



# NEW SMYRNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2013

*New Smyrna Beach Police Department*

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## Welcome to New Smyrna Beach



Thank you for taking the time to review the 2013 Annual Report for the New Smyrna Beach Police Department. This report includes highlights about crime in our community, the accomplishments of our agency and the challenges we face in public safety.

This past year we have focused on reducing crime and improving the quality of life of our citizens by strengthening our relationships with the community. What we have learned is that some of the best answers to problems come from outside the walls of our department.

Our partnerships with neighborhood associations, businesses, schools and individual citizens provides us with vital feedback. These stakeholders offer some of the best solutions to the issues that arise in New Smyrna Beach. Our hope is that by providing a clear picture of what is happening in their neighborhoods, we can make our community safer and solve problems together.

During the past year, our proactive approach toward criminal activity lead to a reduction in violent crime by 11 percent and a reduction in property crime by 12 percent since 2010.

This year several important events impacted our agency. What has emerged is an awareness that the individuals inside our organization are dedicated to our community, organization and each other.

In closing, while we have experienced several successes, our work is not done. We will continue to make advances throughout our organization and strive for continuous improvement. The partnerships will become stronger, and together we will strive to make New Smyrna Beach a safer place for our citizens, business owners and visitors.

## City government



From left – Commissioner Kirk Jones, Commissioner Jack Grasty, Mayor Adam Barringer, Commissioner Judy Reiker and Commissioner Jason McGuirk

The elected officials of the City, which constitutes the City Commission, includes four commissioners and a mayor. The mayor and City commissioners are the City's governing body. The mayor serves a two-year term. There is one commissioner from each zone within the City. Each commissioner serves a four-year term.

The City of New Smyrna Beach operates under a commission-manager form of government. The City Commission constitutes the governing body with powers to pass ordinances, adopt regulations, and appoint a chief administrative officer known as the city manager.

## Message to stakeholders

### MISSION

Working with our partners to build a better and safer community.

### VISION

New Smyrna Beach will be the safest resort city in Florida.

### VALUES

#### *Professionalism*

- The pursuit of excellence, seeking superior quality in work, providing the best possible service to clients, adhering to established standards, all in the name of service – in doing the “right” thing.

#### *Respect*

- Inspiring community trust and support through our actions and demeanor.

#### *Integrity*

- Living within and upholding the ethical standards that are the foundation of law enforcement.

#### *Dedication*

- Selfless commitment to our community, our organization and each other.

#### *Excellence*

- Striving for distinction in all that we do.

## Demographics

New Smyrna Beach is approximately 38 square miles in size and located on Florida's east coast, in the County of Volusia, just north of Cape Canaveral with easy access to both Interstate 95 and Interstate 4.

- 15 miles south of Daytona Beach
- 56 miles east of Orlando
- 40 miles north of Kennedy Space Center
- 109 miles south Jacksonville
- Estimated 7 miles of beachfront property
- Estimated 8 miles of riverfront property

### ***New Smyrna Beach named one of the world's top surf towns***

New Smyrna Beach may add another mention to its long list of accolades. In November 2013, "Travel & Leisure Magazine" placed our city on its list of the top 15 "World's Coolest Surf Towns." In fact, New Smyrna Beach was the only city on the east coast of the United States to make the top 15 list.

### ***New Smyrna Beach named a "10 Best Beach Town in Florida"***

For more than 22 years, Dr. Beach has reviewed, evaluated and rated beaches and coastal areas throughout the world. The Florida International University professor's annual rankings of "Best Beaches" are based upon 50 criteria ranging from water temps, to sand and water qualities, to safety and amenities.

### **Population estimate for 2013 - 23,119 (As indicated by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research)**

<b>Census</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2017 - projected</b>
Population	22,464	22,565	23,398
Household	11,074	11,137	11,609
Families	6,322	6,431	6,647
Average household size	2.01	2.00	1.99
Owner-occupied units	7,887	8,028	8,492
Renter-occupied units	3,187	3,108	3,118
Median age	54.4	54.6	56.7

### **Trends: 2012 - 2017 annual rate**

	<b>Area</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>National</b>
Population	0.73%	0.73%	0.67%
Household	0.83%	0.71%	0.71%
Families	0.66%	0.59%	0.57%
Owner-occupied households	1.13%	0.93%	0.91%
Median household income	4.40%	3.59%	2.75%

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2017 - projected</b>
Median household income	\$39,298	\$48,748
Average household income	\$53,934	\$61,661
Average home value	\$181,964	\$249,400

## City growth

### Annexations

The City of New Smyrna Beach continues to expand beyond the city boundaries each year. Many of these properties are incorporated into the municipality through voluntary annexations into the city limits.

Year	Acres added	Size of city in square miles
2008	67.87	37.54
2009	1.37	37.54
2010	17.39	37.57
2011	181.88	37.85
2012	136.85	38.06
2013	378.65	38.66

### Building permits

New Smyrna Beach continues to experience new residential and commercial construction projects.

Year	Residential permits	Commercial permits	Total permits issued
2007			171
2008			170
2009			112
2010			115
2011			77
2012			111
2013*	244	18	262

\* In 2013 the building department began individually tracking issued permits.

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## Agency demographics

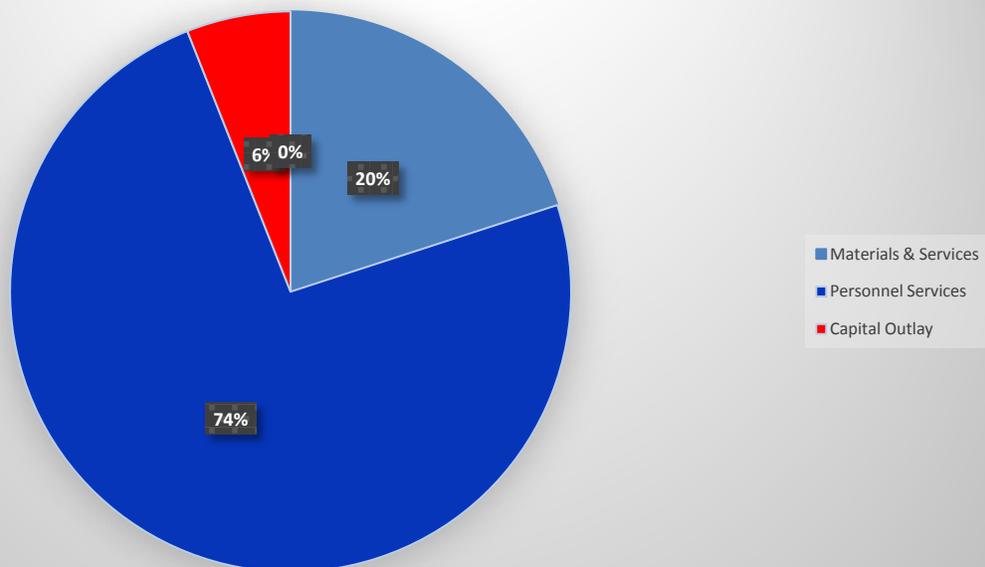
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<b>Sworn officers</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Average age</b>
44	36	8	0	2	1	41	0	37
<b>Education</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>Bachelor</b>		<b>Master</b>	<b>PhD</b>		
	28	5	9		1	0		

## Budget

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15(projected)
<b>Personnel services</b>	\$4,254,194	\$3,857,414	\$3,980,637	
<b>Materials &amp; services</b>	\$1,314,596	\$1,124,942	\$1,067,521	
<b>Capital outlay</b>	\$1,546	\$329,00	\$332,597	
<b>Totals</b>	\$5,570,336	\$5,311,356	\$5,380,755	

2013-14 Total budget percentages



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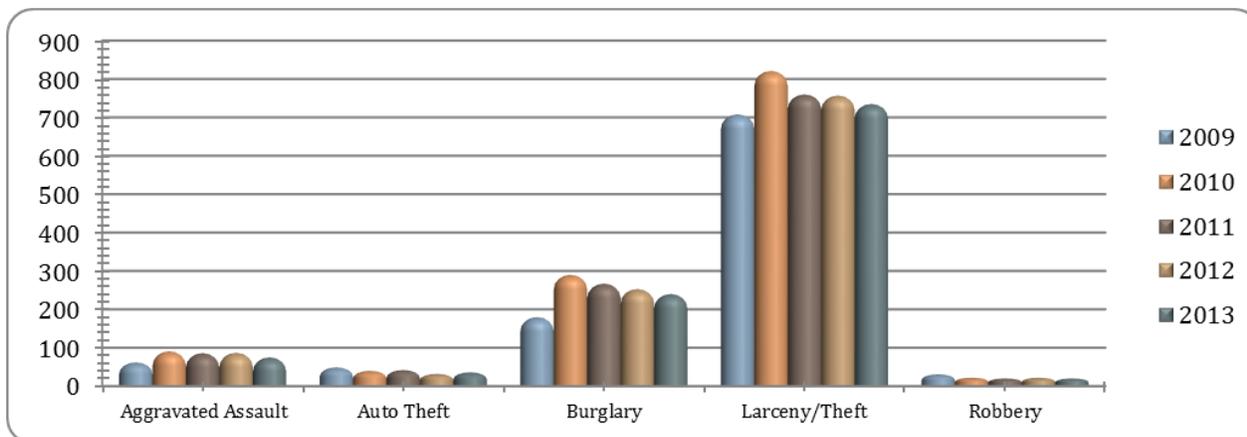
## Uniform crime report statistics (UCR)

Year	Population	Violent crime total	Murder	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Property crime total	Burglary	Larceny -theft	Motor vehicle theft
2004	21203	103	0	2	14	87	893	221	610	62
2005	21949	97	0	8	21	68	746	168	523	55
2006	22733	127	0	2	23	102	805	209	549	47
2007	23067	138	1	8	24	105	814	214	548	52
2008	23218	120	0	2	22	96	1016	235	737	44
2009	23656	98	1	4	31	62	937	180	708	49
2010	22464	117	1	3	22	91	1151	290	821	40
2011	22770	112	0	6	20	86	1069	267	760	42
2012	22788	110	0	1	22	87	1042	253	757	32
2013	23119	98	0	5	20	75	1011	240	735	36

Sources: FBI, Inform Crime Reports, prepared by the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data  
Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics - UCR Data Online <http://www.ucrdatatool.gov/>

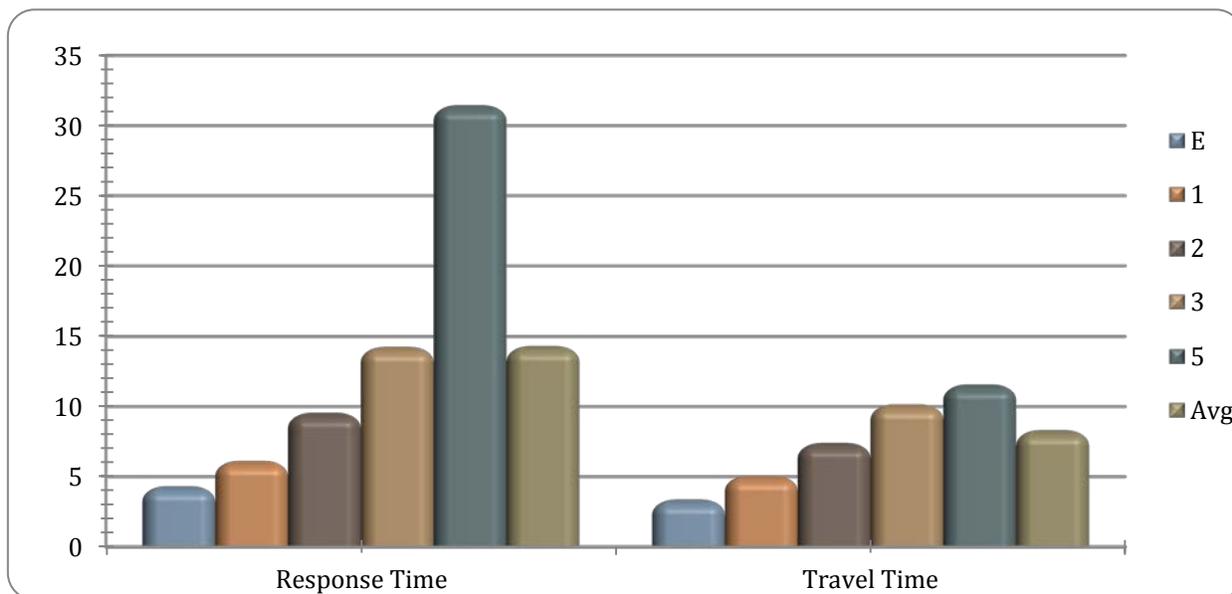
## UCR five-year annual comparison report

Crime	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010-2013 % change
Murder	1	1	0	0	0	-100%
Rape	4	3	6	1	5	66%
Robbery	31	22	20	22	20	-10%
<b>Total violent</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>-11%</b>
Burglary	180	290	267	253	240	-19%
Larceny	708	821	760	757	735	-11%
Auto theft	49	40	42	32	36	-10%
<b>Total property</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>1069</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>-12%</b>
Crime index	1035	1268	1181	1152	1115	-12%



## Calls for service response time

January 1 - December 31, 2013



Priority code	Response time	Travel time
Emergency	4.46	3.4
1	6.45	5.18
2	9.55	7.26
3	15.37	10.59
5	32.09	11.58
<b>Average</b>	<b>14.32</b>	<b>8.32</b>

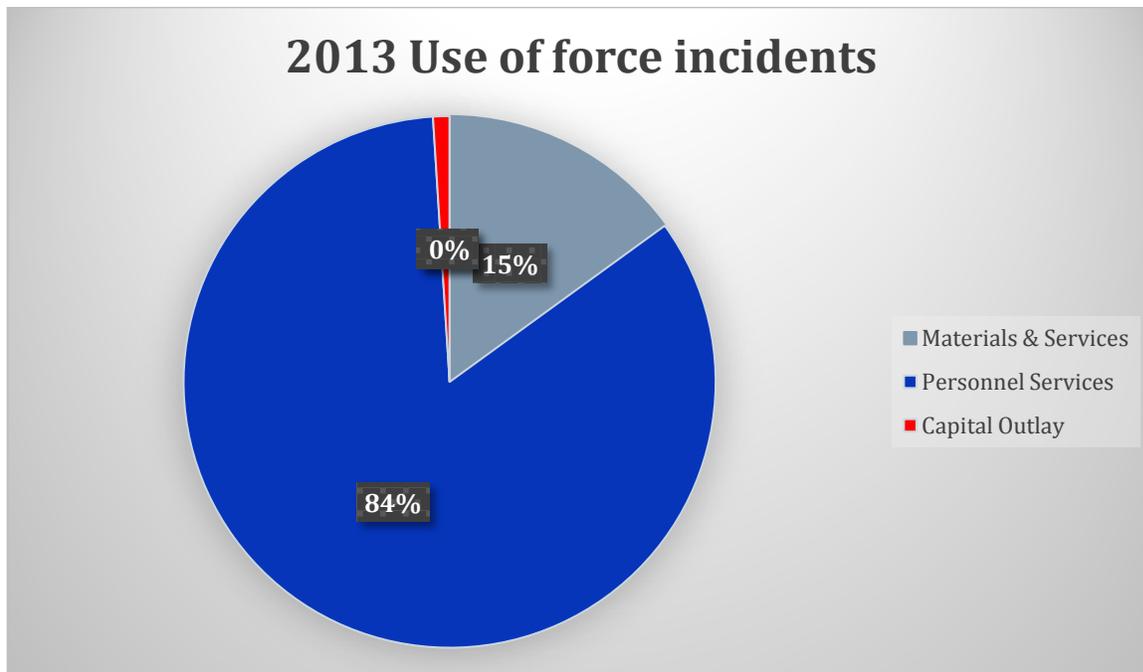
The above priorities are based upon the severity of the call. Those indicated as “E” demand immediate response (potential for life loss or serious injuries). As the numbers increase, the need for an immediate response decreases; however attention must still be given to the call. Travel time relates to the time spent by the officer responding to the call after being dispatched. Response time equals the total time from the initial call placed to the police to the arrival of the officer.

### Example priority calls:

- Emergency call - Robbery
- 1 - Disturbance with weapons
- 2 - Suspicious person/incident
- 3 - Civil complaint
- 5 - Noise complaint

## Use of force

### New Smyrna Beach Police Department use of force



### Subject resistance analysis

During the fiscal year, there were 715 arrests. Of those arrests, 19 encounters required the use of physical force to overcome subject resistance. The level of force used by the involved officers was found to comply with agency policy in all 19 cases.

**Frequency of techniques used by officers**

<b>Level of Force</b>	<b>Number of incidents technique was used</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Hands and feet	8	42%
M-26/X-26 Taser deployment	6	31%
M-26/X-26 Drive stun	2	10%
OC spray	1	5%
Canine apprehensions	2	10%
Deadly force	0	0

**Category of offenders**

<b>Category of offender</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Subjects under the influence of alcohol/drugs	10	53%
Subjects injured (minor injuries only)	17	89%
Officers injured (minor injuries only)	0	0%
Race of subject was white	15	79%
Race of subject was non-white	4	21%
Gender of subject was male	15	79%
Gender of subject was female	4	21%

### **Use of force summary**

Of the 715 arrests made, 2.65 percent required the use of physical force to overcome physical resistance.

Officers countered resistance in eight of the 19 incidents by utilizing a takedown or controlling technique. In eight of the 19 incidents, the M-26/X-26 Taser was utilized. There were two incidents that resulted in a K-9 bite. OC spray was used in one incident. After force was utilized, all subjects were successfully handcuffed.

Alcohol and/or drug use are frequently associated with subject resistance. Fifty three percent of resistive subjects were under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at the time of their encounter with police.

Of the individuals who demonstrated resistance, 79 percent were Caucasian and 79 percent were male. Injuries resulting from physical force incidents consisted of K-9 bites and minor abrasions. There were no major injuries reported. In the 19 incidents where the subjects physically resisted arrest with the police, 17 (89 percent) subjects reported minor injuries and officers reported no minor injury.

There were five incidents that resulted in two or more officers being involved in the use of force. One police K-9 executed two separate apprehensions resulting in bites. There is no indication that their involvement was more than coincidental. These officers were assigned as back-up officers during high-risk calls where subject resistance was more likely to occur. It is also evident from the number of officers present at the scene during resistance incidents that back-up officers are frequently utilized when high-risk calls are dispatched, in keeping with departmental policy.

All of the incidents that were reported are in compliance with department training standards and applicable policy. Training of the department's use of force policy is conducted annually.

**Multiple officer involvement subject resistance**

<b>Officer involvement in multiple incidents</b>	<b>Number of incidents</b>
One officer involved	5
Two officers involved	8
Three officers involved	1
Four officers involved	2
Five officers involved	3
Six officers involved	0
Total incidents	19

**Officer involvement - pattern analysis**

<b>Officer involvement pattern analysis</b>	<b>Number of officers</b>
Number of individual officers involved in at least one subject resistance incident	6
Number of individual officers involved in two or more subject resistance incidents	3
Number of individual officers involved in three or more subject resistance incidents	1
Number of individual officers involved in four or more subject resistance incidents	1
Number of individual officers involved in five or more subject resistance incidents	0
Number of individual officers involved in six or more subject resistance incidents	0
Number of individual officers involved in seven or more subject resistance incidents	0

## Crime reduction initiative

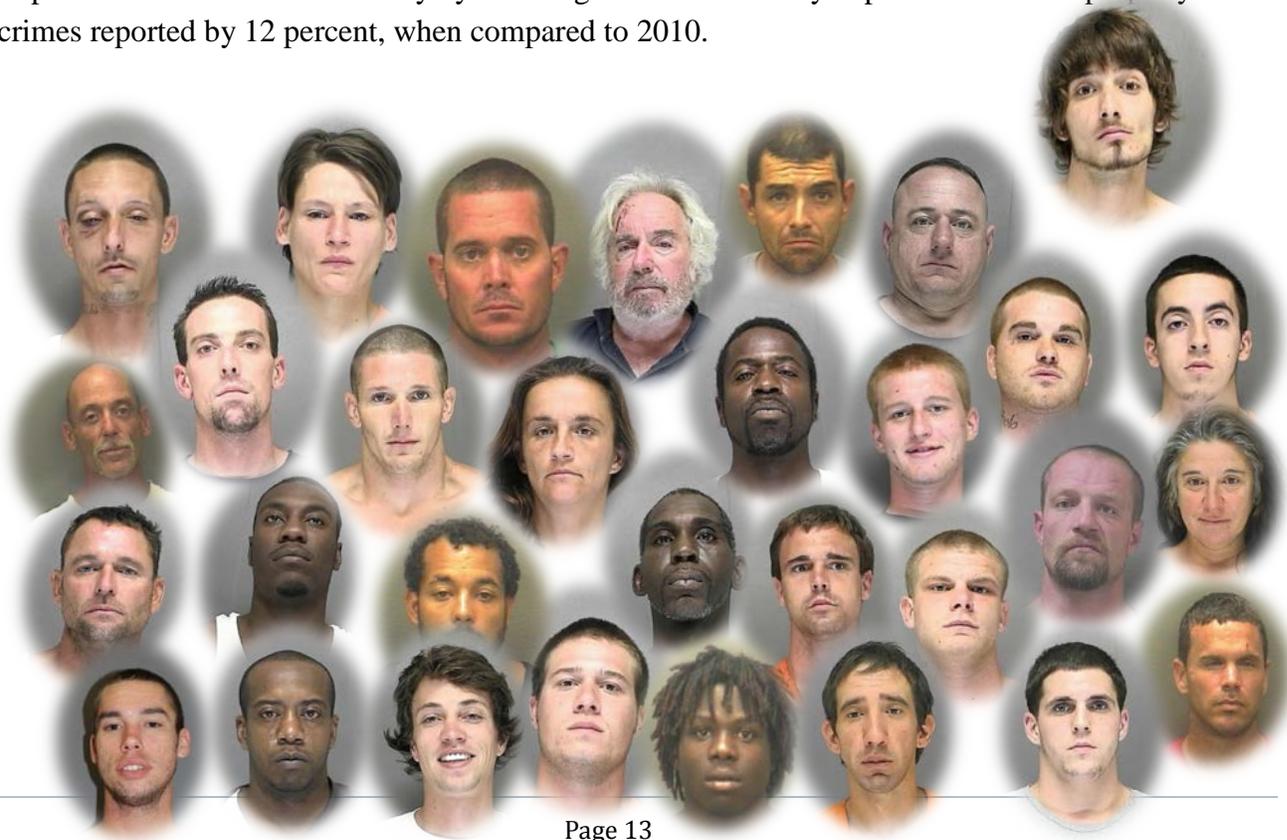
During 2013, the culture of the New Smyrna Beach Police Department evolved from being reactive to calls for service, into a focused agency-wide team with the intent to reduce reported crime and create an improved quality of life for our citizens.

Police Chief George Markert challenged the agency to create a proposal to reduce crime in the city. Rather than develop a scheme or plan, it was decided an agency-wide cultural change was needed.

Communication is the foundation of the new culture, where information is being shared in a focused and timely manner. This aspect involves partnering with the community and other entities to focus on problems when they first develop, in an effort to prevent crime from occurring.

The change has resulted in a unified effort to report crime more accurately, continually monitor crime for trends or patterns, and communicate with each other in a more efficient manner.

During the peak of the initiative, the agency made several key arrests that interrupted criminal associations within the community. The cultural change within the agency has greatly improved the internal and external communication processes. The changes made directly impacted crime in our community by reducing violence crime by 11percent and total property crimes reported by 12 percent, when compared to 2010.



## Youth services programs



2014 DARE Graduation at Coronado Elementary School

### **DARE Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)**

Mission Statement: “Teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives.”

Officer Jennifer Fike became certified through DARE after completing the 80-hour course in June, 2013. As the agency’s DARE Officer, she teaches the 10-week DARE curriculum to 5th and 7th grade students at Sacred Heart School, Read-Patillo Elementary, Chisholm Elementary, Coronado Elementary, and New Smyrna Beach Middle School. She visits students enrolled in Kindergarten through 4th grade, four times a year at each elementary school. Officer Fike also assists with instructing the Criminal Justice class at New Smyrna Beach High School.

Some of the common program topics are bullying, prescription drugs, and internet safety. Informational booklets are provided to those who are homeschooled.

The DARE Program is additionally funded by grants from the “People for Drug Free Youth”. Their financial assistance provides the program with DARE Graduation events, t-shirts, books, and pamphlets with DARE insignia. New Smyrna Beach Police has supported the DARE program since 1989.



Investigator David Adkins in the Alonzo Babe James Community Center

### Police Athletic League (PAL)

Mission Statement: “To instill in the youth of the community a philosophy of fair play, courtesy and consideration of others and foster an atmosphere of friendship, cooperation, trust and mutual respect between the police officers of the community and its young people.”

Investigator David Adkins oversees the PAL program, which is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization that is supported by citizen board members. The PAL program directly impacts over 400 Southeast Volusia County children. New Smyrna Beach PAL offers safe activities and programs that are designed to instill positive values, character and leadership skills.

<b>PAL activities and programs:</b>	<b>Number of participants (2013)</b>
Basketball league	93
Karate	12
Wrestling	30
Travel basketball	48
All Star basketball	60
Track and field	30
Golf clinic	7
Summer program	92
Saturday open gym (Fee charged)	30
After-school program (Fee charged)	87
Senior Thanksgiving lunch	60

## **Training**

The Training Division of the New Smyrna Beach Police Department conducted approximately 698 hours of training in 93 sessions. Quarterly training is scheduled for all members. All high-liability areas are covered through both hands-on and instructional training.

## **Traffic summary**

**Crashes:** From January to December of 2013, there were 842 reported traffic crashes within the City. There was a two percent decrease in reported crashes over 2012. The three busiest months of the year were March, May, and August, which consisted of 31 percent of the year's total crashes. Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays combined, total 51 percent of all crashes during the week. The hours between 1200 - 1800 are the busiest, producing almost half of the day's total in crashes.

**Enforcement:** 2,702 citations were written in 2013. Thirty percent of those were written between March-May. Ninety two percent of these citations were issued to whites with 58 percent being males. Eighty one DUI arrests were made in 2013, with March and July being the busiest months. Saturdays totaled 32 percent of all DUI arrests for the year. Sixty five percent of the total was men, and 62 percent of the total arrests were whites.

## **Citizen response questionnaire program**

The agency utilizes a Citizen Response Questionnaire in an effort to study the satisfaction of victims who report criminal activity. Each month the questionnaires are mailed to a random sampling of **persons who have filed a** police report with the agency. The responses received assist the agency with quality control of our practices.

During 2013, the received questionnaires indicated a 97-percent satisfaction of the level of service provided to the victim during the police contact.

## **2013 retirements**

Investigator Michael Covey retired on December 31, 2013, with 27 years of service.

Youth Officer Robert Otto retired on April 15, 2013, with 19 years of service.

## Commendations and awards

During the 2013 agency awards banquet, many employees and volunteers were honored for their dedicated service to the community. The actions of these members has greatly improved the quality of life for our citizens.

1. The Volusia County Sheriff's Office Citizen Patrol Unit was recognized for their service during the 2013 NSB Balloon Festival. The unit assisted with security, parking and traffic control.
2. Twenty-six of the police department volunteers were recognized for their dedicated service to the community and agency.
3. Years of Service awards were presented to eight employees.
4. Safe Driver awards were presented to 17 employees.
5. Educational awards were presented to two employees who obtained college degrees.
6. Career Development awards were presented to two employees who obtained the Master Police Officer and Master Police Sergeant Status.
7. Commendations certificates were presented to 69 recipients for an accomplishment, feat or act which has brought distinction and honor to themselves and the agency.
8. Administrative Excellence awards were presented to three employees that created the Crime Reduction Initiative.
9. Good Conduct medals were awarded to three employees who received three consecutive "exceeds expectations" evaluations without receiving any corrective action reports.
10. Community Service awards were presented to five employees who performed unselfishly outside the normal realm of their duties to help an organization or project.
11. Distinguished Service medals were awarded to four employees who went above and beyond the call of duty, while demonstrating constant and continual displays of exemplary conduct that brings distinction upon themselves and the agency.
12. Meritorious Service medals were awarded to two employees who performed exemplary in the line of duty.
13. Life Saving medals were issued to six employees whose actions resulted in saving a person's life.
14. The Volunteer of the year was awarded to Larry Crawford.
15. The Civilian Employee of the Year was awarded to Nancy Chapman.
16. Police Officer of the Year was awarded to David Williams.
17. Supervisor of the Year was awarded to Sgt. Christopher Roos.

### **Property seizures**

During six arrests, the agency seized property and/or vehicles used in the commission of felony criminal acts. The agency reached administrative settlements in all of the cases, resulting in the recovery of \$4,500. All of the seizures were from Caucasians. Four were females and two were males.



Field Training Officer Robert Claudio dusting for latent prints

### **Crime scene processing**

Solving a crime and/or making an arrest are just the beginning of attaining a conviction in the criminal justice system. Today's judicial arena is looking for a "CSI" link in every case, so every detail must be evaluated and analyzed.

Our agency knows the importance of presenting high-quality investigations to the State Attorney's Office to successfully navigate through the court system. Crime scene processing is an important aspect of investigating crimes and holding the responsible party accountable for the crimes they have committed.

Training and equipping our officers with the tools needed to obtain forensic evidence is a cornerstone of the department's investigative functions. Thankfully crime scene processing is not a problem within the New Smyrna Beach Police Department. In 2013, over half of the patrol division officers obtained latent fingerprints of value from various crime scenes.

## New police officers

In 2013, the New Smyrna Beach Police Department hired four new police officers-the most in one-year since 2007.



Police Officer Shawn Adkins with his father, Police Athletic League Officer David Adkins.



Police Officer Aaron Hansen with his mother, Peggy, and father, Andrew.



Police Officer Andrew Hudson



Police Officer Chuck Hupert and wife, Michele

## Police K-9



From left: K-9 Officer Bruce Holcomb, Denise Mumpower, Anne Kerr, Gloria Preston, Bill Mead, Noreen Brunson, Kim Mertz, Lt. Mike Brouillette, Sgt. Shane Riggle, former Chief George Markert.

In May 2013, K-9 Officer Bruce Holcomb was forced to retire Canine Buddy from service due to health problems. Holcomb and Buddy served the community as a patrol and narcotics detection team for six years. Buddy will remain with Holcomb through his retirement.

The police department was able to purchase Buddy's replacement – thanks to a generous donation by a local non-profit group. At the June 25 New Smyrna Beach City Commission meeting, William Mead, People for Drug Free Youth (PFDFY) executive director, presented the New Smyrna Beach Police Department a \$10,000 check toward the purchase of a new police patrol dog.

The PFDFY is a non-profit organization that has operated a thrift store at 1431 S. Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach, for more than 26 years. The organization has helped youth groups through community partnerships that address the issue of drugs.

For two decades, the police department has received assistance from PFDFY for the department's Drug Awareness and Resistance Education (DARE) program and previous purchases of several police dogs.

On July 16, K-9 Officer Bruce Holcomb welcomed Canine Dino into the New Smyrna Beach Police Department. After several weeks of intense training, K-9 Officer Holcomb and Canine Dino began patrolling New Smyrna Beach.



Officer Bruce Holcomb  
and K-9 Dino

## DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back Program



The New Smyrna Beach Police Department joined a partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency during the two annual prescription drug take-back events. The events were held in April and October during which Americans turned in 855 tons (984,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 5,800 sites. In its six previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in over 2.8 million pounds – more than 1,400 tons – of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. And every day, on average, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time, according to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends including from the home medicine cabinet.

Nationally there are over 30,000 annual unintentional drug overdose deaths, which have now become the leading cause of accidental deaths. In 2013, Volusia County recorded 83 unintentional overdose deaths attributed to the abuse of prescription drugs.



## Police assist hit and run crash victim



Zaria Smith and Lt. Donna Lavallee

When Shariema Smith was hit by a motorist in September 2013, she was riding her daughter's bicycle. The child's bicycle was destroyed. Thanks to the generosity of Tom Menzel and Green Pedal Ministries, Zaria Smith, 12, the victim's daughter, has new wheels. New Smyrna Beach Police Lieutenant Donna Lavallee presented the new bicycle and a Walmart gift card to Zaria.

Zaria had been staying with relatives since her mother was severely injured the September 6 hit and run accident on West Canal Street in New Smyrna Beach. Shariema underwent months of rehabilitation before she was able to return home and be with her daughter.

On September 9 at 6:11a.m., Shariema was riding the bicycle to work. She was struck by a truck in the 1700 block of S.R. 44 near the roadway's intersection with W. Canal Street. The victim was ejected from the bicycle and landed in the roadway. The driver of the suspect vehicle stopped and briefly spoke with the victim before removing the bicycle from under his vehicle and fleeing the scene of the crash. The suspect did not render aid to the victim or call for medical assistance.

Despite suffering multiple injuries including a broken neck and shattered pelvis, Shariema was able to call 911 and pull herself to the shoulder of the roadway.

## Hangar Hootenanny benefits Police Athletic League

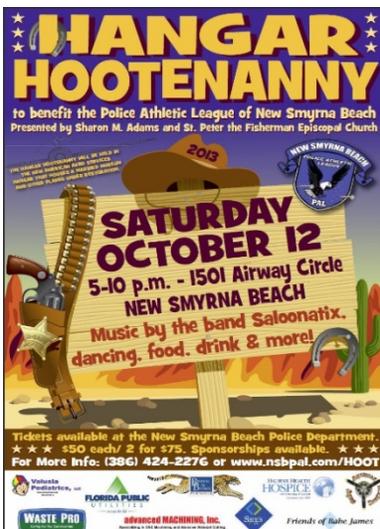
Sounds of contemporary country music and southern rock filled a hangar at the New Smyrna Beach Airport in October 2013. The New Smyrna Beach Police Athletic League (PAL) hosted Hangar Hootenanny 2013 – a country-themed fundraiser –on Saturday, October 12, in the American Aero Services hangar, 1501 Airway Circle, New Smyrna Beach.

“The New Smyrna Beach Police Athletic League offers safe activities and programs that are designed to instill positive values, character and leadership skills,” said former New Smyrna Beach Police Chief George Markert. “Recent funding challenges have endangered some of the programs. The Hootenanny is a fun way for the community to help us to raise the money we need to continue to offer quality programs for Southeast Volusia youth.”

The Hootenanny featured live music by the band Saloonatix, dancing, barbecue, food tastings by several area restaurants, and silent and live auctions, Markert said. Held in hangar that houses vintage aircraft under restoration, hootenanny guests were able to view the projects and visit the venue’s small museum.

“We wanted to offer our community supporters a different type of event,” Markert said. “There aren’t many country-themed events or venues in the region. The ‘Hoot’ takes advantage of that by offering folks a place to listen and dance to live country music while they financially support our local youth.”

Presented by Sharon M. Adams and St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church, the event’s proceeds benefited New Smyrna Beach PAL youth programs. New Smyrna Beach Pal is a 501(c) (3) organization that involves youth in athletic, after-school, mentoring, self-esteem building and leadership programs. Youth from Oak Hill, Samsula, Edgewater and New Smyrna Beach participate in programs. Students range in age from 7-17.



## NSB Police Motor Unit successful at Space Coast Competition



From left:  
Motor Officer Mike Delahanty, Motor Officer Jason Reve, Motor Officer Josh Holloway, Investigator Chris Salomone

Riding a police motorcycle is dangerous work, so practicing those skills regularly can be life saving for the officers. Create a competition where you can win awards and recognition from your fellow riders and the practice becomes exciting.

Several members of the New Smyrna Beach Police Motors Unit took top honors in the Space Coast Police Motorcycle Safety Training and Trial October 12 in West Melbourne. Motor Officer Josh Holloway took home several awards including first place individual rider in the Harley Davidson division, third place in the challenge ride and was named Mr. Rodeo as the overall top rider of the event.

Motor Officer Jason Reve was awarded with first place novice rider, while Investigator Chris Salomone took home third place in the Harley Davidson division. In addition to all the trophies and plaques, their team efforts earned the agency two laser speed measurement devices, a \$5,000 value.

“Competitions such as these showcase the professionalism in our agency, while honing the skills of the riders,” said former Police Chief George Markert. The event featured riders from throughout the country and challenges them during several individual and team courses, with the proceeds going toward the non-profit organization, Families of the Shield.

## NSB Police raise \$7,000 for Special Olympics of Florida



Members of the New Smyrna Beach Police Department present a check December 10 to Sarah Harper, Volusia County Special Olympics director. Police department members are, from left: Sgt. Shane Riggle, Motor Officer Richard Kirkland, former Police Chief George Markert and Motor Officer Mike Delahanty.

The New Smyrna Beach Police Department raised \$7,000 during the 7th annual 2013 Police Motorcycle Skills Challenge. Held November 1-2, the event featured police motorcycle officers from all over Florida and as far away as South Carolina. In addition to raising money, individual and team riders sharpened their riding skills in a safe training environment.

Proceeds benefitted Special Olympics Florida to help athletes and their families attend Special Olympic Games throughout the state.

## 24th annual Operation Christmas Cheer



Sergeant Chris Roos hugs Maria Grady during Operation Christmas Cheer.

For many families, the holiday season is not a time of joy. It is a source of additional stress for families facing the daily challenge of providing for their family. For the past 24 years, the New Smyrna Beach Police Department has provided assistance to Southeast Volusia families in need through Operation Christmas Cheer.

“We helped to bring Christmas to more than 200 children this year,” said New Smyrna Beach Police Lieutenant Donna Lavalley, the event organizer. “But it’s only with the help of our community that we can provide items that many of us take for granted.”

The New Smyrna Beach Police Department collected donated toys, non-perishable food and clothing at several locations within the city.

The donations were distributed to families in need throughout Southeast Volusia County. Requests for assistance were received daily from families and also from police officers who identified a need while working in the community, Lavalley said.

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