



NEW SMYRNA BEACH

Police Department

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Welcome

to New Smyrna Beach

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the New Smyrna Beach Police Department, I am honored to present you the 2015 Annual Report. This report features information about our agency and provides a summary of our accomplishments and statistics for the past year. One of those major accomplishments is achieving accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. Accreditation ensures that your police department is recognized with earning and maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. This independent reviewing authority conducted days of assessment to make sure that the New Smyrna Beach Police Department delivers efficient and effective law enforcement services through nationally recognized standards.

During the past year, we provided our officers with basic and advanced training to ensure they have the skills and tools required to meet the challenges of our ever-changing profession. While technology drives much of what we do today and into the future, we should never forget that our greatest resource is our face-to-face interactions with people. We consistently seek to collaborate with citizens, neighborhoods and community groups to better understand the nature of local concerns and to cultivate mutual strategies to develop solutions.

We are very appreciative for the support of our City leadership. The support of the mayor and city commission members, city manager and community partners have been a cornerstone of our success. From gaining the required funding to enhance training and technology, to community members volunteering their time, energy and resources, our relationships with these partners have allowed us to build trust and become stronger as a community. I thank the members of the New Smyrna Beach community for your continued partnership and participation. Our accomplishments would not have been possible without your support.

It is an honor for me to have been selected police chief this past year. I am proud to lead and serve alongside the men and women of the New Smyrna Beach Police Department who work diligently every day to achieve the results highlighted in this report. I am confident our department will continue to provide the citizens of New Smyrna Beach the dedicated and professional police services that you expect and deserve.

Mike Coffin, Chief of Police



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The mission of the New Smyrna Beach Police Department is to reduce crime and improve the quality of life through a partnership with all citizens.

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City government

New Smyrna Beach city commission and senior administration

New Smyrna Beach elected officials comprise the city commission. The mayor and commissioners are the City's governing body. The mayor serves a two-year term. Each commissioner represents one zone within the city and serves a four-year term.

The City of New Smyrna Beach operates under a commission-manager form of government. The city commission passes ordinances, adopts regulations, and appoints a chief administrative officer known as the city manager.

City growth FY 2014-2015

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.

Year	Acres added	City size in square miles
2011	119.096	38
2012	59.67	38
2013	601.71	39
2014	159.322	39
2015	903.403	41



2015 New Smyrna Beach officials, from left: Assistant City Manager Khalid Resheidat, City Attorney Frank Gummey, Commissioner Jason McGuirk, Commissioner Judy Reiker, Mayor James Hathaway, Vice Mayor Kirk Jones, Commissioner Jake Sachs, City Manager Pam Brangaccio and City Clerk Johnny Bledsoe.

Building permits

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

Year	Residential permits	Commercial permits	Total permits issued
2011			77
2012			111
2013*	244	18	262
2014	197	13	210
2015	217	10	227

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

In 2015, the City issued 227 residential and commercial construction permits combined.



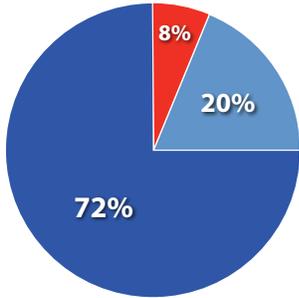
In 2015, eight of the agency's 45 officers were females.

Agency demographics

Sworn officers	Male	Female	Asian	Black	Hispanic
45	37	8	0	2	1
	White	Other	Average age		
	42	0	36		
Education	HS	AA	Bachelors	Masters	PhD
	20	12	9	3	0

2014 - 2015 budget percentages

- Materials & services
- Personnel services
- Capital outlay



FY 2015-2015 budget

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Personnel services	\$4,010,661	\$4,062,556	\$4,175,715
Materials & services	\$1,141,239	\$1,124,840	\$1,130,531
Capital outlay	\$505,89	\$332,597	\$476,690
Totals	\$5,202,491	\$5,519,994	\$5,782,856

Our 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.



Uniform crime statistics

The New Smyrna Beach Police Department participates in the Federal Bureau of Investigations Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The UCR Program collects statistics on violent and property crimes such as burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

Crime of type

Year	Population	Violent crime total	Murder	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Property crime total	Burglary	Larceny theft	Motor vehicle
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
2014	23834	90	0	6	6	78	734	131	579	24

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



Property crime has decreased 19 percent over the past five years.

Five-year annual comparison

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011-2015 % change
Murder	0	0	0	1	1	100%
Rape	6	1	5	6	3	-50%
Robbery	20	22	20	6	12	-60%
Total violent	112	110	104	90	111	-1%
Burglary	267	253	240	131	116	-56%
Larceny	760	757	735	579	607	-20%
Auto theft	42	32	36	24	36	-20%
Total property	1069	1042	1011	734	870	-19%
Crime index	1181	1152	1115	824	981	-17%

Calls for service response time

For calls for service, response time is the total time from when the initial call was placed to the police to the arrival of the officer, including call processing time by Central Communications. Priority is based upon the severity of the call. Emergency calls demand an immediate response because there is potential for life loss or serious injuries. As the numbers increase, the need for an immediate response decreases. Travel time is the time spent by the officer responding to the call after being dispatched.



Priority code examples

	Response time	Travel time
Emergency call - robbery	3:41	2:39
1 – disturbance with weapons	6:13	5:09
2 – suspicious person/incident	9:18	6:58
3 – civil complaint	14:29	9:59
5 – noise complaint	28:03	9:57
Average	12:38	7:40



The most common form of officer response to resistance is the use of hands, feet, or a takedown technique. This response was used in less than 54 percent of resistance situations followed by use of the Taser. The police canine and firearms (not fired) were used in seven percent of cases. OC spray was deployed in less than four percent of the resistance situations. In some instances of resistance, multiple officer responses were utilized. For example, if the use of a takedown was ineffective, the officer may have also used the Taser.

Demographics, injuries and drugs/alcohol

Alcohol and/or drug use were frequently associated with subject resistance, as 38 percent of resistive subjects were believed to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at the time of their encounter with police.

In the 28 incidents where the subjects physically resisted arrest, 18 subjects reported minor injuries. Injuries consisted of K9 bites, Taser signature marks, and minor abrasions. No major injuries were reported.

Level of force	Number of incidents	Percent
Use of hands, feet or a takedown technique	15	54
Use of Taser (probe or drive stun)	14	50
OC spray	1	4
K9 apprehensions	2	7
Deadly force	0	0
Firearm – not fired	2	7

Category	Frequency	Percent
Subjects under the influence of alcohol/drugs	10	36
Subjects injured (minor injuries only)	18	64
Officers injured (minor injuries only)	0	0
Race of subject was white	16	57
Race of subject was non-white	12	43
Gender of subject was male	26	93
Gender of subject was female	2	7

Use of force analysis

During 2015, the New Smyrna Beach Police Department made 1,472 physical arrests. Of those arrests, 28 encounters required the use of physical force to overcome the subject's resistance. The level of force used by the involved officers was found to comply with agency policy in all 28 instances.



Less than two percent of arrests required the use of physical force.

Less than two percent of the total number of arrests required the use of physical force to overcome physical resistance. In 62 percent of incidents, a single police officer was involved in the application of force to combat the resistance provided by the perpetrator. In 23 percent of the cases, a second officer was involved in the encounter. In 15 percent of incidents, more than two officers were involved in the process.

Multiple officer involvement

In 2015, there were two incidents of resistance where three or more officers were involved in the encounter. In 93 percent of the resistance encounters, only one or two officers were involved in the incident. Nearly 62 percent of the department's officers did not have any use of force reports. Less than 10 percent of officers were involved in more than two incidents.

Number of officers involved	Number of incidents
One officer	15
Two officers	11
Three officers	2
Four officers	0
Five officers	0
Six officers	0
Total incidents	28

Officer involvement pattern analysis

Officer involvement pattern analysis	Number of officers
Number of individual officers involved in at least one subject resistance incident	16
Number of individual officers involved in two subject resistance incidents	6
Number of individual officers involved in three subject resistance incidents	1
Number of individual officers involved in four subject resistance incidents	1
Number of individual officers involved in five or more subject resistance incidents	2

Use of force annual comparison

There have been 3,527 custodial arrests over the past three years. The percentage of times that officers have had to use some degree of physical force to affect an arrest has declined annually. Since 2013, the percentage of times an officer has used force in response to an act of resistance has dropped 52 percent. In 2015, officers used force in response to resistance in less than two percent of arrests.

Year	2013	2014	2015
Arrests	948	1107	1472
Use of force	38	22	28
Percentage of use of force	4%	2%	1.9%

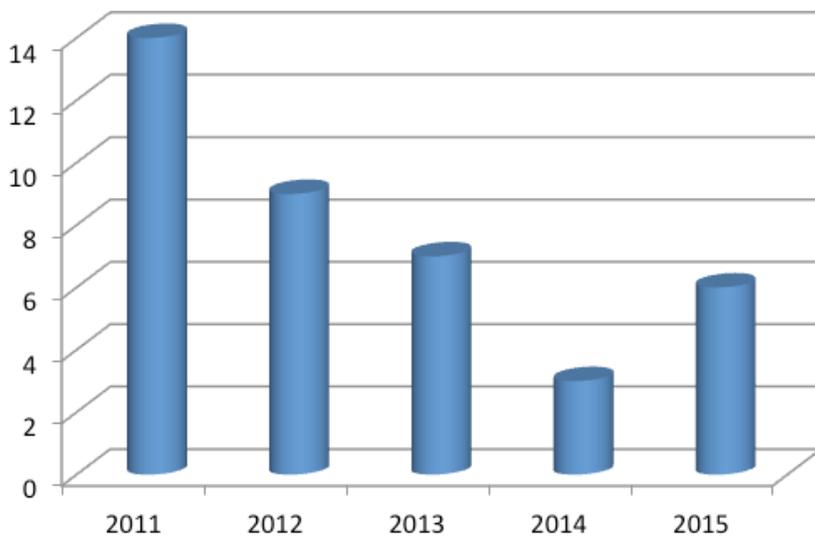
All uses of force in 2015 were administratively reviewed and found in compliance with state law, department training standards and applicable policy. The review failed to identify a particular pattern or trend – beyond the encounters that most frequently lead to an officer's use of force – that would reduce the number of officer use of force encounters.

A policy review was conducted in July 2015. The Taser policy was reviewed in 2015 and updated in February 2016. Statistical data did not identify a need to change or update policy or current practices.



Use of force training is conducted annually. Officers have a wide range of less lethal weapons available to control resisting suspects, including asp, OC spray and Taser.

Police pursuits



Original offenses

Out of the six pursuits, four were initiated for traffic charges. One pursuit was initiated after a suspicious vehicle fled from an officer encounter. The other pursuit was initiated following an aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer.

Property damage

Damages occurred during two pursuits. One involved the driver of the fleeing vehicle hitting a fire hydrant causing an estimated \$2,000 in damages. The other incident involved the suspect vehicle striking an officer's vehicle and other personal property, resulting in approximately \$10,000 in damages.

Reason for termination

One pursuit was terminated by the supervisor. No officers terminated their own pursuits. Two pursuits terminated when the suspects crashed and fled from the vehicle. The remaining three pursuits were terminated when the driver stopped the vehicle and fled on foot. Two of the three subjects that fled on foot were apprehended. In all six incidents, the suspects did not willingly submit to law enforcement, even after the pursuit was completed.

2015 pursuit analysis

In 2015, the New Smyrna Beach Police Department was involved in six police pursuits. This was a 100 percent increase over 2014. However, the number of pursuits remained down 57 percent from the five-year high in 2011. The six pursuits in 2015 were below the five-year average.

Pursuits occurred on three shifts and involved four officers and four supervisors. No officers were involved in more than two pursuits. One supervisor was involved in three of the six pursuits. The pursuits happened on two different days of the week. One pursuit was on a Tuesday; the other five were on Saturday. Two of the pursuits occurred during day-shift. Four occurred during nightshift.



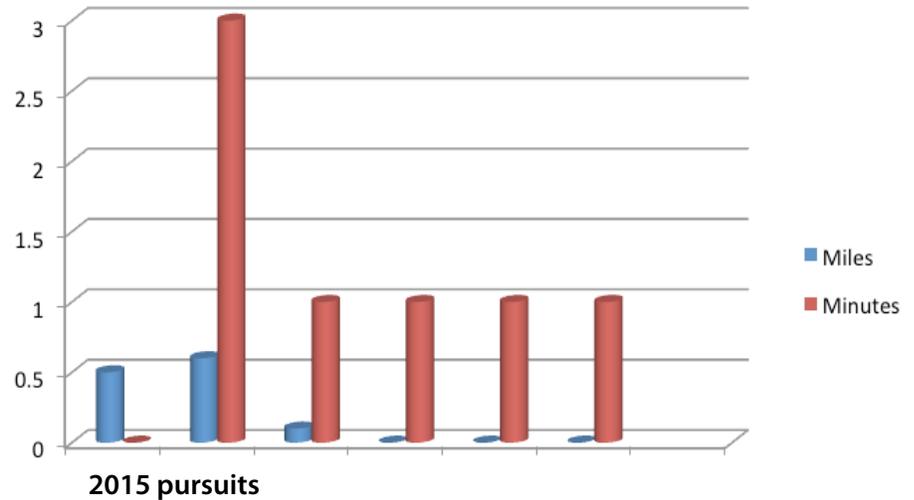
Were stop sticks used?

Stop sticks were not deployed during any pursuits.

Were injuries reported?

No injuries were sustained during pursuits.

Length and distance of pursuits



Arrest of suspects

In five of the six cases, the suspect was apprehended at the conclusion of, or shortly after, the pursuit. In the remaining case, the suspect was known to the officer and criminal charges were filed. Four of the suspects were male; two were female. Three of the suspects were black. Three were Caucasian. The driver was identified in all six incidents.

Training issues identified

One-third of pursuits were determined to be outside of policy. A staff policy review was conducted. The policy was modified and distributed to all officers in February 2016.



Traffic crash and enforcement analysis

The traffic crash and enforcement analysis provides useful statistical information to aid in related decision making and resource allocation. Information is designed to be used for selective traffic enforcement to reduce traffic crashes within the City of New Smyrna Beach.

Statistical data

During 2015, there were 684 traffic crashes within the City of New Smyrna Beach for an average of 57 per month. In 2014, there were 724 traffic crashes for a monthly average of 60. Overall, traffic crashes decreased nearly six percent in 2015.

Types of crashes		
Head on	6	0.9%
Rear end	226	33%
Angle	55	8%
Left turn	74	11%
Right turn	6	0.9%
Sideswipe	52	8%
Rollover	1	0.1%
Off road	74	11%
Bicycle	7	1%
Pedestrian	5	0.7%
Other or unknown	178	26%*

*Crash type is based on the value(s) of one or more of the following: first harmful event, manner of collision/impact, number of vehicles, vehicle maneuver action, vehicle direction of travel and vehicle area of initial impact. In calculating crash type, only the first two vehicles are considered. As a result, 26 percent of all crashes are listed above as “other or unknown.” Database information continually is updated. Planned upgrades and expanded capabilities will enable more in-depth data analysis in the future.

Crash severity

Twenty-nine percent of all traffic crashes resulted in injuries — a decrease of four percent since 2014. Traffic fatalities also decreased 44 percent from nine in 2014 to five in 2015.

Crash severity		
Property damage only	485	71%
Injury crashes	195	29%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> incapacitating 	15	8% of injury crashes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fatal 	5	3% of injury crashes



Reported traffic crashes resulted in an estimated \$76,885 in property damage and an estimated \$2,803,889 in vehicle damage.

Top-ranked crash locations

Intersections were the most frequent location of all traffic crashes. They accounted for 261 of all crashes or 38 percent – an increase from 25 percent in 2014.



Fifty-five percent of traffic crashes involved male drivers.

Female drivers accounted for 45 percent of traffic crashes.

Rank	Location of intersection crashes	2014 crashes	2015 crashes
1	SR 44 / Wallace Rd./ Mission Dr.	11	21
2	N. Dixie Freeway / Wayne Av.	9	19
3	SR 44 / I-95 Interchange	7	15
4	S. Dixie Freeway / 10 th St.	4	14
5	N. Dixie Freeway / Washington St.	10	12
T6	Dixie Freeway / Canal St.	10	11
T6	SR 44 / Glencoe Rd.	9	11
T7	3 rd . Av. / Saxon / Horton	11	9
T7	Lytle Av. / Palmetto St.	8	9
T8	Lytle Av. / Live Oak St.	6	8
T8	SR 44 / Eddie Rd.	9	8
T8	SR 44 / Airport Rd.	9	8
T8	SR 44 / Ellison Av.	3	8
T8	Washington St. / N. Orange St.	7	8
T8	Flagler Av. / Buenos Aires St.	7	8
9	S. Dixie Freeway / Smith St.	1	7
10	S. Atlantic Av. / 27 th Av.	5	7

Day and time of traffic crash			
Day of week	Crashes	0600 - 1800	1800 - 0600
Monday	85 (12%)	69 (81%)	16 (19%)
Tuesday	79 (11%)	68 (86%)	11 (14%)
Wednesday	87 (13%)	68 (78%)	19 (22%)
Thursday	106 (16%)	81 (76%)	25 (24%)
Friday	127 (19%)	84 (66%)	43 (34%)
Saturday	115 (17%)	71 (62%)	44 (36%)
Sunday	85 (12%)	57 (67%)	28 (33%)
Totals	684	498	186

Traffic crashes by month in 2015			
January	74	July	65
February	54	August	44
March	56	September	28
April	77	October	49
May	60	November	59
June	63	December	55

Traffic crashes by driver age			
Age of driver	Number of crashes	Age of driver	Number of crashes
15 - 19	101	50 - 54	81
20 - 24	123	55 - 59	84
25 - 29	91	60 - 64	83
30 - 34	89	65 - 69	77
35 - 39	69	70 - 74	48
40 - 44	71	75 - 79	38
45 - 49	88	Over 80	62

Uniform traffic citations issued		
Careless driving	188	39%
Failed to yield right of way	94	20%
Failed to obey traffic control device	2	0.4%
Unlawful / unsafe speed	1	0.2%
Ran red light or stop sign	3	0.6%
DUI	23	5%
All other citations issued in conjunction to accident investigations	173	36%

Uniform traffic citation violation	Number	Percentage
Unlawful speed	233	13%
Seat belt not worn	202	11%
Driving while license suspended	327	18%
Expired tag or registration	116	7%
Ran stop sign; steady red light	28	2%
No proof of insurance	135	8%
Careless driving	117	7%
Driver license not carried	27	2%
Driving with unsafe equipment	5	0.3%
Failure to yield	44	3%
No valid driver license	25	1.5%
Driving under the influence (DUI) 97 arrests	125	7%
All other violations	396	22%



Traffic enforcement

New Smyrna Beach police officers issued 484 uniform traffic citations as a result of 684 reported traffic crashes.



During 2015, officers issued 1,780 uniform traffic citations and 2,850 written warnings.

Year-over-year comparison

In 2015, New Smyrna Beach Police Officers issued 2,850 written traffic warning citations compared to 1,780 UTCs. Officers issued written traffic warnings 62 percent of the time. Of the total combined traffic citations, 85 percent were issued to whites, with 64 percent being males.

In comparison, during 2014 New Smyrna Beach Police Officers issued 3,743 written traffic warning citations compared to 1,751 UTCs. Officers issued written traffic warnings 68 percent of the time during 2014. Of the total combined traffic citations, 91 percent of citations were issued to whites, with 65 percent being males.

Overall, during CY-2015 uniform traffic citations increased 1.6 percent, while written traffic warning citations decreased 24 percent from 2014.

Uniform traffic citations issued by race	Number	Percentage
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	.05%
Asian/Pacific Islander	9	0.5%
Black	143	8%
Hispanic	68	4%
White	1,514	85%
Unknown	45	3%
Uniform traffic citations issued by gender	Number	Percentage
Male	1,179	66%
Female	601	34%

Written warning traffic citations - issued by race	Number	Percentage
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	26	1%
Black	262	9%
Hispanic	119	4%
White	2,417	85%
Unknown	26	1%
Written warning traffic citations - issued by gender	Number	Percentage
Male	1,762	62%
Female	1,088	38%

Parking enforcement

New to this report for 2015 is statistical information regarding parking enforcement citations. Beginning in October 2015, the City of New Smyrna Beach adopted a "Pay to Park" system using automated pay station kiosks in four beachfront parking areas – Flagler Avenue, Beachfront Park, Esther Street Beachfront Park, North Beach Community Park and 27th Avenue Beachfront Park. The City also hired three parking enforcement specialists to assist the department with enforcement of all City parking-related ordinances.

Parking enforcement citations issued 2015	Number	Percentage
Off - street metered parking	674	30%
Parking where restricted by signs	356	16%
Parking alongside yellow curb	75	3%
Blocking a driveway	4	0.2%
Parking within 15' of a fire hydrant	19	.8%
Parking within 30' of a stop sign	18	.8%
Parking where prohibited by signs	499	22%
Parking within 20' of a crosswalk	2	0.1%
Parking any place official signs prohibit	43	2%
Parking on a sidewalk	69	3%
Obstructing traffic – leaving less than 8' travel lane	69	3%
Handicapped parking violation	90	4%
Parked wrong direction/opposing traffic	157	7%
Boat trailer only parking violation	149	7%

*Combined parking enforcement efforts of NSBPD officers and parking enforcement specialists as reported in the Parking Enforcement Operator Management Program software and hand written parking citations.

Citizen response questionnaire program

The agency uses a citizen response questionnaire in an effort to study the satisfaction of victims who report criminal activity. Each month questionnaires are mailed to a random sampling of people who have filed a police report with the agency. The responses received assist the agency with quality control of our practices. During 2015, the 42 questionnaires returned indicated a 100-percent satisfaction of the level of service provided to the victim during the police contact.

Forfeitures

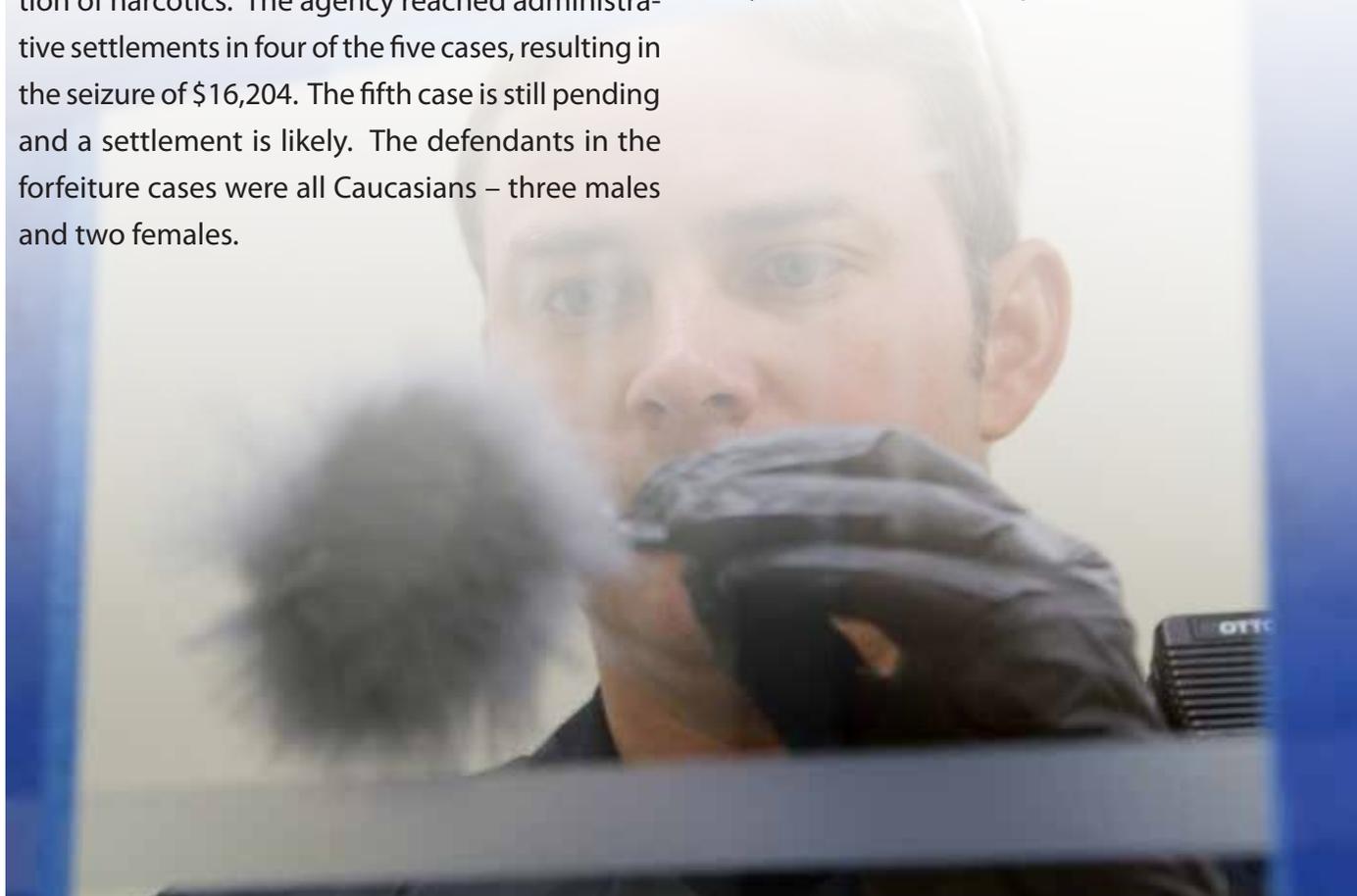
During five arrests, the agency seized property and/or vehicles used in the commission of felony crimes. The crimes involved an attempted homicide, a home invasion robbery, and the sale and distribution of narcotics. The agency reached administrative settlements in four of the five cases, resulting in the seizure of \$16,204. The fifth case is still pending and a settlement is likely. The defendants in the forfeiture cases were all Caucasians – three males and two females.

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 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. Crime scene processing is not an issue within the New Smyrna Beach Police Department.



Training

During 2015, the New Smyrna Beach Police Department focused on providing hands on and in-house training to officers.

Officers are able to receive more realistic training via the newly improved Ti Training Lab. The Ti Training Lab is an interactive use of force and firearms simulation system that incorporates the latest technology into the training environment. Officers are now trained using simunition weapons. These weapons and ammunition are non-lethal instruments that allow officers to experience a more realistic training environment.

Officers work with Police One training, which can be logged into 24/7 and provides access to over 170 hours of specialized on-line training. This ensures our officers have the most recent training and information available at all times. Officers received over 200 hours of training through Police One in 2015.

Officers received over 3,900 hours of all training combined. K-9 officers and their partners received approximately 624 hours. The police department's Special Weapons and Tactics team received 192 hours of training.

New police officers/new hires

In 2015, the City of New Smyrna Beach hired a new police chief, eight police officers and three parking ambassadors. They are:

- ★ Police Chief Mike Coffin
- ★ Officer Bradley Watson
- ★ Officer Jessica Fowler
- ★ Officer Tyson Coppola
- ★ Officer Colton Thorsell
- ★ Officer Patrick Schill
- ★ Officer Corrie Rogers
- ★ Officer Josh Calverley
- ★ Officer Dillon Kuhbander

Parking ambassadors:

- ★ Ernest Yarborough
- ★ Ingrid Ives
- ★ John Dwyer



Community involvement

DARE program

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 classes at New Smyrna Beach High School.

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

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

25th annual 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. Through its annual Christmas Cheer initiative, the New Smyrna Beach Police Department helped bring Christmas to nearly 150 children in 2015.

The department collected donated toys, non-perishable food and clothing at several locations within the city. Donations were distributed to families throughout Southeast Volusia County. Requests for assistance were received daily from families, as well as, police officers who identified a need while working in the community.

To help raise funds, department commanders took pies in the face from City staff – for a \$15 donation. The \$519 dollars raised was used to purchase additional toys, clothing and food.

For the past 26 years, the New Smyrna Beach Police Department has provided assistance to Southeast Volusia families in need through Operation Christmas Cheer. East Coast Cruisers, Dunkin Donuts and the Bouchelle Island homeowners partnered with the department to help make this program a huge success.



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



Police Athletic League



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.



The PAL program is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is supported by citizen board members and overseen by a New Smyrna Beach Police Department investigator. New Smyrna Beach PAL directly impacts more than 500 youth and offers safe activities and programs designed to instill positive values, character and leadership skills.

PAL activities and programs	Number of participants 2015
Basketball league	146
Youth leadership program	17
Wrestling/karate	30
Agriculture	10
Cheerleading/gymnastics	20
Track and field	41
Cooking/crochet/photography	22
Hot shot competition	48
Tennis	11
Heritage dancers	37
Senior Thanksgiving lunch	125

Hangar Hootenanny benefits PAL

Sounds of contemporary country music and southern rock filled a hangar at the New Smyrna Beach Airport in November 2015. The New Smyrna Beach Police Athletic League (PAL) hosted Hangar Hootenanny 2015, a country-themed fundraiser, on November 7 in New Smyrna Beach.

The Hootenanny featured live music by the band Saloonatix, dancing, barbecue, food, corn hole games, mechanical bull rides and silent and live auctions.

Presented by Sharon M. Adams and St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church, the event's more than \$56,700 in 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 these programs. Students range in age from 7-17.

Commendations & awards



2015 Awards ceremony

During the 2015 agency awards ceremony, 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.

- Citizen Service Awards were provided to Thomas Martin and Andrew Davis.
- Sixteen New Smyrna Beach Police Department volunteers were recognized for their dedicated service to the community and agency.
- Years of Service awards were presented to four employees.
- Safe Driver awards were presented to six employees.
- Educational Achievement awards were presented to two employees.
- Commendation certificates were presented to 13 recipients for an accomplishment, feat or act that brought distinction and honor to themselves and the agency.
- Good Conduct medals were awarded to two employees who received three consecutive "exceeds expectations" evaluations without receiving any corrective action reports.
- Meritorious Service medals were awarded to two 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.



Volunteer of the year:

Linda "Pepper" Mitchell

Civilian Employee of the Year:

Bill Bennett

Police Officer of the Year:

Officer John Eichhorn

Supervisor of the Year:

Sergeant Valerie Joyce

2015 retirements

- Sergeant Eugene Griffith retired on January 30 with 24 years of service.
- Investigator Christopher Salomone retired on June 30 with 20 years of service.
- Investigator Richard Roberts retired on September 30 with 22 years of service.



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Interim Police Chief Donna Lavallee accepts the agency's accreditation plaque from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement.

CFA Accreditation

In February 2015, the New Smyrna Beach Police Department earned accredited status by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). Accredited agencies must stay in compliance with the standards set forth by the Commission in order to retain its accreditation.

According to the CFA, "The morale of the agency is enhanced by increasing the employees' confidence in the effectiveness and efficiency of their own agency. Operations become more streamlined and consistent. Accreditation standards address officer safety issues and provide for adequate training and equipment of the officers. Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence." Members of the New Smyrna Beach Police Department take pride in their agency, knowing that it represents the very best in law enforcement.



