- **\$750.00** from city handicap citations payments
- **\$65,850.00** from code enforcement payments (*Not including violation fines collected by other departments*)
- **\$140.00** from animal license payments
- **\$625.00** from false alarm payments
- **\$100.00** from court ordered payments
- **\$2,226.61** from the sale of police offense reports
- **\$1,037.33** from Body Worn Camera Public Record Request payments
- **\$6.00** for depo/court appearance payments
- **\$100.00** for miscellaneous payment

2023 GOALS FOR THE RECORDS SECTION:

- Purchase the "Just FOIA" Public Records Request program to assist in organizing, logging, and tracking all Public Records Requests through our offices, which increased significantly in 2023.



2023 Agency Activity Summary Report

(Figures in parenthesis are the 2022 numbers)

ACTIVITY	2023	2022 TO 2023 CHANGE
Total Incidents/Calls for Service	38,258	(37,776) +482
Total Custodial Arrests	499	(442) +57
ALARMS		
Business Alarms	500	(361) +139
Residential Alarms	41	(48) -7
TRAFFIC CRASHES		
Driver Exchange of Information	311	(309) +2
Traffic Crash -- General	426	(393) +33
Traffic Crash -- Fatal	1	(3) -2
Traffic Crash -- Injury	118	(215) -97
Traffic Crash -- Hit & Run	85	(102) -17
Traffic Crash -- Pedestrian	12	(13) -1
Traffic Crash -- Bicycle	11	(10) +1
Traffic Crash -- City Vehicle	4	(11) -7
Traffic Crash -- DUI	11	(6) +5
Traffic Crashes Total	855	(917) -62
WATERWAY ACCIDENTS		
Vessel Accidents		-0-
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT		
Traffic Stops	5,165	(3,741) +1,424
Traffic Citations	3,358	(2,287) +1,071
Criminal Citations	703	(547) +156
DUI Citations	45	(20) +25
Parking Citations	129	(41) +88
Written Warnings	402	(422) -20
ANIMAL ENFORCEMENT		
Animal Courtesy Notices Issued	2	(5) -3
Animal Redemption Cases Total	60	(59) +1
Animal Redemption -- Halifax	5	(31) -26
Animal Redemption -- Returned to Owner	55	(28) +27
Animal Bite Cases	8	(45) -37
BULLETINS/FIELD INTERVIEWS		
Intelligence Bulletins	2,535	(1,992) +543
Field Interview Contacts	5	(15) -10

Note: Many individual traffic crashes are included in several categories (example: one traffic crash could involve a bicyclist, have injuries and be a hit and run). As a result, the totals will not always equal the Traffic Crash Total.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
Police Chief Wayne M. Miller

Part 1 Index Crime Offenses for Orange City – Ten-Year Comparison

YEAR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
VIOLENT CRIME										
<i>Murder</i>	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Forcible Sex Offenses</i>	8	6	10	6	7	2	4	3	4	5
<i>Robbery</i>	11	8	12	10	13	4	1	6	4	4
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	41	41	26	34	23	15	30	49	31	26
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIME	60	55	48	51	44	21	35	59	39	35

YEAR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
PROPERTY CRIME										
<i>Burglary</i>	93	107	76	68	79	42	34	26	23	21
<i>Larceny</i>	718	631	663	644	670	573	439	389	227	260
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	29	29	25	29	31	30	23	34	28	16
<i>Arson</i>	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	1	2	0
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	840	767	766	744	781	645	497	450	280	297

YEAR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
TOTAL INDEX CRIME	900	822	812	795	825	666	532	509	319	332
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	+2.67%	-6.34%	-8.66%	-1.21%	-2.09%	+3.77%	-19.27%	-20.12%	-4.32%	+4.08%

Crimes against Persons:

Crimes against persons are the personal confrontations between the perpetrator (*suspect*) and the victim. Due to this nature, crimes against persons are considered to be more serious than property crimes. 35 persons' crimes occurred during 2023, compared to 39 in 2022, a 10.3% decrease.

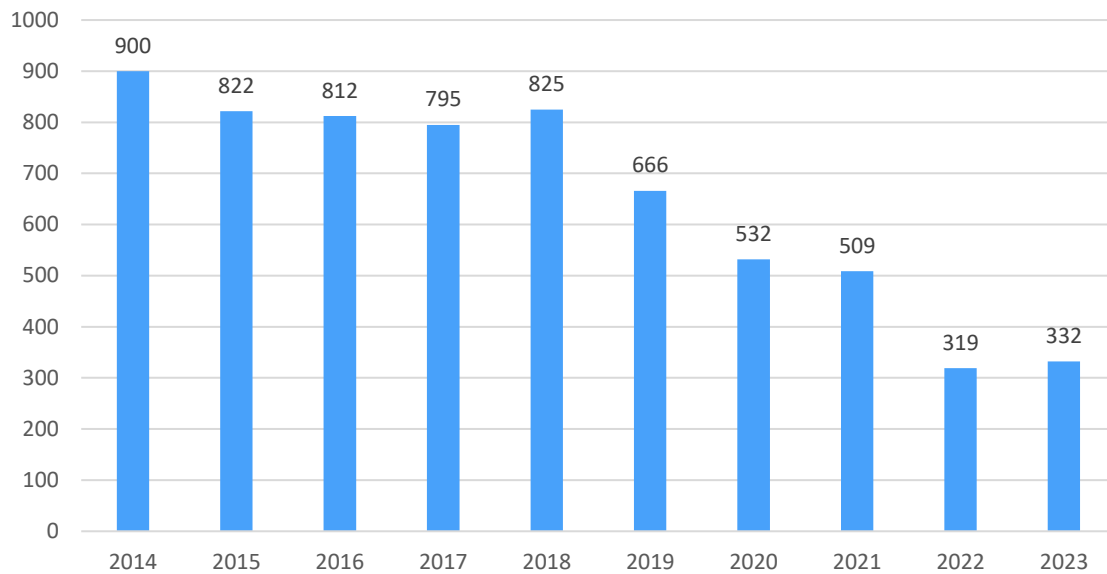
Property Crimes:

The number of property crimes reported for 2023 was 297, compared to 280 in 2022, a 6.1% increase.

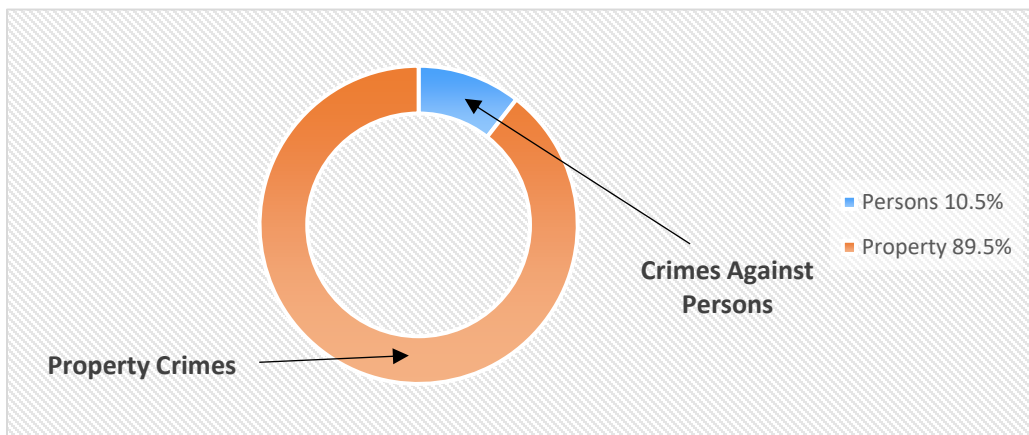
Overall, total Part One Index Crime has increased 4.1% from the previous year.



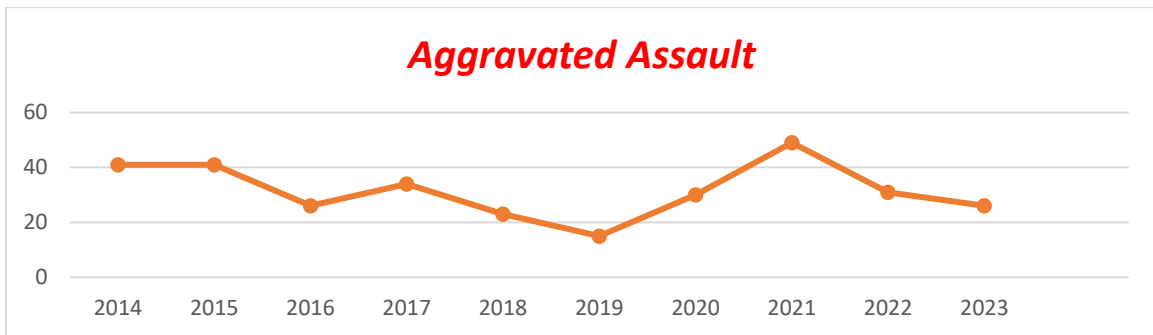
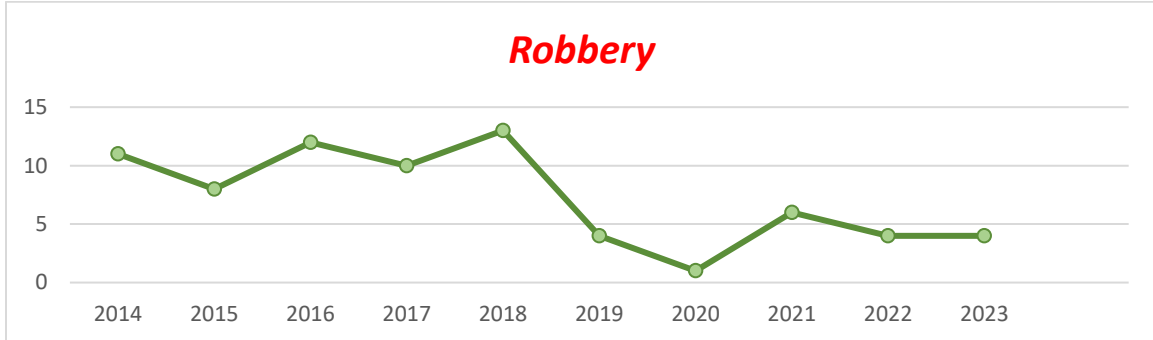
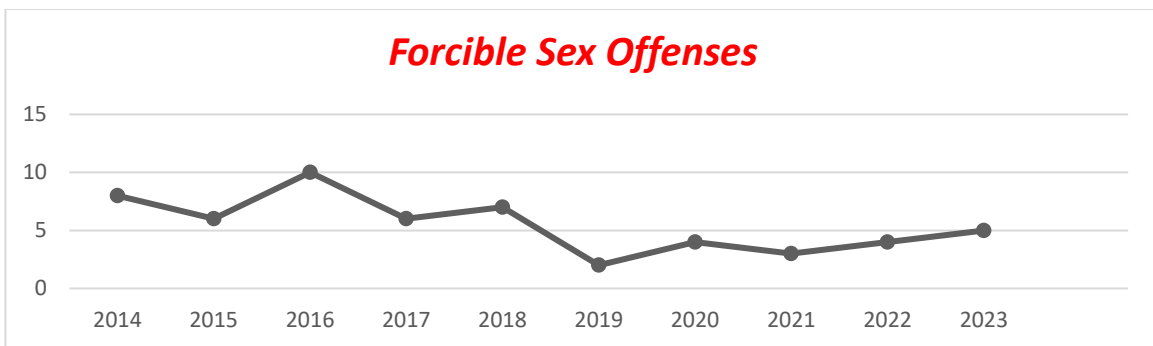
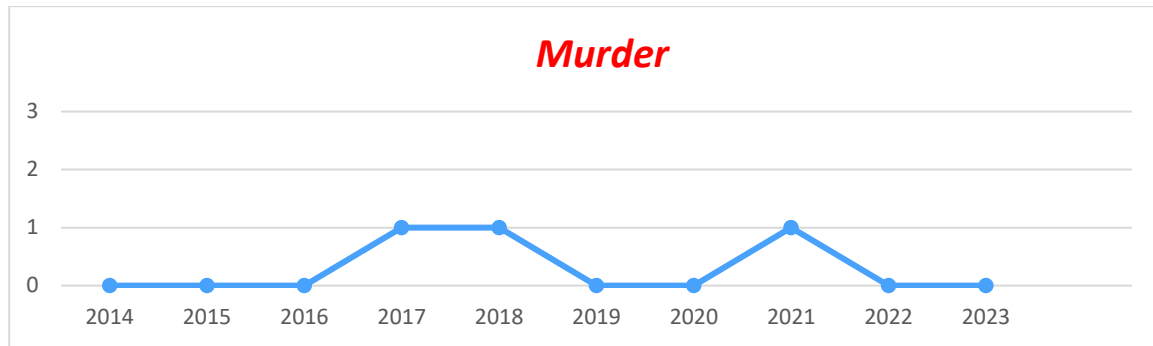
Combined Part One Index Crimes Yearly Total



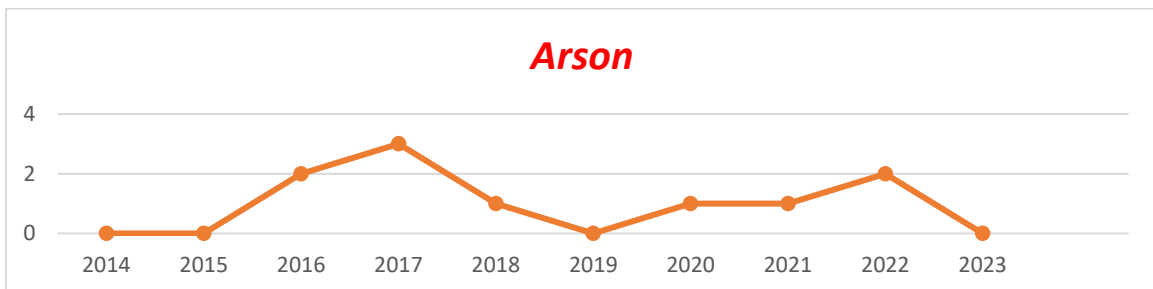
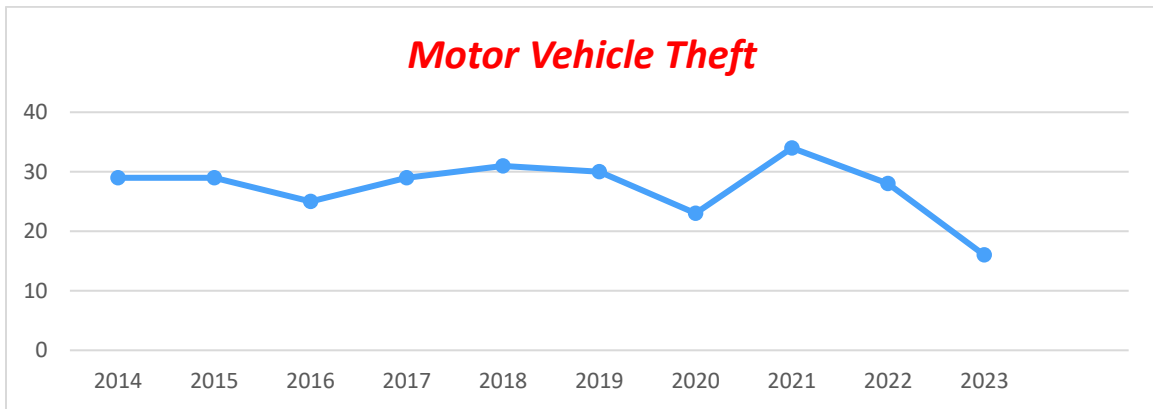
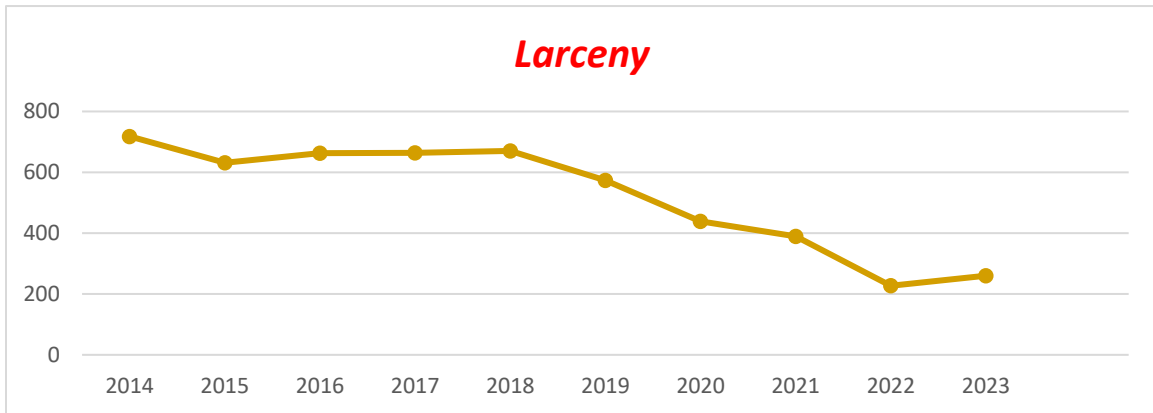
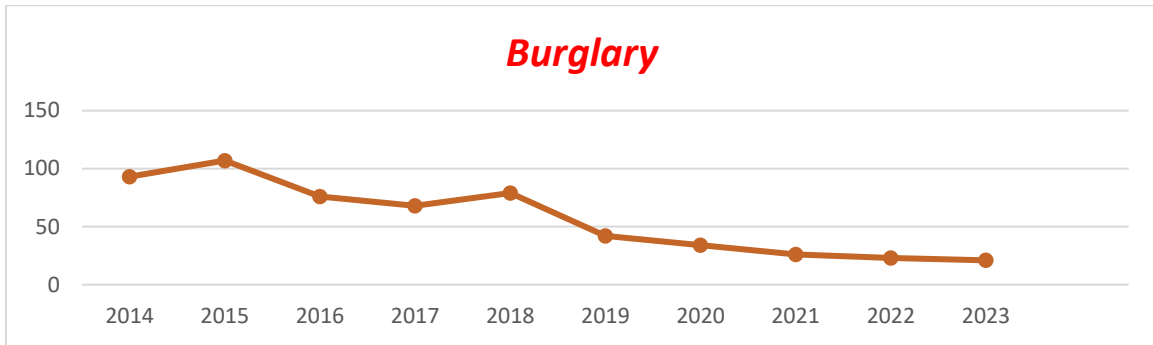
2023 Orange City Index Crimes



Part 1 Index Crimes - 10 Year Comparison



Part 1 Index Crimes - 10 Year Comparison continued



2023 Part 1 and Part 2 Index Crime Arrests - by Age & Sex

Offenses	Juvenile Total	Male	Female	Adult Total	Male	Female	Total All Ages
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Aggravated Assault	2	2	0	11	8	3	13
Burglary	0	0	0	2	1	1	2
Larceny	2	1	1	67	33	34	69
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Index Part 1	6	3	3	81	43	38	87
Manslaughter	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Kidnap/Abduction	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Simple Assault	15	5	10	55	29	26	70
Drug Arrests	3	0	3	40	29	11	43
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	5	3	2	5
Counterfeit/Forgery	0	0	0	2	2	0	2
Extortion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part 2 Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	2	1	1	2
DUI	0	0	0	25	10	15	25
Vandalism	1	1	0	1	0	1	2
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Violations	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Liquor Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	16	3	13	244	184	60	260
Total Index Part 2	35	9	26	377	260	117	412
Total Part 1 & 2	41	12	29	458	303	155	499



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Officer/ Population Ratios

Lieutenant Sherif El-Shami

The residential and commercial development continues to increase adding elements to the City that have a significant effect on police activity within the community. The Police Department responded to 38,258 calls for service in 2023 – an increase of approximately 6,000 calls over the past 8 years. During those 8 years, Orange City’s population increased by approximately 23%.

With the upturn in growth, traffic counts throughout the community also continue to increase requiring law enforcement resources for traffic control, handling traffic complaints and investigating traffic related crashes and fatalities.

The Criminal Justice Agency Profile Report for Statewide ratios is the average ratio of full-time officers per 1,000 residents. Many variables impact officer staffing ratios. Some variables include population density, crime rate, service calls, jurisdiction size, seasonal residents and tourists. The Orange City Police Department is at 1.9 officers per 1,000 residents. The International Association of Chiefs of Police recommends 2.5 officers per 1,000 residents. The Statewide average is 2.4 officers per 1,000 residents – comparing 256 police departments. As a comparison only, the below chart shows Florida cities, with similar size populations, and the ratio of sworn officers to population as of April 2023.

**Source FDLE & University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research*

City	Population	Officer Ratio per 1,000 Residents
N. Palm Beach	13,167	3.3
South Daytona	13,449	2.1
Atlantic Beach	13,529	2.0
Miami Springs	13,887	3.1
Palmetto	13,927	2.8
Orange City	14,313	1.9
Fernandina Beach	14,594	2.9
Key Biscayne	14,815	2.4
St Augustine Beach	15,307	4.3
Florida City	15,690	2.3
Longwood	16,408	2.6

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SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Traffic Statistics

Records Specialist Heather L. Olszewski

During 2023, a total of 855 vehicle crashes occurred within the City of Orange City, a 6.8% decrease from the 917 crashes occurring in 2022. There was one traffic fatality in 2023, reflecting a 66% decrease from the three traffic fatalities occurring in 2022. A total of 3,358 traffic citations were issued during 2023, an increase of 46% from the 2,287 citations issued in 2022. There were 45 reported DUI arrests in 2023, an increase of 106% from 2022. There were 11 DUI related crashes in 2023, an increase of 5 from 2022.

Traffic Crash Categories by Quarter

CRASH TYPE	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	TOTAL
Accident Fatal	0	0	1	0	1
Accident w/ Injury	43	20	21	34	118
Driver Exchange of Information	65	75	90	81	311
Accident General (<i>all other</i>)	88	125	93	120	426
Accident Hit and Run	14	21	23	27	85
Accident Pedestrian	6	1	3	2	12
Accident Bicyclist	1	1	2	0	4
Accident DUI	4	1	4	2	11

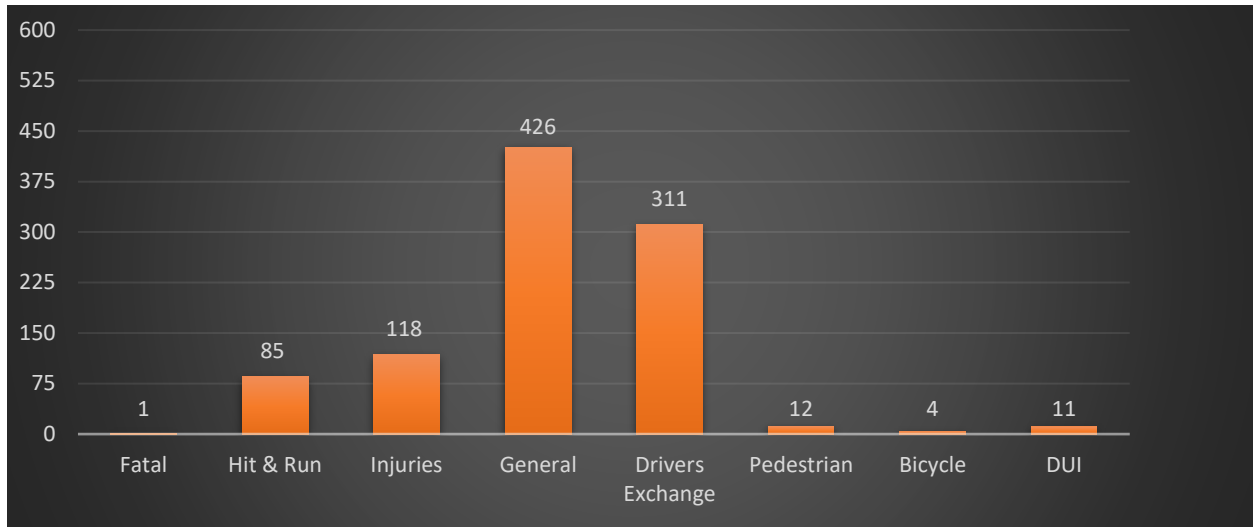
**Due to many individual crashes being included in several of the above crash types, the totals within "Traffic Crash Categories by Quarter" will not always equal the Traffic Crash Total (example: one traffic crash could involve a bicyclist, have injuries and be a hit and run).*

2023 Total Traffic Crashes by Quarter

Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	TOTAL
196	220	204	235	855



2023 Traffic Crashes by Category



Five Year Crash Comparison

CRASHES	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Crashes	957	838	919	917	855
Traffic Fatalities	3	5	2	3	1

Five Year Enforcement Comparison

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Traffic Citations Issued	1,510	1,076	2,559	2,287	3,358
Written Warnings	786	488	683	422	402
Safety Belt Citations	100	13	139	71	224
DUI Arrests (<i>non-accident</i>)	17	20	14	10	34
Traffic Stops	2,886	2,105	4,498	3,741	5,165

2023 Traffic Fatalities Summary

- ❖ Vehicle versus pedestrian – 2400 Block North Volusia Avenue (*July*)



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION Social Media Connection

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

Since 2015 the Orange City Police Department has been providing information to its citizens through the use of social media. It has allowed the agency to deliver a wide variety of information to the public throughout the year. By using social media platforms, we have provided information regarding road closures, traffic accidents, missing persons, city events, etc., quickly and effectively. In the last year the Orange City Police Department has increased its number of followers to 8,475, which is an increase of 10.5% from 2022. The Investigative Services Division continues to operate the platform of Facebook in addition to their other duties. The department will continue to use social media in the future.



@OrangeCityPD



Goals for 2024:

- Continue to generate new and enhanced content for our citizens, in an effort to improve our department's community policing and outreach programs.
- Create video content as an additional means of providing information to our citizens.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF New Initiatives

Police Chief Wayne M. Miller

School Resource Officer (SRO)

Ensuring the highest level of safety for our young students in Orange City is a priority. The Orange City Police Department responded to River Springs Middle School (RSMS) a total of 438 times during the 2022/ 2023 school year. To foster better relations between students and law enforcement personnel, and as a means to deter crime, provide safety and security to students, faculty, and parents on or about school premises, the Police Department and the Volusia County School Board partnered in July of 2023 to staff one Orange City Police Officer at River Springs Middle School starting in August (23/24 school year). The term of the agreement is for 5 years with the cost of the officer split 50% between the School Board and the City.

Officer Jamaila Rodriguez was selected as the Department's first full-time School Resource Officer. Officer Rodriguez has been an integral part of providing support for a safe school environment. Her presence is making a difference in overall student and faculty safety. Officer Rodriguez received training in Autism Awareness, Crisis Response and Management, Active Assailant Response, and SRO duties.



Traffic Unit Motorcycle Officer



Officer Joshua Hoffman was selected as the Department's full-time Traffic Unit Officer. With continued commercial and residential growth, traffic on roadways throughout the community is also increasing. In 2023, the Police Department assigned an officer exclusively to traffic enforcement duties on a police motorcycle.

Officer Hoffman is responsible for conducting city-wide traffic enforcement, traffic crash investigations, school zone traffic direction, and collecting speed study data.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF Community Partnerships

Police Chief Wayne M. Miller

The Department's foundation is built on a community policing philosophy and a strong emphasis is placed on building partnerships within the community and its neighborhoods to improve the quality of life in our city by working together to prevent crime, disorder, and fear. Eleven (11) scheduled community events were held in 2023 to include the Manatee Festival, the BlueGrass Festival, July 4th Fireworks and Fun, Multi-cultural Heritage Festival, and Halloween Block Party.

Coffee with a Cop

The mission of the *Coffee with a Cop* program is to break down the barriers between police officers and the community they serve. *Coffee with a Cop* brings police officers and the community members together, over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other. ***The Orange City Police Department attended the event at Rhonda's Kitchen, which was very well received by the community.***

Walk and Bike to School Event

This is an opportunity to enable children to incorporate physical activity throughout their daily lives, while also forming healthy habits that can last a lifetime. Children and Officers are encouraged to walk and ride bicycles to school together. ***The Orange City Police Department attended a Walk and Bike event with Orange City Elementary and Manatee Cove Elementary Schools.***

National Night Out Against Crime

National Night Out is an annual event that helps promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer. The Police Department hosted a "Community Block Party" in October at Veteran's Memorial Park. Through donations from our local business community and in partnership with the Police Department, OCPD was able to offer this family friendly event with free merchandise, free food and drink, music, contests and a raffle full of prizes. The event was well attended including 25 business vendors and approximately 1,000 attendees.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Volunteers in Police Service / Park Rangers

Lieutenant Jason R. Sampsell

The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) continue to be an important resource to the Orange City Police Department and the community. The VIPS are comprised of six civilian volunteers who provide additional support to the Operations Division by providing assistance in the day-to-day operations of the department where the duties do not require a sworn policer officer. Thus, they free the uniformed patrol division to conduct preventative measures to deter criminal activity and respond to calls for service without delay.

The duties performed by VIPS can include but are not limited to; courier service, special events, extra patrols, vacation house checks, traffic control at crash scenes and special events, etc. The chart below depicts a breakdown of tracked duties performed by the VIPS during 2023.

Volunteer Hours	Volunteer Admin Hours	Courier Runs	House Watches	Business Extra Patrols	Traffic Assistance Requests
2,625	483	134	2,055	2,521	189

In 2021 the “Park Ranger” program was implemented. The purview of this new program falls under the umbrella of the Police Department VIPS Program, with direct responsibility from the Parks and Recreation Department. Duties performed by the Park Rangers include but are not limited to: foot patrols at the multitude of parks throughout the community, park and nature education, park rules administration, locating found property and environment education. Currently, four Park Rangers volunteer at the city parks. The program is well received by park attendees. In 2023 Park Rangers volunteered 241.25 hours.

RECRUITMENT EFFORTS: Volunteer Participation has rebounded since COVID, and we have added to our active volunteer numbers from one to six. We will continue to advertise both programs through community events, social media, and word-of-mouth. Recruiting volunteers will continue to be a priority in 2024.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2024: The Volunteers in Police Service and Park Ranger programs will continue its commitment to providing professional support services to the Orange City Police Department and the community.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION
Code Enforcement/False Alarm Billing

Lieutenant Sherif E. El-Shami

Code Enforcement duties and responsibilities are currently carried out by one (1) sworn police officer. The Code Section is currently supervised by the Support Services Lieutenant. The Code Enforcement Officer enforces all municipal ordinances, codes, and regulations, to include but not be limited to: regulatory zoning, building codes, health and safety, land use, etc. The code officer is also a state certified animal control officer and supplements animal control duties in Orange City and DeBary (*contracted to handle such services*) in the absence of the animal control officer.

In 2023, the Code Enforcement Division continued the use of monthly summary reports. These reports detail the top code violations for each month, as well as the number of cases opened and closed. These reports allow the department to have the ability to view possible trends and other concerning violations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY - 2023

Total Cases Created	250
Total Active Cases	79
Total Real Property Foreclosures	0
Total Fines Collected for Violations	\$70,469.26 (<i>Fines collected by all city departments</i>)

FALSE ALARM BILLING – 2023

Total Number of False Alarms Officers Responded to	False Alarm Fines Assessed	False Alarm Fines Collected
541	\$625	\$625

**The number of alarms "responded to" will not match the number of alarm reports completed. This is due to several factors to include: storm related alarms (hurricane), malfunctioning alarms, etc. We respond to more alarms than reported as some do not always generate a report and/or fine.*



ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Animal Control Services

Animal Control Officer Sara C. Jackson



Animal Control Services are provided to both the cities of Orange City and DeBary (*Animal Services in DeBary are pursuant to an inter-local agreement that was renewed in October of 2023 for three additional years*). Animal Control services are provided by one full-time civilian animal control officer, supplemented by one sworn code enforcement officer. Both are state certified in Animal Control. Animal Control Officer Sara Jackson has been certified since June 2022 and will be attending a course to receive her certification in Chemical Immobilization in January 2024.

Animal Control Services include but are not limited to: investigation and enforcement of local regulatory ordinances, animal related Florida statutes, animal bite investigations in cooperation with the Florida Department of Health, retrieval of stray animals and routine inspection of locations that house animals deemed dangerous. Animal Control services are provided 8am-5pm Monday through Friday (*excluding holidays*) and are available as needed (*on-call*) after normal business hours or for urgent incidents. Shelter services are handled by the Halifax Humane Society.

Animal Enforcement Activities

ANIMAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES - 2023	ORANGE CITY	DEBARY
Animal Calls For Service	434	378
Animal Bite Calls	8	25
Animal Related Courtesy Notices Issued	2	3
Animal Related Criminal Charges	0	0
Animals Captured and taken to Humane Society	5	9

Jurisdiction	Animals - Returned to Owner	Trap, Neuter, Released
Orange City	55	11
DeBary	32	6

*Note: In February 2022, the City of DeBary volunteers began handling all facets of the trap, neuter, and release (TNR) program. This included the purchase of traps, cost of surgeries, and cost of care.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF Specialty Position Review

Police Chief Wayne M. Miller

The following will serve to summarize a review of the specialty positions under the command of the Support Services Division for the year 2023.

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS:

Field Training Officers (FTOs) are an essential part of our efforts to provide recruit officers with the highest level of training possible that typically lasts between 12-16 weeks. The department currently has four (4) training officer positions and one patrol sergeant who is the training officer coordinator. The primary role of a Field Training Officer is to ensure that each new officer receives the training necessary to make appropriate decisions in the field. As the responsibilities of law enforcement continue to increase in scope and complexity, the need for dedicated Field Training Officers will continue.

COMPUTERIZED VOICE STRESS ANALYSIS (CVSA):

All detectives are trained in the use of CVSA for use in both pre-employment examinations and criminal cases.

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT:

The department has one (1) Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). The legalization of medical marijuana and the increase in the abuse of prescription medication along with the opioid crisis has increased the need for officers trained in the detection of impaired drivers. The need for this specialty position continues.

CRISIS NEGOTIATOR:

The Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) is comprised of two (2) officers and one (1) sergeant. The Crisis Negotiations Team is commanded by the Investigative Services Division Sergeant. The need for this specialty position continues.

HOMELAND SECURITY OFFICER:

Homeland Security is a significant and concerted effort to ensure a homeland that is safe, secure, and resilient against terrorism and other hazards. The process of intelligence gathering, intelligence sharing, investigations, and interdiction are some of the techniques implemented to prevent terrorism and all risks which pose a threat to the population. The Orange City Police Department informs sworn personnel of current threats, dangers, and trends in Homeland Security issues. This information sharing occurs during in-service training, roll call briefings and through email correspondence. The Homeland Security Officer is a full-time detective. The need remains for this specialty position.

HONOR GUARD:

The Honor Guard provides uniformed personnel trained to appropriately present the colors at special events, to stand watch at memorial services and represent the department at events and functions outside the city. Currently, there are three (3) officers assigned to the Honor Guard. The need remains for this specialty team.



TRAFFIC UNIT AND TRAFFIC HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS:

The mission of the Traffic Unit is to improve traffic safety through engineering, educational strategies, and enforcement action. These strategies are designed to enhance the efficient flow of traffic, reduce crashes, and ultimately reduce traffic-related injuries. The Traffic Section consists of two (2) officers who are specially trained and certified in traffic homicide investigations, traffic crash investigation and traffic enforcement. The need for this specialty position will remain a critical part of the department.

RANGE MASTER:

The position of Range Master was created to provide uniformity in firearms training and to provide accountability for Department issued or authorized firearms and less lethal weapons. The Range Master allows for a single point of contact to evaluate, inventory, and maintain Department munitions and weapons. The Range Master will remain an essential position within the agency.

CLANDESTINE LAB RESPONSE TEAM:

In response to the growing trend of methamphetamine manufacturing, a County-wide Clandestine Lab Response Team provides expertise in the handling and disposal of hazardous materials in the investigation of Clandestine Narcotic Laboratories. Sworn members from most Volusia County law enforcement agencies make up several squads as part of the Clandestine Lab Response Team. One (1) Orange City police officer is assigned to the County-wide Meth Lab Team that respond to illicit meth laboratories within the County to safely dismantle the lab and ensure proper disposal of the hazardous materials used to produce the drug (*they respond when their squad is on call*). The need for this specialized assignment will continue.

Number of Illicit Meth Laboratories Responded to Involving Orange City PD Team Members:	
2019	1 (0 in OC)
2020	1 (0 in OC)
2021	0 (0 in OC)
2022	0 (0 in OC)
2023	0 (0 in OC)



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
Grievance Analysis

Police Chief Wayne M. Miller

Police Department employees are very familiar with the City policy regarding the grievance process to include Department policy and the union's Collective Bargaining agreement.

There were no personnel grievances filed by any member of the Police Department during 2023; as such a formal analysis of grievances is not possible. A review of the period of 2019 through 2023 shows one grievance filed by an employee during the five-year time period. Administrative procedures and practices as specified in policy were reviewed, as is the practice of this office. The review finds that current policy is fairly administered and balances the interest of the employee and the department. One grievance within the past five years fails to identify a particular pattern or trend that will predict future grievances. No revisions will be recommended at this time.

In summation, current policy and IUPA contract language provides employees with the proper platform to dispute workplace disagreements with management. The city continues to maintain a great working relationship with the union.

Grievances - Five Year Comparison

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0	1	0	0	0



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF Grants, Policies, Projects

Police Chief Wayne M. Miller

GRANT STATUS:

- *Florida Department of Law Enforcement JAG Grant (Justice Assistance Grant):* **2023 funds not yet released as of March 2024.**
- *High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Overtime Reimbursement Grant:* **Awarded 2023: \$5,264**

The Orange City Police Department continued its participation in the HVE grant program. The program began September 1, 2022 and ended May 12, 2023. Officers conducted education and enforcement details at specific locations identified by the Florida Department of Transportation to have the highest traffic crashes involving pedestrian and bicyclists in Volusia County. Blue Springs Ave at South Volusia Ave and Rhode Island Ave at South Volusia Ave, were the two locations identified within Orange City limits.

PROJECTS:

The city continues working on its overall master facilities plan. An integral part of this plan is the need to construct a new police station on City owned property (*approximately 3 acres*) located on East Ohio Ave. The new police station will incorporate Information Technology offices and the City's Emergency Operations Center. The City is currently in negotiations with an architect.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal One: Complete required policy development to comply with new standards.

- **Objective One:** Distribute new and revised policies to all department personnel to ensure continued compliance.
- **Objective Two:** Ensure that all department personnel receive proper training with respect to new and/or revised policies.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Training Unit

Lieutenant Jason A. Ward

The maintenance and integrity of the training records is essential to limiting vicarious liability issues that could arise. Therefore, it is crucial for all members of Orange City Police Department, officers, and civilian personnel alike to remain proficient as it relates to their skill sets, techniques, and procedures to deliver quality law enforcement services to our community. Law enforcement becomes ever more demanding as it relates to mandated training and the effort to professionalize police services. The training division is accountable for all scheduling concerning specialized and in-service training for all sworn and non-sworn members of the agency. In addition to, the training division provides mandated training set by FDLE and department policy review to all new police officers employed by the Orange City Police Department.

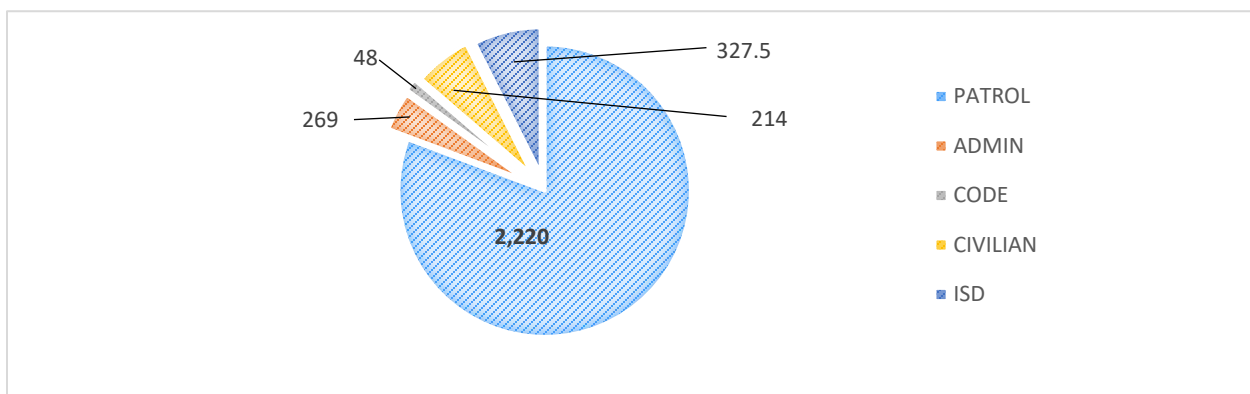
PERSONNEL:

The Orange City Police Department employees total of thirty-three full-time members. Twenty-nine are sworn police officers and four are civilian members of the department. These members include; Chief of Police, three Lieutenants, three Detectives, nineteen Police Officers, one School Resource Officer, one Code Enforcement Officer, one Traffic Officer, one Animal Control Officer, one Community Service Aide, one Record Specialist, and one Administrative Assistant.

In 2023, the members of the Orange City Police Department received a total of 3,078.5 hours of training.

The chart below shows total training hours for each division within the Orange City Police Department for 2023

Training Hours by Division



Training Division Goals and Objectives:

The goal of the Orange City Police Department Training Division is to deliver the most up-to-date and accurate training possible for the men and women that serve our community. This is accomplished through legal update review, law enforcement on-line training, roll call shift training, in-service training, as well as offsite advanced and specialized training. Twenty-four hours of in-service training is conducted annually for all sworn personnel to receive required high liability training to include but not limited to use of force, firearms, defensive tactics, less lethal, and first aid. These twenty-four hours of in-service training are mandatory for all sworn personnel.

2023 Semi – Annual In-Service Training Sessions

Spring/Summer in-service training	Fall/Winter in-service training
Firearms Qualifications: 40mm, pistol, rifle, shot gun, and stress shoot Use of Force: review, SOP, FSS, guidelines, supreme court case(s) Defensive Tactics: Restraint Holds, transporters, escorts, hand-cuffing Report Writing: Fundamentals of report writing/documentation of events, Narrative overview, probable cause statements, format, documentation of the interview, victims, suspects, etc.	Sudden Custody Death Syndrome: Refresher, policy review, sign & symptoms, restraint procedures Terry Stop: Refresher on legal aspects and lawful encounters with suspicious persons (Reasonable Articulate Suspicion-RAS) Contact and Cover: Officer Safety protocols when handling calls for service 1st Amendment: review of constitutently protected acts and lawful encounters Wellness: Protecting the Guardian – Health and Wellness

Our goal is to provide our law enforcement personnel with up-to-date and realistic training, in order to ensure that the members of the Orange City Police Department adhere to our core values of professionalism, integrity, pride and respect. Ensuring that our members fulfill their duties and responsibilities to the community that we serve and do so with honor.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION D.A.R.E. Program

Lieutenant Sherif E. El-Shami



The D.A.R.E. program focuses on building bridges between fifth graders in Orange City and The Orange City Police officers. The innovative D.A.R.E. program is a ten-week mission to equip young minds with crucial life skills. D.A.R.E. incorporates a hands-on learning style by using interactive activities and role-playing scenarios to engage students' interest and create a lasting impression. Topics covered in the program include; reporting bullying, making safe decisions, avoiding peer pressure, and many others allowing the students to find a sense of confidence and empowerment to face life's challenges.

With the exception of the detective's salary, the D.A.R.E. program is funded solely by donations from the Orange City Blue Spring Manatee Festival. The donations are used for student workbooks and educational materials, D.A.R.E. graduation t-shirts for participants, and graduation certificates. In 2023, the donations totaled \$2,500. The donations covered the cost for one detective to attend the two-week certification course and included lodging, as the course was held in Marion County. Detective Brie Dagley attended and graduated the course becoming the department's second certified D.A.R.E. Officer.

D.A.R.E. was not provided during 2023 due to the unavailability of certified instructors. The course will be offered to both Orange City Elementary and Manatee Cove Elementary in 2024.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Police Cadet Program – Post # 2301

Post Advisor Heather L. Olszewski

In 2023, the Cadet program continued to educate and motivate its students. Twenty-four students, ages 13 – 18, were provided classroom presentations in various fields of Law Enforcement. Guest speakers from different agencies also volunteered their time with the Cadets. Cadets are also encouraged to attend the Central Florida Police Explorer Academy, held at Seminole State College every June. In 2023, three cadets attended and graduated from the program. Orange City Police Cadets also participated in 19 events during 2023 totaling 1,593.5 hours of community service. These events include the Manatee Festival, the Blueberry Festival, National Night Out Block Party, and The West Volusia Kennel Club Dog Show held at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. The Orange City Cadet Post is staffed by three advisors: Reserve Officer Heather Olszewski, Officer Jamaila Rodriguez, and Officer Robert Hylton.

In 2023, members of the Cadet program received training in the following topics:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Crime Scene Investigation and Processing</i> ◆ <i>Legal and Law Studies</i> ◆ <i>Death and Major Crime Investigations</i> ◆ <i>Radio Discipline and Communication</i> ◆ <i>Physical Fitness</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Ethics in Law Enforcement</i> ◆ <i>Job Preparation Skills</i> ◆ <i>Law Enforcement Terms and Vocabulary</i> ◆ <i>Report Writing</i> ◆ <i>Courtroom Procedures</i> ◆ <i>Traffic Stops and Officer Safety</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Constitutional Law</i> ◆ <i>Drug Prevention Course</i> ◆ <i>Fingerprinting</i> ◆ <i>Accident Investigations</i> ◆ <i>Guest Speakers (varied topics)</i> |
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Cadet Financial Report

Beginning Balance 2023	\$9,709.01
Total Expenses	\$9,535.43
Total Deposits	\$7,642.46
Ending Balance 2023	\$7,816.04

Income 2023

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Donations	\$5,115.73
Movie in the Park/ Coke Machine	\$842.45
Non-Categorized	\$1,684.28
TOTAL	\$7,642.46

Donations 2023

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Anonymous	\$500.00
West Volusia Kennel Club	\$150.00
Manatee Festival	\$1,000.00
Officer donations	\$150.00
Parents Donations	\$295.00
Blueberry Festival	\$2,000.00
National Night Out Donations	\$950.00
Amazon Smile	\$70.73
TOTAL	\$5,115.73

Expenses 2023

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Explorer Academy Expenses	\$675.00
Post Cellular Telephone	\$420.00
Awards/ Banquet	\$553.48
Movie in the Park	\$1,426.50
Soda Inventory	\$166.25
Uniforms	\$714.16
Sams Club Membership	\$110.00
Food for Range	\$205.71
Cadet Field Trip	\$2,868.43
National Night Out	\$950.00
Non-Categorized	\$1,445.90
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,535.43



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Special Detail Billing Revenue

Lieutenant Jason R. Sampsell

Citizens or businesses often ask if they can hire off duty police officers to provide extra security or traffic control at special events or traffic related details. The primary intent of special detail extra duty assignments is to provide a supplementary service to the community by assigning available and eligible off duty uniformed officers to security, crowd control or traffic related details which do not fall within the scope of the on-duty patrol officer's responsibilities, yet which are reasonably expected to require the services of a sworn police officer. The Orange City Police Department permits eligible officers to work such outside details after a permit application is completed by the requesting citizen or business and reviewed by the Chief of Police. The business or citizen requesting this service is required to pay for the officer's services at a rate established by the Police Department.

The rate per hour is \$60.00 per hour, per officer with a three - hour minimum. This rate covers the costs for police officer benefits, use of a patrol vehicle, insurance, etc., when working the outside detail. The police officer(s) assigned to the special detail extra duty assignment are compensated at double time their regular rate of pay pursuant to Article 15.7 of the bargaining agreement. The requests for services which exceed the Department's capabilities or are not consistent with the professional law enforcement policies of the Department will not be honored. All special detail extra duty police services provided by the Orange City Police Department must be within the city limits of Orange City. The Special Details and contracts are coordinated by the Operations Lieutenant.

The City of Orange City and City of DeLand have a mutual aid agreement in place for officers from each community to assist in special events. The rate is \$40.00 per hour, per officer, with a four- hour minimum.

Special Detail Billing / Revenue

Outside Details Billed 2023	
Special Details Worked	21
Total Officers Assigned	48
Total DeLand Detail Billable Hours*	30
Total Standard Billable Hours	247
Billed Amount:	\$16,020

**Hours billed under inter-city contract with City of DeLand. Billed at \$40/hour*



Dates / Locations of Special Details

DATE	VENDOR	BILLED AMOUNT
3/10/2023	Walmart	\$540
3/25/2023	OC Elementary 5K	\$540
4/1/2023	Cystic Fibrosis 5K	\$240
4/9/2023	Journey Church	\$270
4/22-23/2023	Blueberry Festival	\$2,520
5/7/2023	Nurses 5K	\$360
6/11-15/2023	Halifax Paving	\$3,150
6/27/2023	Halifax Paving	\$720
10/27/2023	DeLand Home Coming Parade*	\$160
10/27/2023	DeLand Home Coming Football Game*	\$320
10/28/2023	Walmart DEA Take Back	\$240
11/22/2023	Walmart	\$1,680
11/24/2023	Walmart	\$960
12/2/2023	Volusia County Baptist Church	\$1,740
12/2/2023	DeLand Christmas Parade*	\$720
12/8/2023	Orange Tree Village HOA	\$180
12/15/2023	Oakhurst HOA	\$180
12/24/2023	Walmart	\$630
12/24/2023	Journey Church	\$150
12/25/2023	Walmart	\$720
Total		\$16,020



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

City Events – Police Costs

Executive Assistant Pennie R. Traber

The Orange City Police Department provides crowd control, traffic control, event security and maintains law and order at various significant special events occurring in the community. The Police Department personnel work in partnership with various departments in the planning and execution of special events to include: Florida Department of Transportation, Development Services, Public Works and Parks and Recreation. The listed exempt employees are salaried staff that worked the event in addition to the hourly employees, however the exempt staff costs are not captured as they are salaried employees.

City Events – 2023

DATE	EVENT	TOTAL OFFICERS WORKING	REGULAR COSTS	REGULAR HOURS	OVERTIME COSTS	OVERTIME HOURS	TOTAL COSTS
1/27 thru 1/29/23	Manatee Festival	1 Exempt 10 non- exempt	118.36	4	\$3,114.39	86.0	\$3,232.75
2/25/2023	Multi- Cultural Heritage Festival	1 Exempt 2 non- exempt	\$292.63	11.5	\$114.56	3.5	\$407.19
07/01/23	4 th of July City Fireworks Event	3 Exempt 11 non-exempt	0	0	\$2,531.02	68.0	\$2,531.02
09/22/23	Food Drive, Back Pack Buddies	1 non-exempt	0	0	\$126.44	4.0	\$126.44
10/03/23	National Night Out	4 Exempt 6 non-exempt	0	0	\$1,118.05	29.5	\$1,118.05
10/07/23	UHS Homecoming Parade	2 Exempt 17 non-exempt	\$45.67	2	\$1,746.12	47.0	\$1,791.79
10/07/23	UHS Homecoming Parade *(\$40.00 per hour)	8 DPD Officers	\$1,280.00	32	0	0	\$1,280.00
10/28/23	Halloween Block Party	3 Exempt 7 non-exempt	0	0	\$1,287.06	33.5	\$1,287.06
11/04/23	Blue Grass Festival	2 non- exempt	0	0	\$1,042.12	27.0	\$1,042.12
12/01/23	Food Drive, Back Pack Buddies	1 non-exempt	0	0	\$149.13	6.0	\$149.13
12/01/23	Light Up Orange City Event	3 Exempt 6 non- exempt	\$252.09	9	\$751.24	20	\$1,003.33
12/09/23	Christmas Parade	3 Exempt 18 non-exempt	\$347.34	12	\$2,017.11	54.0	\$2,364.45
12/09/23	Christmas Parade *(\$40.00 per hour)	4 DPD Officers	\$640.00	16	0	0	\$640.00
TOTAL			\$2,976.09	86.50	\$13,997.24	378.50	\$16,973.33

* Under a mutual aid agreement signed in January of 2020, the City of Orange City and the City of DeLand require supplemental manpower to assist with special event details and other law enforcement operations in the respective Cities throughout the year. During 2023, the Orange City Police Department utilized DeLand police officers at two (2) special events; University Homecoming Parade and City Christmas Parade. Under the agreement, the rate of compensation is \$40.00 per officer, per hour with a guaranteed four (4) hour minimum. The above chart depicts the costs associated with the two events.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Body Worn Cameras/ Tasers

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

Officers with Orange City Police Department have been utilizing Body Worn Cameras (BWC) since 2014. Officers assigned to operations division, animal control, code enforcement and our community service aid all are outfitted with BWC's. Once videos are captured, the recordings are stored digitally on a server in the "Cloud." Once the videos are stored, they cannot be altered or manipulated in any fashion as they are protected with multiple layers of encryption. During 2023, there were a total of 22,282 videos uploaded consisting of 3,693 hours of contact Officers had with the public. These videos are an essential component of agency transparency and are used for training purposes along with assessing officer performance.

With advancement in technology, Orange City Police Department upgraded it's 5-year-old BWC's from Axon Body 2 to Axon Body 3 in October of 2023. It also upgraded all 29 of its 12-year-old less-lethal tasers to the Taser 7 model. The department entered into a five-year contract with Axon for both BWC/ Tasers. The Body 3 cameras are equipped with the ability to have high-definition video and crystal-clear audio. The Taser 7 can dispense two charges from one cartridge, has rechargeable batteries and store all data, including testing, in the same Axon Cloud.

BODY CAMERA RECORDINGS – 2023

Uploaded Body Camera Videos	22,282
Hours of recordings	3,693
Recordings for Subject Resistance Reviews	2

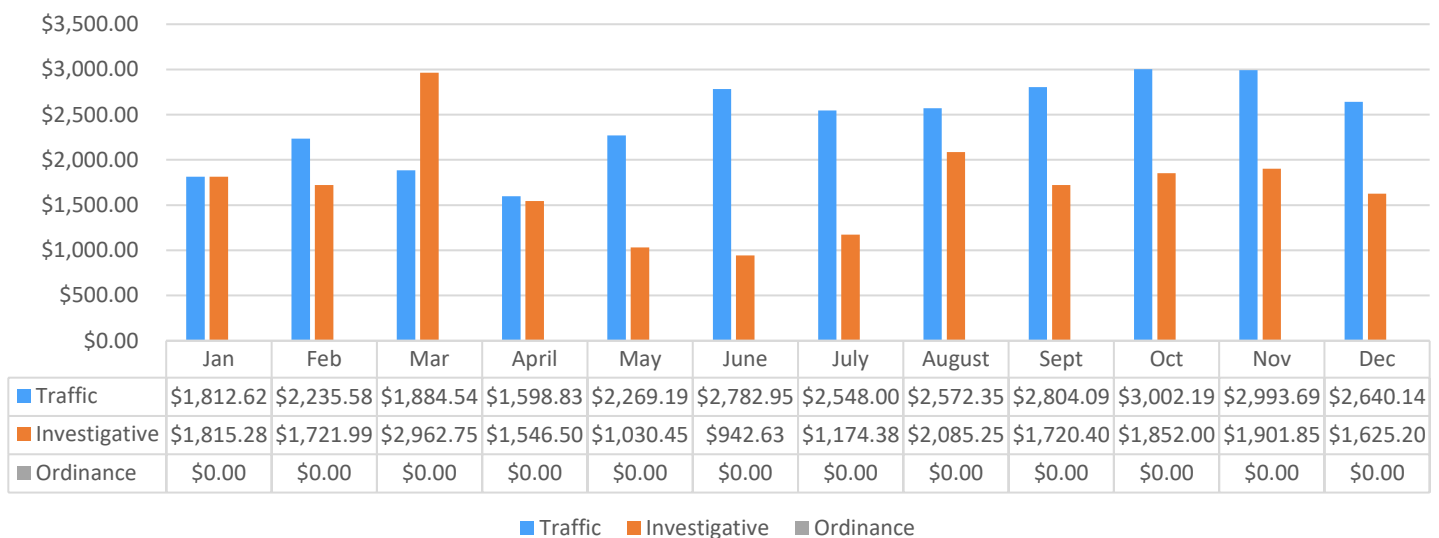


SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION
Volusia County Clerk of Court Agency Distribution Amounts

Executive Assistant Pennie R. Traber

The Volusia County Clerk of Court distributes funds monthly to all municipalities for their law enforcement agency's portion of fines and fees collected relating to: traffic fines, ordinance fines and fees and restitution for investigative costs from criminal cases.

ORANGE CITY PD – 2023 PAYMENTS RECEIVED



Agency Distribution Amounts – Five Year Comparison

Year	Total
2019	\$21,017
2020	\$25,862
2021	\$44,032
2022	\$41,760
2023	\$49,523



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF New / Updated Equipment

Police Chief Wayne M. Miller

In 2023, the Orange City Police Department purchased and received the below listed new equipment:

- ✓ **FARO Scene Reconstruction Software \$1,800** – A computer software program was purchased to allow the department the capability of reconstructing crash/ crime scenes in 2D and 3D diagrams, animations, and reports. This is extremely beneficial during court cases and courtroom presentations.
- ✓ **Fleet/Vehicles \$163,798** – Three (3) replacement police vehicles were received (*two Dodge Chargers and motorcycle*), and one (1) replacement VIPS vehicle. All vehicles were secured from the Cooperative Fleet State of Florida Contract pricing. This cost also includes the emergency equipment installed in each vehicle (*emergency lights, siren, graphics, radio/laptop/printer center console, for cars – hard shell rear seat, prisoner partition, etc.*
- ✓ **Axon's Body Worn Cameras \$35,221** – (*annual installment for 5 years*). The Department has utilized Axon Body Worn Cameras (BWC) since 2014. In October 2023, the five-year agreement was updated providing 29 replacement cameras, docking stations and unlimited data storage in the cloud. This agreement provides for an additional camera exchange in year 2025 to obtain the newest camera technology as these changes rapidly.
- ✓ **Axon Less Lethal Tasers \$24,102** – (*annual installment for 5 years*). The Departments less lethal Tasers were 13 years old and utilized antiquated technology. In October 2023, a five-year agreement was completed with Axon (*in conjunction with the BWC agreement*), providing 29 replacement Taser 7 models, docking stations and unlimited data storage in the cloud. This same unlimited storage provides for both Taser and BWC data to be captured and stored.
- ✓ **Shredder - \$4,553** – Replacement of the 17-year-old commercial shredder, that had achieved end of life and was not operational. With confidential information, sensitive police documents, arrest reports, criminal backgrounds and the like, shredding of these materials not stored for records and or evidence must be destroyed as per Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) policy.
- ✓ **Tactical Police Carbine Rifles - \$7,720** – Replacement of eight (8) Olympic Arms police rifles that were 20 years old. The original manufacturer is no longer in business and replacement parts were no longer available.
- ✓ **Glock Handgun Red Dot Safety Light Optics - \$7,800** – To complete the service handgun safety upgrade, 24 red dot safety optics were purchased. This included the milling of each firearm slide to accommodate the optics. The optic allows for more precision while aiming/shooting. The upgraded holsters to accommodate these added optics were purchased last fiscal year.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION Five Year Employment Review

Executive Assistant Pennie R. Traber

Employment – Sworn	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of sworn applications received	10	29	20	15	71
Number of oral interview boards for sworn positions	8	14	10	7	12
Number of police officers hired	3	10	2	3	7

Employment – Civilian	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of civilian applications received	0	0	0	25	1
Number of civilians hired	0	0	0	1	1

Resignations / Retirement	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of sworn resigned	3	6	3	3	3
Number of sworn retired	1	0	0	1	0
Number of sworn terminated/IA Investigation	1	0	0	1	0
Number of civilians resigned	0	0	0	2	0
Number of civilians retired	0	0	0	0	0
Number of civilians terminated/laid off	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6*	6	3	7	3

*Note: One officer passed away during 2019

YEAR	Sworn Officer Hired	Sworn Officers Resigned
2019	Scott (<i>reserve</i>), Bellamy, Martell	Persaud, Pilarski, Olmeda, K. Jones, Priore, Brubaker (<i>death</i>)
2020	K. Jones, Koch, Vazquez, Rivera, Brown, Lopez, Presley, Soto, Dudley, Taylor	Lariscy, Nesbitt, Valdes, Mager, Hilerio, Barrios
2021	Hilerio, Cortes	Cortes, Dudley, Lopez
2022	Dudley, Litke, Hylton	K Jones, Thomas (<i>Retired</i>), Hilerio, Vazquez
2023	Crisera, King, Mahoney, Neily, St Val, Stewart, Walker	Rivera, Dudley (<i>2nd time</i>), Taylor

Year	Civilians Hired	Civilians Resigned
2019	None	0
2020	None	0
2021	None	0
2022	Jackson	Hornbuckle, Solana
2023	Rainey	0



OPERATIONS DIVISION

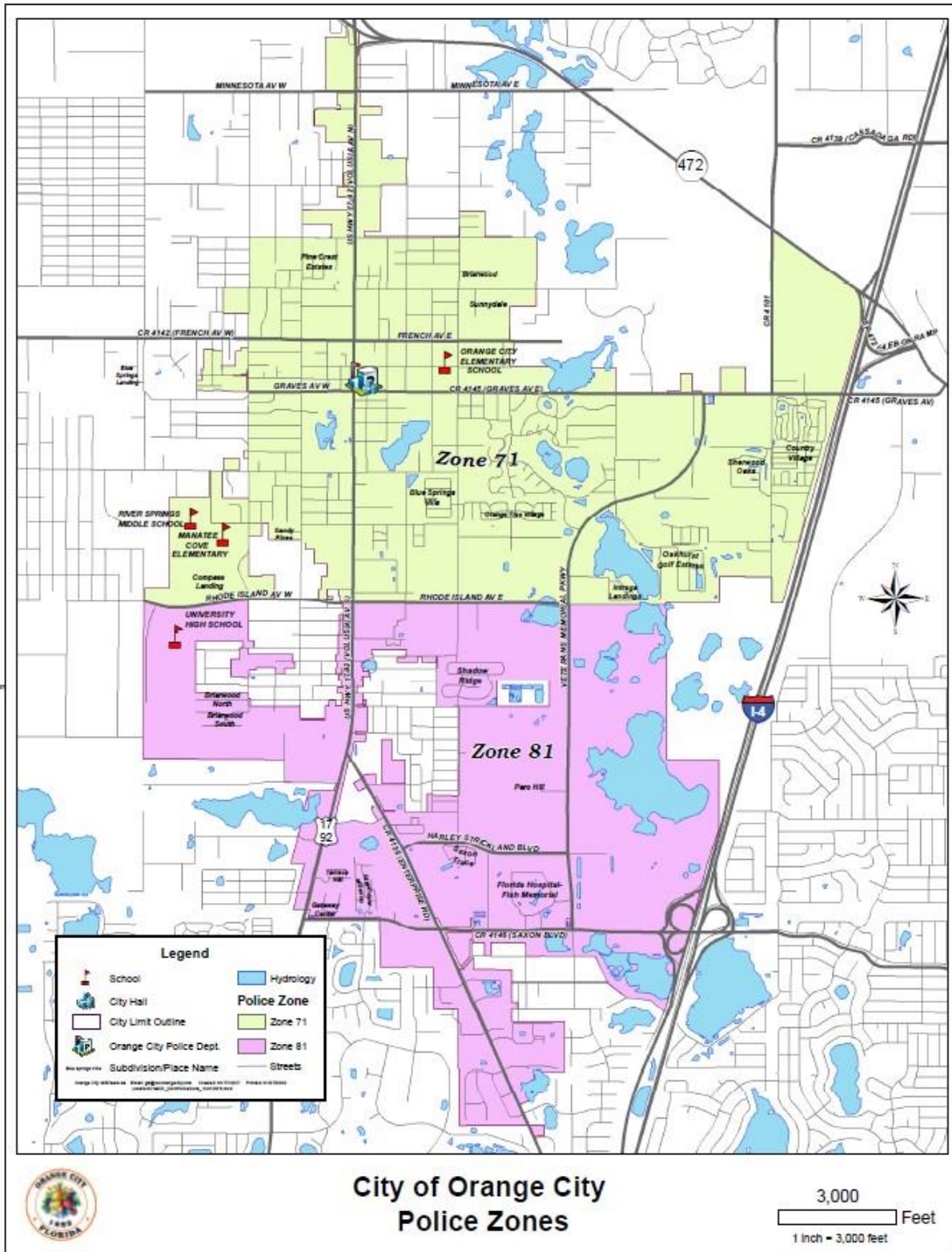


**Operations Division Lieutenant
Jason R. Sampsell**

The largest division within the Police Department, the men and women of the Orange City Police Department's Operations Division represent 70% of the workforce. Protecting lives and property continues to be the goal of the Operations Division. The Operations Division is the heart and soul of the Department as they account for the most common resident interaction with the Orange City Police Department.



Orange City Police Zones



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

Function Overview / Operations Division Structure

Police Chief Wayne M. Miller

Protecting lives and property continues to be the goal of the Operations division. To accomplish this goal, patrol officers are required to perform a multitude of tasks.

In the City of Orange City, patrol officers are encouraged to be diligent in the performance of their duties so that the needs of the community are always considered. Consequently, members of the Operations Division have six major objectives:

*Prevention of crime
Repression of crime*

*Traffic enforcement and education
Apprehension of offenders*

*Recovery of stolen property
Provide various miscellaneous services*

The prevention of crime is the most important of our six objectives. Patrol officers endeavor to repress crime by removing or reducing the opportunities to commit crime. The apprehension of criminal offenders and recovery of stolen property reduces the overall cost of crime and diminishes the profit motive for committing crime. With regards to miscellaneous services, many times a citizen in need of assistance and not knowing where to call will contact the Police Department. Orange City Police Officers are always willing to help or give directions to the proper service.

In addition to patrol duties, Orange City officers are responsible for traffic enforcement and education. The mission of their traffic duties is to improve traffic safety through educational strategies and enforcement action. These strategies are designed to improve the efficient flow of traffic, reduce crashes, and ultimately reduce traffic related injuries.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GOALS:

- *Enforcing all traffic violations and parking enforcement*
- *Investigation of traffic crashes and fatalities*
- *Identifying problem areas and creating solutions*
- *Completing traffic counts and speed surveys*
- *Reviewing traffic engineering plans and residential/commercial property development site plans*
- *Provide traffic safety education programs for the public*

OPERATIONS DIVISION STRUCTURE:

The Operations Division is the largest division of the Orange City Police Department and comprises four (4) shifts with three (3) uniformed officers assigned to each platoon. Additionally, each shift is managed by a police officer holding the rank of sergeant. One additional officer is assigned as a mid-shift officer that works on two shifts (*mid-shift officer for Alpha/Bravo platoon or mid-shift officer for Charlie/Delta platoon*). One officer is assigned to River Springs Middle School as a School Resource Officer, while another officer is assigned to the traffic unit. One Community Service Aide provides assistance with non-criminal traffic accident reporting, minor theft reports, patrol for handicap and fire lane violations, crime scene processing and completes various other assignments as directed. One full-time Animal Control Officer handles animal control duties for the cities of Orange City and DeBary (*contracted*).



Specialty positions exist within the Operations Division to provide the degree of expertise necessary to address specific issues. These assignments enhance career opportunities and prepare officers to assume greater responsibility and authority within the Department. These specialty positions are ancillary duties in addition to an officer's regular patrol function. A review of the current specialty positions in the Operations Division was conducted. The need for all aforementioned specialty positions still exists.

Specialty assignments include:

*Traffic Homicide Investigator
Field Training Officer
Drug Recognition Expert*

*Clandestine Lab County Task Force Member
Hostage Negotiator*

*Bicycle Unit
Crime Scene Technician*

- **Traffic Homicide Investigators (THI)** - Specially trained officers with extensive training who conduct sophisticated investigations involving traffic homicides. One THI is always on call.
- **Field Training Officers (FTO)** - Senior police officers who provide training and mentoring for newly hired police recruits. Four FTO's provide three months of field training to new police officers during their transition from the police academy to actual police duties.
- **Crime Scene Technician** - Special training enables officers to examine crime scenes and collect evidence utilizing advanced processing techniques that are beyond the scope of average patrol officers.
- **Clandestine Lab County Task Force Member** - Special training enables officers/detectives assigned to this County wide team to examine, identify, disable, and process dangerous chemicals and labs used to produce illicit narcotics.
- **Bicycle Unit** – Part time specialized unit with specially trained uniform patrol officer to provide a secure, relaxed, family-oriented atmosphere in our parks, shopping plazas, and school and community events.
- **Hostage Negotiator** - Special training enables officers/detectives to communicate with people who are threatening violence, suicide, etc., including barricaded subjects.
- **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)** - A police officer who has received specialized training to evaluate and recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than alcohol (*1 of only 320 statewide*).

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Operations Division Goals:

- To provide a safe and secure environment and foster a sense of community for all residents and visitors in the City of Orange City
- Protect life and property
- Continue the delivery of prompt and courteous service in a professional manner
- Enforce all laws and ordinances
- Arrest violators of the law, keep the peace
- Traffic enforcement and education

Operations Division Objectives:

- Encourage every member of the division to lead by example
- Be professional, helpful, and courteous in all contacts with citizens
- Solve reported crimes in the most expeditious manner
- Respond safely, quickly, and effectively to citizen concerns and complaints
- Deliver the highest quality of law enforcement services
- Abide by the code of conduct thereby ensuring the public trust
- Maintain a high-profile presence in the community



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF Intelligence-Led / Predictive Policing

Police Chief Wayne M. Miller

Intelligence-led policing is the cornerstone of modern-day policing. It shifts the focus of policing from reactive to proactive and preventive, ensuring that officers and investigators are one step ahead of criminals. Information comes to the agency in various forms, but that information is useless on its own. It must be collated, analyzed, and disseminated. The analysis and interpretation of this information informs police reaction and allows officers to target resources where those resources are needed most. This is otherwise known as risk analysis and this is also central to intelligence-led policing.

Intelligence-led policing really allows us to see the bigger picture, by identifying trends and patterns, by linking crimes, objects, persons, attributes, locations and through criminal analysis. The evolution of information technology is also important to mention because this has allowed data to be collected and processed much more easily. Information that flows from people in communities is one of the major parts of intelligence-led policing, so that is where it overlaps with community policing. Community policing cannot function properly without an intelligence-led policing dimension and vice versa.

The Department applies this strategy through information gathering from diverse sources to include: offender interviews, confidential informants, calls for service, surveillance of suspects, community sources and analysis of recorded crime. Additionally, Field Interview Cards (*FI Cards*) are completed by officers to identify potential offenders. Officers complete FI Cards to document contacts that did not result in a reportable incident but were related to crime prevention efforts. These sources are all examined enabling law enforcement managers to determine objective policing tactics in regards to enforcement targets, prevention activities and further intelligence gathering operations. This collated information is distributed not only to all officers within the Department but also to law enforcement agencies regionally through *Intelligence Bulletins*.

Intelligence led policing provides us a strategic overview of crime in the community to allocate resources to the most pressing crime priorities and ensure the residents and visitors are protected. Intelligence-led policing does not replace other methods of criminal investigation, it enhances them.

FIELD INTERVIEW CARDS

Field Interview Cards	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	TOTAL
2023	1	0	3	1	5

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE BULLETINS

Intelligence Bulletins	PATROL OFFICERS (created)	DETECTIVES (created)	OUTSIDE AGENCIES (received)	TOTAL (distributed)
2023	19	8	2,508	2,535



OPERATIONS DIVISION Community Oriented Policing

Sergeant Samuel E. Harralson

Community Oriented Policing has proven to be an effective strategy of policing that focuses on creating ties and building bridges with members of our community. This form of policing has enabled our officers, citizens, visitors, and business owners alike, to work together toward a single goal. It is the mission of the Orange City Police Department to reduce crime and, *“to protect (with courage and vigilance) and serve (all of humanity) with professionalism, integrity, pride, and respect.”* The delivery of extra and directed patrols, residential and commercial property checks, school zone traffic direction, and walk & talk patrols, provides the ongoing community services and problem-solving initiatives which enable the Orange City Police Department to continue building trust and rapport with various neighborhoods, businesses, and Homeowner Associations. Although the means by which we achieve our mission are vast, those mentioned below are perhaps the most profound.

Extra Patrols	Jan – Apr	May – Aug	Sept – Dec	Total
2023	3,405	4,065	3,280	10,750

Directed Patrols	Jan – Apr	May – Aug	Sept – Dec	Total
2023	562	551	482	1,595

House Watches	Jan – Apr	May – Aug	Sept – Dec	Total
2023	21	423	67	511

Walk & Talk Patrols	Jan – Apr	May – Aug	Sept – Dec	Total
2023	247	327	368	942

School Zones	Jan – Apr	May – Aug	Sept – Dec	Total
2023	258	164	187	609

Business Checks	Jan – Apr	May – Aug	Sept – Dec	Total
2023	176	221	183	580



OPERATIONS DIVISION

Subject Resistance Analysis

Sergeant Rolly G. Cavida

During the calendar year 2023, there were 499 custodial arrests completed by members of the Orange City Police Department. Only two (2) encounters required the use of physical force to overcome subject resistance. The level of force used by the officers was found to be in compliance with agency policy in both encounters.

The first incident involved aggressive physical resistance by the subject. It took place outside of a drinking establishment. A male subject was causing a disturbance and refused to leave. Police were summoned to have the subject removed from the property. Officers attempted to speak with the subject and have him leave voluntarily as requested. The subject was irate and refused to cooperate with officers. Officers attempted to secure the subject for refusing to obey a lawful command. It was at this point the subject resisted officers by posturing his body, as to defeat the efforts of officers escorting him to the back of a patrol vehicle. The subject was placed in the backseat of the patrol vehicle, but before the door was closed, the subject kicked one of the officers in the groin. While officers were securing the subject in a Violent Prisoner Restraint (VPR), the subject spit on the officer's face and attempted to strike the officer in the head. The officer used counter measures to gain compliance and secure the subject in the VPR. The subject was then transported to the Volusia County Branch Jail.

The second incident involved aggressive physical resistance by a female subject involved in a disturbance. Officers made contact with the subject at the second-floor balcony area of an apartment complex. As officers attempted to speak with the female, she became very irate and sat on the ledge of the balcony. The subject then attempted to jump away from the officers from the second-floor balcony ledge. Officers were able to grab her and pull her off the ledge and onto the floor. The subject began kicking both officers and attempted to grab their portable radios. Officers utilized their Taser, via a drive-stun, which had no effect. One of the officers held the subject's legs down, preventing her from continuing to kick, while the other officer placed handcuffs on her. She was transported to the Volusia County Branch Jail.

The department will continue to conduct annual training regarding officer response to resistance, Resistance policies, and authorized weapons.

SUBJECT RESISTANCE INCIDENTS

TYPE OF RESISTANCE	NUMBER OF CASES	PERCENT
Active Physical Resistance	0	0%
Aggressive Physical Resistance	2	100%
Aggravated Physical Resistance	0	0%
Subject Claimed Injury During Arrest	0	0%
Subject Injured Self During Arrest	0	0%



Description of Resistance Levels:

- **Active Physical Resistance** involves bracing, tensing, pushing, pulling, or running away that is intended to escape arrest without the intent to do bodily harm to the officer.
- **Aggressive Physical Resistance** involves a threat or attack on the officer with the intent to do bodily harm that is not likely to cause great bodily harm or death.
- **Aggravated Physical Resistance** involves an attack on the officer with the intent and means to cause great bodily harm or death.

FREQUENCY OF TECHNIQUES USED BY OFFICERS

LEVEL OF FORCE	NUMBER OF INSTANCES TECHNIQUE WAS USED	PERCENT
Handcuffing	2	100%
X-26 Taser Deployment	0	N/A
X-26 Drive Stun	1	50%
Counter-moves	2	100%
K-9 Bite (<i>K-9 from other jurisdictions</i>)	0	N/A
Takedown	1	50%
Pain Compliance	0	N/A
Deadly Force	0	N/A
Foam Impact Round	0	N/A
Oleoresin Capsicum (<i>Pepper Spray</i>)	0	N/A

Note: More than one technique is often necessary in combination in order to gain control of a resisting subject during one incident.

Description of Techniques:

Takedown is a technique designed to take the subject off balance and deliver him to the ground where they can be stabilized for handcuffing.

X-26 Advance Taser is programmed to give a 5-second electrical current by deploying probes into a dangerous or violent subject in an effort to control them. The X-26 Taser is deployed when a subject offers resistance that poses a danger to the officer. Drive Stun is direct contact with a suspect without Taser probe deployment.

Foam Impact Round is a less than lethal impact round that is deployed from a 40mm launcher. The projectiles can be fired from a distance for the purpose of encouraging compliance, overcoming resistance, or preventing serious injury without posing a significant potential of death. Other examples of less lethal munitions include beanbags or rubber pellets.



Oleoresin Capsicum (*Pepper Spray*) is sprayed into the subject's face affecting their vision and inflaming the mucous membranes allowing the officer to effectively control combative individuals.

Counter-moves techniques that impede a subject's movement toward as officer or others such as blocking, striking, distracting, kicking, dodging, weaving, redirecting, or avoiding, followed by appropriate controlling techniques.

Pain compliance techniques employ pressure points or joint manipulations to create pain with low risk of injury. Combined with loud repetitive verbal commands, pain compliance techniques can be effective in reducing subject resistance, while enabling the officer to gain control.

Deadly Force is force that could result in death or serious bodily injury to another person.

SUBJECT RESISTANCE BY SHIFT

ALPHA	BRAVO	CHARLIE	DELTA	ISD/OTHER
0	1	0	1	0
0	50%	0	50%	0

FREQUENCY OF RESISTANCE BY INCIDENT TYPE

TYPE OF OFFENSE	INCIDENTS OF RESISTANCE
Disturbances	2
Driving Under the Influence	0
Suspicious Person	0
Traffic Stop	0
Stolen Vehicle	0
Burglary	0
Domestic Battery	0
Felony Warrant	0
Armed Robbery	0
Retail Theft	0
Trespassing	0
TOTAL	2

SITUATIONAL FACTORS

CATEGORY	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Subjects under the influence of alcohol/drugs	2	100%
Subjects injured	0	N/A
Officers injured (minor injuries only)	0	N/A
Race of subject was white	2	100%
Race of subject was non-white	0	N/A
Gender of subject was male	1	50%
Gender of subject was female	1	50%



OFFICER INVOLVEMENT

OFFICER INVOLVEMENT IN SUBJECT RESISTANCE INCIDENTS	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
One Officer Involved	0
Two Officers Involved	2
Three Officers Involved	0
Four Officers Involved	0
Five Officers Involved	0
Six Officers Involved	0
TOTAL INCIDENTS	2

Depending on the level of violence or aggression displayed by the subject, more than one officer may be involved in a single incident. Officers are discouraged from attempting to detain or arrest an individual without assistance from a second/back-up officer. The presence of multiple officers increases the safety of everyone involved as it typically allows for faster and improved control of the individual specifically during high-risk calls where subject resistance is more likely to occur. A multiple officer response is consistent with agency policy.

PATTERN ANALYSIS

OFFICER INVOLVEMENT PATTERN ANALYSIS	NUMBER OF OFFICERS
Number of Individual Officers involved in at least one Subject Resistance Incident	4
Number of Individual Officers involved in two or more Subject Resistance Incidents	0
Number of Individual Officers involved in three or more Subject Resistance Incidents	0
Number of Individual Officers involved in four or more Subject Resistance Incidents	0

YEARLY COMPARISON

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Arrests	506	480	442	442	499
Use of Force Incidents	2	2	3	2	2
Percentage - Use of Force	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%



OPERATIONS DIVISION

Motor Vehicle Pursuit Analysis

Lieutenant Jason A. Ward

The Orange City Police Department limits the use of high-speed motor vehicle pursuits as a means of criminal apprehension. Motor vehicle pursuits are inherently dangerous; therefore, the Orange City Police Department primary concern is the safety of the public at large. Due this fundamental concern, our policy that governs high-speed police pursuits by officer is restrictive in nature. This policy illustrates the hazards of high-speed pursuits and provides guidelines for officers of the Orange City Police Department to follow. In doing so, a balance between the need to apprehend dangerous felons with importance of safeguarding the public is recognized. Factors that officers consider prior to initiating a high-speed pursuit that have been employed are crime committed by the suspect, vehicle speeds, roadway, traffic, and weather conditions, as well as several additional factors that officers determine whether or not a pursuit should be initiated due to the hazards posed to our community. The Orange City Police Department are involved in very few high-speed pursuits, due to the restrictions within our policy.

No motor vehicle pursuits occurred in 2023, by the members of the Orange City Police Department.

Vehicle Pursuit Analysis

Conditions of Pursuits	Number of Cases	Percent
Pursuits initiated due to probable cause of violent felony crime	0	0%
Pursuits conducted during daylight conditions	0	0%
Pursuits conducted during nighttime conditions	0	0%
Length of pursuit time less than 2 minutes	0	0%
Length of pursuit time more than 2 minutes, less than 10 minutes	0	0%
Length of pursuit time more than 10 minutes, less than 60 minutes	0	0%
Pursuits initiated and then canceled by supervisor	0	0%
Stop sticks successfully deployed on suspect vehicle during pursuit	0	0%
Outside agency assistance used during pursuit	0	0%

Number of High-Speed Pursuits - Five Year Comparison

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0	0	0	0	0



Fleeing Vehicles Analysis

In order to provide a balanced measure between the necessity to safeguard the public and with the need to apprehend violent felony criminal offenders, the Orange City Police Department has a restrictive vehicle pursuit policy in place. However, criminal offenders are well aware that law enforcement officers will not initiate high-speed pursuits unless the criterion of a violent felony is met. In an effort to offer transparency the Orange City Police Department saves data on the number of incidents where offenders/vehicles flee from our law enforcement officers.

The Orange City Police Department maintains transparency by providing additional data on the number of offenders/fleeing vehicles where a high-speed pursuit was not initiated by an officer after the target vehicle fled from police. In 2023, an examination of these statistics makes known that there was a total of **thirty-three** criminal suspect vehicles that fled from Orange City police officers. In all thirty-three incidents the standards for initiating a high-speed vehicle pursuit were not met and the officer did not engage in this dangerous activity. Standard Operating Procedures 41-3 governing high-speed vehicle pursuits clearly establish the conditions for all Orange City police officers to follow prior to initiating a pursuit.

Data collected related to Fleeing Vehicles are obtained through CAD examination through use RMS call types “Flee” and “Chase”. This inspection also includes offense incident reports headed “Fleeing and Eluding” but does not include other call types that may have a fleeing vehicle connected with that specific incident.

The chart below indicates that the members of the Orange City Police department adheres to Standard Operating Procedure policy 41-3 overseeing vehicle pursuits. This 2023 analysis shows the infrequency of cases where suspect vehicle(s) fled from officers while in the performance of their lawful duties. The chart clearly shows compliance with policy and that officers are not engaging in vehicle pursuits if all required factors within Standard Operating Procedure 41-3 are not met to authorize a high-speed vehicle pursuit.

Number of Fleeing Vehicles by Year

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
17	16	13	39	33

Summary:

The Orange City Police Departments Standard Operating Procedure governing vehicle pursuits is reviewed annually. The above examination clearly indicates that officers of the Orange City Police Department are compliant with policy. Based upon this study there are no recommendations for policy modifications, additional reporting requirements and/or additional training for our officers. Pursuant to this inspection, the vehicle pursuit policy was found to be in compliance with applicable Florida State Statutes.



OPERATIONS DIVISION

Agency Profiling / Criminal Traffic Citations /Civil Asset Forfeiture Review

Sergeant Jordan P. Herzog

Pursuant to Standard Operating Procedure Directive 61.1 and Section 1.2, an annual review of agency practices and citizen concerns was conducted. The policy directive is up to date and provides clear guidance to our officers. Each shift was surveyed concerning any incidents of complaints of racial profiling. All citizen complaints have been reviewed for any allegations of racial bias. Arrest and citation statistics were compared on the basis of race. No racial profiling was detected during this review for 2023.

Statistical data is categorized by four race descriptions: White, Black, Asian, and Indian. For calendar year 2023, Orange City Police arrested a total of **499** persons. Of those arrested, **132** were Black (26.5%), **0** were Asian (0.0%), and **0** (0.0%) were Indian, and **6** (1.2%) were classified as an unknown race. The remaining **361** arrested were White (72.3%).

When conducting traffic enforcement, officers will come across criminal violations that could result in an arrest. In many of these cases, allowing for certain criteria and discretion, officers will issue a Criminal Traffic Citation. A Criminal Traffic Citation is a ticket that can be issued in lieu of a physical arrest but still requires the driver to appear in court to answer for the charge. Some common examples of when a Criminal Traffic Citation could be used are: *Operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license, operating a motor vehicle that is not registered, operating a motorcycle with no endorsement.* For the year of 2023 Orange City Police issued **703** Criminal Traffic Citations.

A review of the asset forfeitures for 2023 indicated there was again 0 cases of forfeitures in 2023. This decline in felony forfeitures is due to the law amendment that went into effect on July 1, 2016 extremely limiting the requirements that apply to seizure and forfeiture procedures by law enforcement agencies. It's cost prohibitive for law enforcement agencies to seize property under felony forfeiture. Further details of this law amendment can be found in House Bill 889 and Florida State Statutes 932.701 - 932.706.

In summation, the practices of the Orange City Police Department comply with the directive prohibiting racial profiling.





OPERATIONS DIVISION Juvenile Civil Citation Program

Sergeant Samuel E. Harralson



The Orange City Police Department continues to utilize the Juvenile Civil Citation (JCC) program as a means of combating juvenile delinquency. There has often been a correlation between juveniles, truancy, alcohol and drug abuse among middle school students. The JCC program offers early intervention, counseling, education and other community intercessions without the harshness, baggage, and expense of a physical arrest. The Juvenile Civil Citation initiative seeks to identify and address the underlying cause of juvenile misconduct. This process not only ensures that our youth are held accountable for their actions, but the disciplinary procedure is such that its implementation is more likely to discourage future delinquent offenses. Individuals that commit a serious misdemeanor, a felony delinquent act, or have documented prior offenses are not eligible to participate in the JCC program.

All qualifying juveniles are taken to the Volusia Family Resource Center (VFRC), which was opened in 2022. VFRC provides additional services beyond what individual agencies can provide in an effort to help troubled young juveniles and their family with not only juvenile justice, but help with substance abuse prevention, mental health and behavioral services. In addition to juveniles issued a JCC, any juveniles found truant, beyond curfew, arrested, runaways, etc., are taken to the VFRC. VFRC immediately takes custody of the juvenile allowing the officer to respond back to their jurisdiction in a timely manner. The staff at the VFRC completes the follow up with the parents/guardians, courts, and applicable social services. This one location program is enhanced with juvenile/family assistance which was formally handled by the individual agencies. Data was compiled of the Orange City Police Department's juvenile involvement with the program.

Juvenile Civil Citations Statistics

Juvenile Civil Citations Four Year Comparison	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Number of Juvenile Civil Citations Issued	5	11	1	13
Number of Juveniles Eligible	5	11	1	13
Number of Juveniles Not Eligible	28	30	23	18
Number of Parent Conferences	33	11	0	0
Number of Juveniles Completing JCC Program	5	2	0	10
Of Those Juveniles Issued JCCs, # of Repeat Offenders	0	1	1	0



OPERATIONS DIVISION

Bicycle Unit

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

The Orange City Police Department's bicycle patrol unit is a valuable tool that provides additional presence in the various transportation and patrol methods. The bicycle patrol unit is a shared responsibility assignment. Officers working bicycle details are either taken off a patrol zone or are working on overtime for the bicycle unit assignment. Each officer is equipped with bicycles that are specially designed for continuous high stress use and trained purposes.

All officers that get assigned to the bicycle unit are must successfully pass an intense 40-hour law enforcement mountain bike training course. The training teaches officers bicycle laws, basic riding skills, tactical riding skills, firearm training, and the value of health and nutrition. The 40-hour course also provides them with a real-world training environment by training them in rural and suburban atmospheres.

Some of the duties of the officers assigned to the part time Bicycle Patrol unit consist of, but are not limited to:

- Patrolling highly congested shopping areas to enhance crime prevention and Community Relations initiatives, as well as, provide enforcement when necessary.
- Patrolling parks and playgrounds, controlling loitering, enforcement of State Law and City Ordinance, especially as they pertain to parks and affording minimal response time.
- Patrolling-parking areas, special events, ballgames, fairs, City events, etc.
- Bicycle rodeos for local elementary schools to teach children the skills and precautions to ride a bicycle safely.
- Off road or other terrain search and rescue, unsuited for conventional patrol units.
- Aggressive drug detection in parks, recreational and residential areas.

2023 Community Events with Bicycle Unit Participation

Date	Event
10/07/2023	University Homecoming Parade/ Pep Rally
12/09/2023	Orange City Christmas Parade
12/15/2023-12/17/2023 12/22/2023-12/23/2023	Crime Deterrent and Holiday Safety Detail



OPERATIONS DIVISION

Women's Personal Self Defense / Safety Awareness Class

Sergeant Rolly G. Cavida

The Orange City Police Department Women's Self-Defense class is a unique course designed to provide women with personal safety information and an introduction to the physical aspects of self-defense. This two-hour class teaches women, 18 years of age and older, best practices for reducing their risk of exposure to violence and how to predict, identify, prevent, and avoid violence. Two Orange City police officers, certified as defensive tactics instructors, teach the self-defense classes.

The popularity and positive feedback of this course has driven its success and the program will continue for years to come.

Women's Self Defense Class Numbers

Year	Class Instruction and Participation
2020	2 Classes - 28 Participants <i>(January and February only)</i>
2021	None <i>(Covid-19, no classes scheduled)</i>
2022	6 Classes – 90 Participants
2023	6 Classes – 64 Participants

Goals for 2024:

- Increase the number of classes offered throughout the year.
- Continue marketing both programs through public relations campaign/ social media outlets.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



Investigative Services Lieutenant
Jason A. Ward

The Investigative Services Division supports the other divisions of the Department by conducting follow-up investigations of reported criminal activity and if warranted, presenting cases to the State Attorney's office for prosecution. Detectives also respond to and process major crime scenes relevant to Orange City residents to ensure that the highest levels of investigation and evidence collection methods are achieved.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Function Overview

Lieutenant Jason A. Ward

The Investigative Services Division is accountable for all criminal cases, crime analysis, employment background investigations, voice stress test examinations, crime scene processing, evidence storage, and investigational operations.

The Lieutenant of Investigative Services Division guides the operations of the division. There are numerous additional tasks that are subject to the day-to-day operations of the Investigative Services Division which include but not limited to; internal affairs, social media, evidence management, property storage and public records requests. In addition, this division handles the investigation of all unsolved crimes involving persons and property to include death investigations and suspicious incidents. These additional tasks are handled by Investigative Services personnel which include, one detective sergeant and two general case detectives that handle all of the above-mentioned categories.

All crimes against persons and property are categorized as general investigations. These Investigations include but are not limited to; death investigations or serious injury to a person as well as suspicious incidents. Detectives that are assigned to general case investigations are responsible for criminal case and court preparation. Person crimes are considered unlawful acts against an individual victim(s). Examples of persons crimes include; murder, robbery, sexual battery, aggravated battery, and any other crime to a person through which threat or act of violence is used. Property crimes are unlawful acts resulting in a monetary loss to a victim, such as larceny, burglary, fraud, or criminal mischief.

GOALS FOR INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION:

- The creation of a civilian evidence technician position to provide greatly needed assistance to the Investigative Services Division.
- Add an additional Detective to assist with criminal investigations and the apprehension of criminal suspects.
- Reinstitute the Strategic Deployment Unit (SDU). The SDU conducts highly visible and proactive law enforcement associated with street crimes, as well as, functions requiring more covert elements when necessary.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
Background Investigations / Computer Voice Stress Analysis

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

The Investigative Services Division is tasked with completing background investigations in addition to their normal investigative duties. The background investigation is crucial to the hiring process to ensure that only the best possible candidates are hired as members of the Orange City Police Department.

Background Investigations	
Law Enforcement Officers	14
Community Service Aides	0
Volunteers in Police Service	0
Park Rangers	2
Non-Sworn Employees	0
City Administrative Employees	0
Solicitor Permits	0
Intern(s)	0
TOTAL	16

SPECIALTY POSITION REVIEW:

Voice Stress Analysis – The agency utilizes the Investigative Services Division to perform all voice stress exams, whether criminal or relating to new-hire background investigations. There is currently one (1) certified Voice Stress Analysts with a second detective scheduled to receive a certification in 2024. A total of 8 background investigative exams were administered in 2023 for pre-employment. There were no indications of deception in those exams.

The Certified Voice Stress Analysis (CVSA) continues to be an integral part of the hiring process and will continue for the foreseeable future.

Voice Stress Exams – Five Year Analysis

YEAR	NUMBER OF EXAMS	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	PRE-EMPLOYMENT
2019	3	0	3
2020	8	0	8
2021	3	0	3
2022	2	0	2
2023	8	0	8



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Statistical Information

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

The Investigative Services Division (ISD) was assigned approximately 239 cases in 2023. Fifty-eight cases, were followed up with additional investigation by the division and it was determined that these cases had limited suspect information, lack of investigative leads, deficient probable cause and/or unfounded. Therefore, these cases were closed/suspended. Larcenies, burglaries and auto thefts were the most frequently investigated crimes. Serious crimes against persons and property crimes investigated by ISD are listed in the Part One Offense chart below.

In 2023 ISD began transitioning to the county-wide Central Square/InformRMS. This computer software program allows for integration of records and evidence management. This transition and new system is challenging. While there is potential for statistical data enhancement the process of gathering data easily has not transpired. After implementation of the system, ISD has been working diligently transferring approximately 10,000 items of evidence/property from EM4 evidence manger into the new system. This process is exhaustive and time intensive. This new system has many capabilities of tracking various data points, however, much of the program is not performing as expected. It must be noted that this program is overseen by the Volusia Sheriff's Office and they are currently working on fixing bugs/errors within the system. It also should be indicated that ISD lost our Detectives to cover road patrol shortages for approximately five months causing many cases to be placed on hold. This reflects a reduction in our clearance rate which is still equal to or higher than the national average.

2023 CASE ASSIGNMENTS – BY DISPOSITION*	
Cases assigned	239
Cases Closed by Arrest or Complaint	21
Cases Closed by Exception or Other means	54
Cases Suspended	4
Open Cases	160

**Total cases assigned in 2023 will not equal the sum of the number of cases closed, inactivated, suspended, and opened in 2023, since cases assigned late in 2022 were investigated and closed in 2023.*

2023 – PART ONE OFFENSES investigated by ISD	
Homicide	0
Forcible Sex Offense	5
Robbery	2
Aggravated Assault	5
Burglary	17
Larceny	42
Auto Theft	6
Arson	0
Total Part One Offenses investigated by ISD	77

**Cases assigned and cleared include only those cases assigned to I.S.D., not the total offenses reported.*



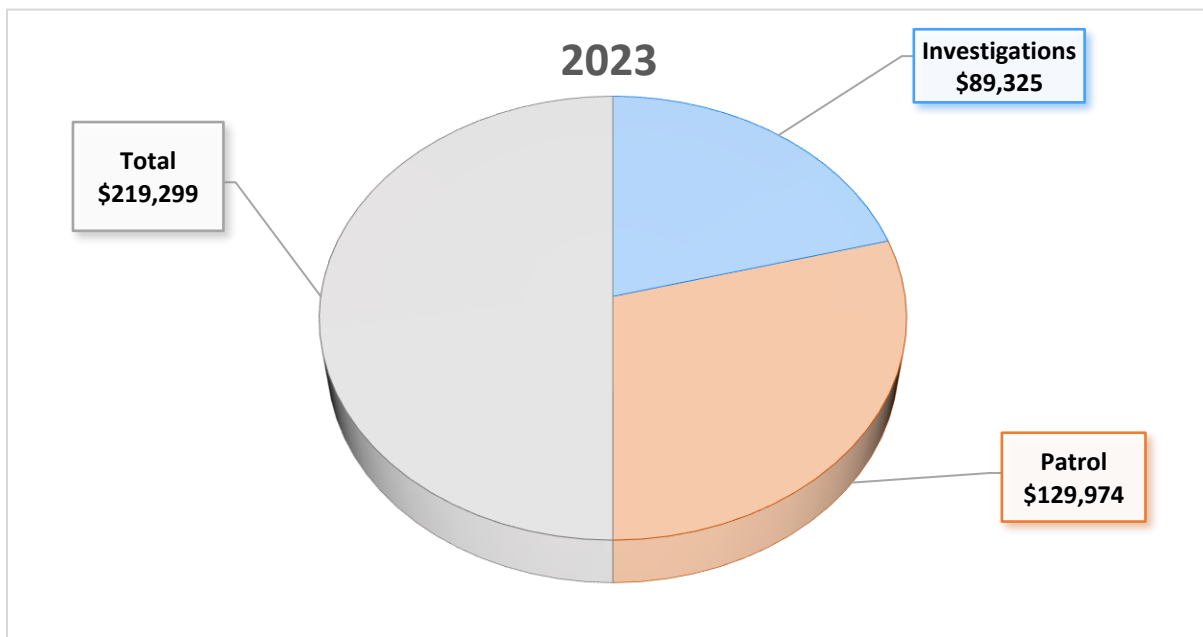
CASES ASSIGNED AND CLEARED BY GENERAL CASE DETECTIVES 2023:

ISD assigned cases	Cases	Active	Suspended	Closed Arrest/ Complaint Affidavit	Closed other	Total Cleared	Clearance Rate
TOTALS	239	160	4	21	54	79	31.4%

** Cases initiated in 2022 but cleared in 2023 are not included in total cases assigned. Total clearance rates reflect carry over cases from 2022.*

RECOVERED STOLEN PROPERTY:

In 2023, the Orange City Police Investigative Services Division recovered a total of \$89,325 worth of stolen property.



**Numbers reflect recovered stolen property from January 2023 through June 2023, as the transition to Central Square in June 2023 is ongoing with all agencies county-wide.*



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION Homeland Security and Intelligence

Lieutenant Sherif E. El-Shami



Homeland Security is a large and concerted effort to ensure a homeland that is safe, secure, and resilient against terrorism and other hazards. Protecting the citizens of Orange City is a founding principle of the Orange City Police Department and the highest priority. The Department remains diligent in providing its sworn personnel with updates to any current threats, hazards, and trends with Homeland Security issues. This information is disseminated through in-service training, roll call briefings, and email correspondence. Lieutenant Sherif El-Shami is the designated Homeland Security Officer for the Orange City Police Department.

In February 2023, Orange City Police Detectives met with a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Investigator from the North Dakota branch. The Department of Homeland Security was searching for a 28-year-old male named Harsh Kumar Patel. Patel was believed to be staying in the Orange City area and wanted by DHS for his involvement with a human smuggling ring. Orange City Detectives worked with DHS to assist in locating Patel. Patel was later found to be outside of the Orange City limits.

The Orange City Police Department continued receiving correspondence from the Central Florida Information Exchange (CFIX) forum to remain informed on events occurring throughout the world. The Department will continue to work with outside agencies to ensure the safety of our citizens. The process of intelligence gathering, intelligence sharing, investigations and interdiction are some of the techniques implemented to prevent terrorism and all hazards which pose a threat to the population.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION Sexual Offender Accountability Program

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

The Orange City Police Department's ***Sexual Offender Accountability Program (S.O.A.P.)*** provides oversight of registered sex offenders/predators in cooperation with County and State officials to supplement the existing methods of address verification. Orange City Police officers conduct monthly face-to-face meetings with every registered sexual offender/predator living in the city of Orange City. A sexual offender is defined as someone who has been convicted of a single sex crime. A sexual predator is a sex offender who is also convicted of engaging in violent behaviors or commits the most serious type offense in regards to sexual conduct. The S.O.A.P. program continues to improve the level of security in the community while having no significant impact on the existing resources.

In 2023, the Orange City Police Department monitored a total of three (5) sexual offenders and zero (0) sexual predators in its jurisdiction. All of the registered offenders remained in compliance via the on-going S.O.A.P. program. With the S.O.A.P. program in place, the Orange City Police department can quickly identify an offender's/ predator's residency and appearance changes, prior to any updates made in the County's Sex Offender registration program. The Sexual Offender Accountability Program has proven to be an efficient approach in addressing a significant community concern by enhancing the safety and security of citizens. The Orange City Police Department will continue using the ***Sexual Offender Accountability Program*** in 2024.

SEXUAL OFFENDER ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM - DATA

YEAR	OFFENDERS	PREDATORS
2019	7	0
2020	6	0
2021	5	0
2022	3	1
2023	5	0



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
ISD Investigative Fund – Building Remarkable Communities Fund

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

ISD – Investigative Fund Financial Report

The investigative fund is cash kept on-hand and secured in the Investigative Services Division used exclusively for undercover operations (*controlled narcotics purchases, prostitution stings, etc.*). This fund is audited annually by the finance department and ISD Lieutenant.

Beginning balance for 2023	\$1,000.00
Total funds expended	\$0
Total deposits	\$0
Ending Balance for 2023	\$1,000.00

Building Remarkable Communities Fund

Building Remarkable Communities (BRC) was an all-volunteer Florida not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation in Volusia County and was created to help curb the escalation in domestic and family violence in the local communities. The funds are used to provide abilities to remove victims from unsafe conditions and relationships, should the victim request assistance. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, BRC ended their not-for-profit corporation at the end of 2021. Although BRC closed the corporation, the Orange City Police Department has a remaining balance of \$795.38 as no funds were used in 2023. These funds are carried over into 2024. The funds are handled and dispersed through the Investigative Services Division. These funds will continue to be used to assist victims of domestic and family violence until the funds are exhausted.

Financial Report

Beginning balance for 2023	\$795.38
BRC Donation	\$0
Total funds expended	\$0
Ending Balance in 2023	\$795.38



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION Prescription Drug Collection Program

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

The Orange City Police Department has been participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), National Prescription Drug Take-Back campaign since 2011. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back campaign addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. Annually, millions of people misuse prescription pain relievers, prescription stimulants and prescription tranquilizers or sedatives. The majority of misused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths by properly disposing of these unwanted or expired prescriptions safely.

Our goal is to provide the public with a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing unwanted and expired over the counter and proscription medicines. In addition to the bi-annual DEA sponsored Drug Take-Back events, a secure drop box is located inside the police department lobby for proper collection of these unwanted or expired prescriptions. The drop box is available Monday through Friday during business hours. In 2023, a total of 310 pounds was collected at the Orange City Police Department. The unwanted drugs are disposed of via an incinerator, which burns at extremely high temperatures reducing the items to ash.

DRUGS COLLECTED – LAST FIVE YEARS:

2019	592 pounds
2020	366 pounds
2021	900 pounds
2022	449 pounds
2023	310 pounds



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
Administrative Review Confidential Informants

Lieutenant Jason A. Ward

In 2023, the Orange City Police Investigative Services Division (I.S.D.) conformed to all internal administrative policies related to the recruitment and use of confidential informants. Internal examinations continue to be conducted relating to departmental policies and procedures, personnel training, as well as legal revisions in Florida State Law.

In 2023, information regarding criminal activity was received from Crime Stoppers, as well as citizens or other persons not registered as a confidential informant. The information obtained was vetted and determined whether or not to be of value. The Investigative Services Division did not recruit any confidential informants in 2023. When a confidential informant is recruited, all files are confidential and separated from other agency records to preserve the integrity of the information.



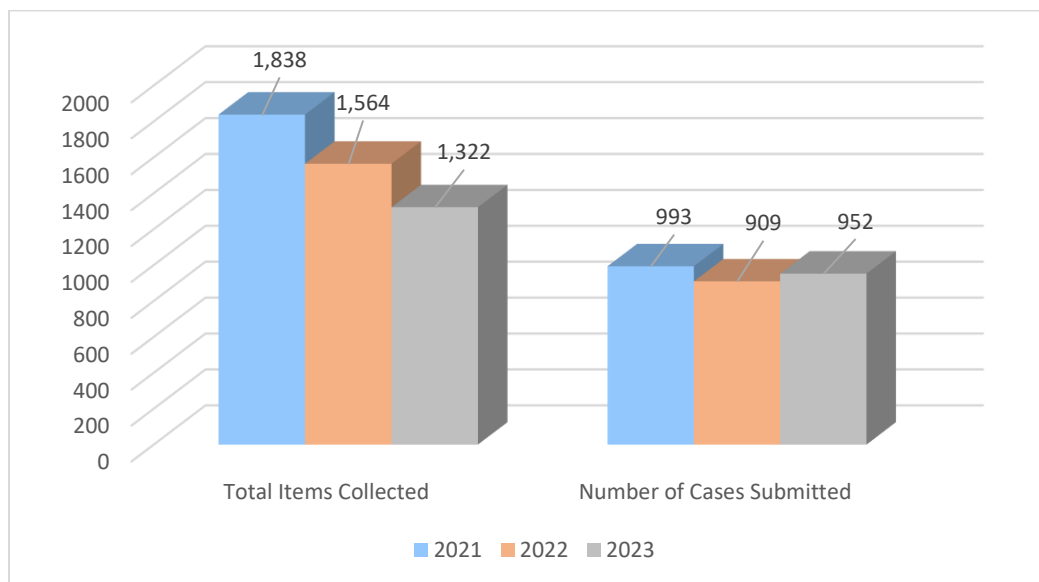
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION Property/Evidence Section

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

The evidence section is operated by the Investigative Services Division in addition to their other duties. The storage and maintenance of all evidence and property is their responsibility and they are the only ones who have access to this area to maintain accountability. The evidence section provides all the copies of body worn camera recordings to local attorneys and for fulfillment of public record requests. The evidence section also fulfills states attorneys requests and provides them with documentation, collection/preservation of physical evidence as well as preparing photographic displays of evidentiary value. In 2023, ISD experienced an extreme increase in body worn camera requests. The majority of these requests were received from citizen auditors between August and December 2023.

The evidence section received a total of 952 evidence entry submissions in 2023. These submissions contained a total of 1,322 individual items of evidence and property that was processed. The evidence section processed and prepared thirteen (13) submissions to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement crime laboratory, located in Orlando, Florida. Six (6) cases were referred to the Volusia Sheriff's Office for automated fingerprint analysis for comparison to known individuals.

Three-year Property/Evidence Case Submission Comparison:



Property/Evidence Assignments 2023:

Field Sobriety Tapes Recorded for Trial	0
Body-Worn Camera Videos Reviewed and Redacted*	113
S.A.O. Requests for Information/ Evidence	265
Submissions to FDLE Laboratories	13
Submissions to VSO Laboratories	6

**This number does not reflect videos that were reviewed but did not require redactions.*

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES REVIEW - 2023:

In 2023 the Investigative Services Division transitioned to InformRMS/Central Square. This computer software program was designed for all Volusia County Agencies for the integration of records and evidence management. Currently, there are tracking data issues with the system. Not all report data was transferred successfully when the transition occurred. Therefore, the expected statistical data enhancement has not come to fruition. Currently the Volusia Sheriff's Office are working on fixing the bugs within the system. This project is overseen by the Volusia Sheriff's Office.

GOALS FOR 2024:

- To continue to seek an Evidence Technician to assist with evidence management, BWC public records request and social media maintenance in order for detectives to investigate criminal cases much more efficiently
- To continue the transfer of the approximately 10,000 items of evidence from EM4 evidence manger to Central Square evidence Manger
- Conduct evidence audits throughout the year of 2024 with two percent or less error



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION Internal Affairs

Detective Sergeant T. Scott Theriault

The Orange City Police Department conducted seventeen (17) complaint investigations involving officers and/or civilian personnel during 2023. Complaints are categorized as **Formal Investigations** (4) and **Informal Inquiries** (13).

A **Formal Investigation** is the process of investigation ordered by supervisory personnel to determine if an employee shall be reprimanded, suspended, or relieved of duty. Questioning of the employee is conducted for the purpose of gathering evidence of misconduct. An **Informal Inquiry** is conducted when the complaint does not rise to the level of misconduct. Supervisors or management personnel meet with an employee for the purpose of gaining information necessary to resolve the service complaint through mediation, explanation, counseling, or remedial training. Investigated complaints are closed via four rulings: **Sustained, Not Sustained, Exonerated or Unfounded**.

- **Sustained:** *The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegations made in the complaint.*
- **Not Sustained:** *The investigation failed to discover sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegations in the complaint.*
- **Exonerated:** *The acts did occur, but were justified, lawful and proper.*
- **Unfounded:** *The investigation indicated that the act(s) complained of did not occur or failed to involve police personnel.*

Total Cases by Type and Finding

TYPE	FINDING	TOTAL
Formal Investigation	Not Sustained, Exonerated & Unfounded	0
Formal Investigation	Sustained	1
Informal Inquiry	Not Sustained, Exonerated & Unfounded	9
Informal Inquiry	Sustained	4

**Four of the seventeen cases remain active cases, pending final disposition.*

EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Citizen Complaint	1	1	2	2	16
Sustained	1	0	1	1	4
Not Sustained	0	1	0	0	1
Unfounded	0	0	1	1	6
Exonerated	0	0	0	0	2
Active	0	0	0	0	4

**Active cases are investigations that have not yet been completed.*



INTERNAL COMPLAINTS

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Directed Complaint	4	0	1	3	1
Sustained	3	1*	1	2	0
Not Sustained	0	0	0	1	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0
Exonerated	0	0	0	0	0
Active	0	0	0	0	1

**Note: The internal investigation listed in 2020 was initiated in 2019, however closed/completed in 2020.*

Formal Investigations Sustained by Violation and Action Taken

VIOLATION	I.A. NUMBER	DISPOSITION
Neglect of Duty	23-005	Written Warning

Informal Inquiries Sustained by Violation and Action Taken

VIOLATION	I.A. NUMBER	DISPOSITION
Neglect of Duty	23-008	Written Counseling
Service Complaint	23-012	Written Counseling
Excessive Speed	23-015	14-day Take-home Vehicle Privilege Suspended*

**Officer resigned prior to suspension taking effect.*

Not Sustained/Unfounded/ Exonerated IA Tracking Numbers

COMPLAINT	I.A. NUMBER	DISPOSITION
Falsification of Official Document	23-001	Unfounded
Service Complaint	23-002	Unfounded
Conduct	23-003	Not Sustained
Improper Driving	23-004	Unfounded
Conduct	23-006	Exonerated
	23-007	Exonerated
Service Complaint	23-009	Unfounded
Conduct	23-011	Unfounded
Body Worn Camera	23-013	Not Sustained
Speed/ No use of Turn Signal	23-014	Unfounded



