

2022

CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS
POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Winter Springs Police Department is to enhance the quality of life throughout the City of Winter Springs by working cooperatively with all of our citizens to preserve the peace, enforce the law, reduce the perception of fear, and provide for a safe and caring environment.

VISION

The members of the Winter Springs Police Department are committed to excellence in our work. We embrace public service, anticipate changing needs, and respect diversity. In our partnership with the community, we have forged the future. We inspire integrity, pride, trust, and respect within our organization. Employees are encouraged to get involved through creativity as a source for new ideas to continually offer the best possible service.

As stewards of community resources, we accept the opportunities and challenges of technological advances, evolving demographics, urbanization, revitalization, and the changing role of Law Enforcement. We commit ourselves to these guiding principles: providing superior service, valuing our workforce, respecting diversity, communicating openly and consistently, and building community partnerships through involvement and education.

EXCELLENCE • INTEGRITY • INNOVATION • RESPECT



WINTER SPRINGS MAYOR & COMMISSION



KEVIN MCCANN
MAYOR



ROB ELLIOTT
DEPUTY MAYOR



MATT BENTON
COMMISSIONER



VICTORIA COLANGELO
COMMISSIONER



TED JOHNSON
COMMISSIONER



CADE RESNICK
COMMISSIONER

THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS IS LOCATED IN CENTRAL FLORIDA TEN MINUTES NORTH OF ORLANDO AND IS APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN SQUARE MILES. OUR RESIDENT POPULATION IS ABOUT 39,000 WITH THOUSANDS MORE TRANSIENT VISITORS AND THOSE MAKING WINTER SPRINGS THE BASE FOR THEIR BUSINESSES COMMUTING HERE DAILY.

WINTER SPRINGS IS DESCRIBED AS A “BEDROOM COMMUNITY” SINCE OUR COMPOSITION IS OVER 85% RESIDENTIALLY BASED, HOWEVER, THE CITY HAS TAKEN GREAT STRIDES TO DEVELOP OUR COMMERCIAL BASE TO ACCOMMODATE THE GROWTH AND FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE CITY. THROUGH AN ONGOING EFFORT WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY, THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE MOST DESIRABLE CITIES IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK.



WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF



MATT TRACHT
CHIEF



KEVIN PRESLEY
CAPTAIN



NICK ROMANO
CAPTAIN



DOUG SEELY
CAPTAIN



BRAD HEATH
LIEUTENANT



KEITH WHITMORE
LIEUTENANT



BILL MAYHUGH
LIEUTENANT



AARON WILKINS
LIEUTENANT

PERSONNEL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Ofc. A. Jones

INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Sgt. M. Scovel

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

Kelly Davis



The Life Saving Award is awarded when the actions of an employee are responsible for saving a human life or when the actions of the employee prolonged a human life to the extent where the person was released to the care of medical authorities, even if the person later expires.

Ofc. A. Jones

Ofc. L. Saccente

Ofc. C. Gomez



The Meritorious Action Award is awarded to any member for an exceptionally competent, credible act performed in the line of duty or for any accomplishment that brings recognition to the member, the department, and the City. This could be solving a major case, apprehensions for a crime in progress, etc.

Capt. N. Romano



The Unit Citation Award is issued to a distinguished division in recognition of outstanding performance and team oriented accomplishments.

Bravo Shift

Charlie Shift

Field Training Unit

Criminal Investigations Bureau



The Police Duty Medal is awarded to any sworn member who performs an act of outstanding police service which distinguishes the member beyond the routine call of duty.

Chief M. Tracht
Capt. N. Romano
Sgt. M. Scovel
Inv. J. Holcomb
Ofc. T. Ballew
Ofc. M. Hataway

Capt. K. Presley
Lt. A Wilkins
Inv. T. Fugate
Inv. D. Raney
Ofc. M. Sims
Ofc. A. Jones

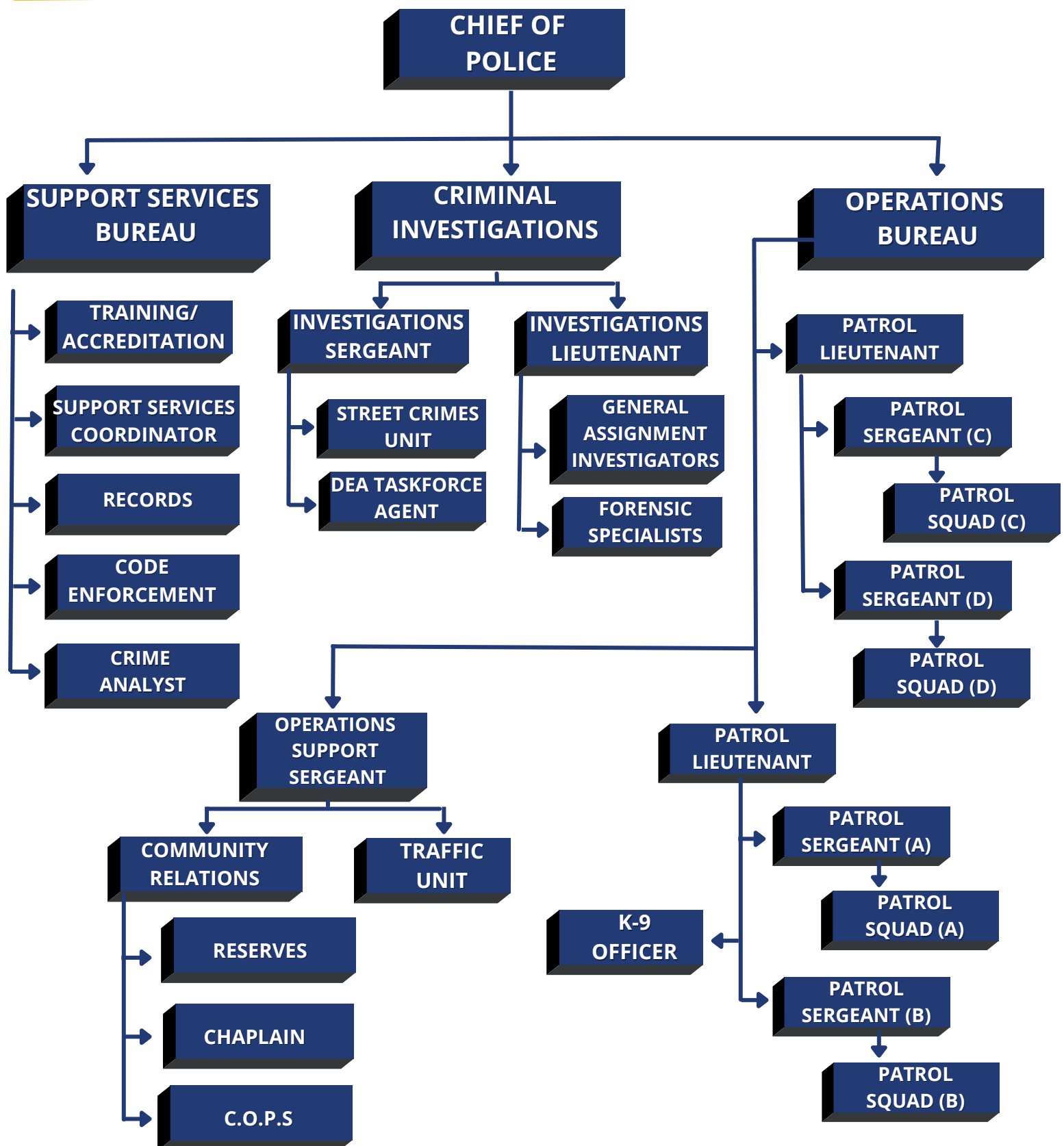
Capt. D. Seely
Sgt. P. Donovan
Inv. C. Montana
Inv. K. Harrop
Ofc. S. Schmidt
Ofc. J. Eloie



The Administrative Excellence Award is awarded to any sworn or civilian employee for non-routine conduct of administrative nature which surpasses the assigned responsibilities of the position.

Phoebe Nolette

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

The Professional Standards Unit helps maintain the trust of our community by assisting the staff with monitoring professional accountability and compliance by our members to state law, departmental policies, and our agency core values. This trust is critical to the success of our police department and is a vital tool used to fight crime and reduce fear in the community. The Internal Affairs Unit thoroughly investigates complaints of officer misconduct, reviews policy and procedures, and the proper use of defensive action by our personnel.

USE OF DEFENSIVE ACTION SUMMARY

During 2022, officers found themselves in 12 situations that required them to respond with defensive action. These cases are all thoroughly reviewed, and all instances were found to be in compliance with department policies.

PERSONNEL AND BUDGET



- 1 CHIEF
- 3 CAPTAINS
- 4 LIEUTENANTS
- 6 SERGENTS
- 41 OFFICERS
- 8 CIVILIAN
- 1 RESERVE OFFICER
- 6 VOLUNTEERS

STAFF
RECRUITED IN
2022

16

\$5,896,265
Salaries

\$1,166,535
Operations

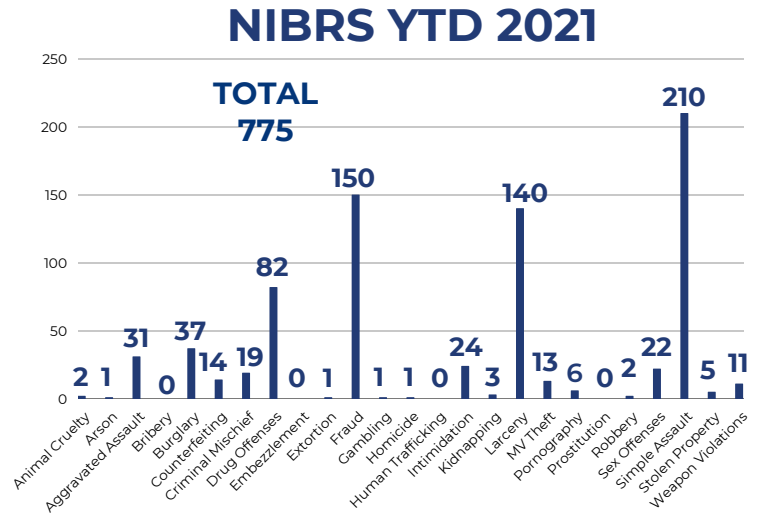
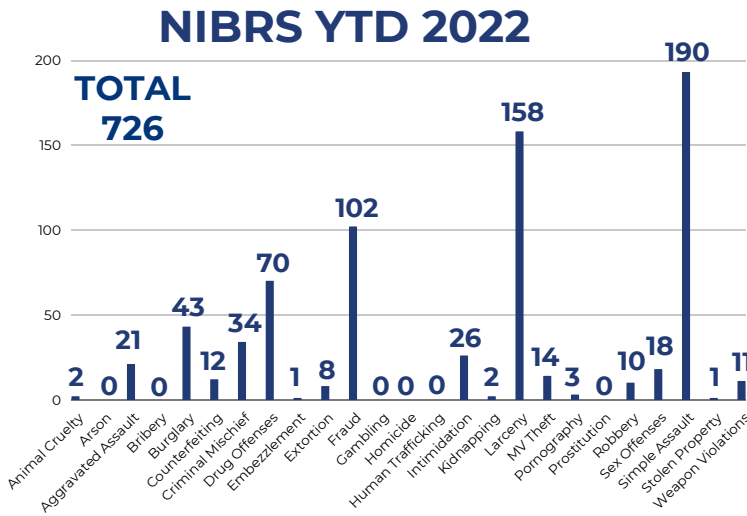
BUDGET

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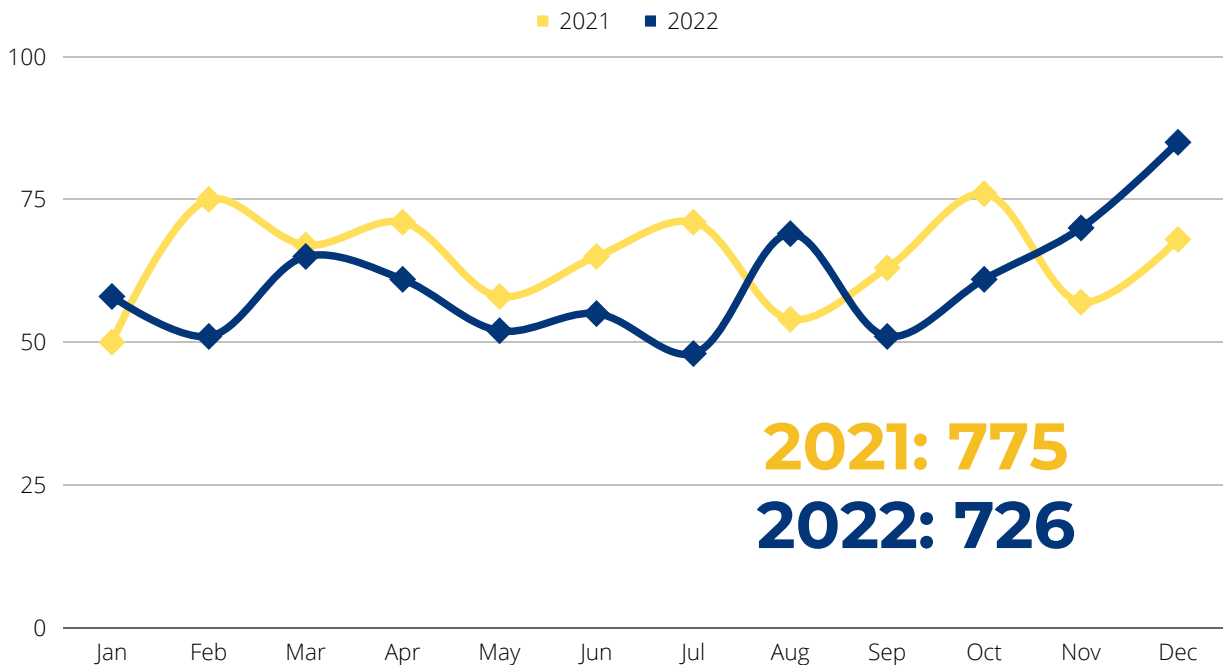
NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

Implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes.



YTD NIBRS COMPARISON



OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau of the Police Department has several components encompassing the Patrol Division, Operations Support Division, and Community Relations Division.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division personnel are deployed strategically to cover all six zones within the city. We aim to exceed our citizens' expectations and provide the highest quality of law enforcement on every call. The primary responsibilities are to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. In addition to responding to dispatch calls for service, officers conduct self-initiated activities such as traffic stops and patrolling neighborhoods they are assigned.

The professional men and women of the Winter Springs Police Department's Patrol Division do not limit their duties to crime prevention and traffic enforcement: officers routinely work with the community to help solve problems and maintain the peace. They also serve as first responders to medical emergencies, aiding sick or injured persons. Patrol Officers strive to build partnerships with those we serve.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT DIVISION

The Operations Support Division comprises Reserve Officers, the Training Division, the Community Relations Division, and our civilian volunteer programs, including the Citizens On Patrol, Volunteers In Policing, and Chaplain programs. Members assigned to this division are available to assist Operations personnel with enhancing the quality services we provide to the community. Come on out and join us for one of our many community events!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION

The Community Relations Division is responsible for initiatives designed to help promote and foster relationships with our community. During the year, they participate in several events ranging from Coffee with a Cop, HOA meetings, community involvement programs, and special events.

Community Relations personnel also manages the Explorer Post #708 program to engage young adults in activities that promote their law enforcement interests; the Shield 360 program that encompasses many of the crime prevention programs we offer to our residential and business community; and our Citizen's Advisory Committee that meets monthly to discuss ideas, problems, and solutions to keep our community strong.

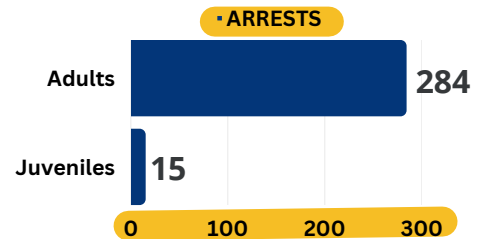
OPERATIONS BUREAU

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

115,496

TOTAL ARRESTS

299



AVG EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME

3:09

AVG NON-EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME

5:29

TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS

9,617

TOTAL CITATIONS

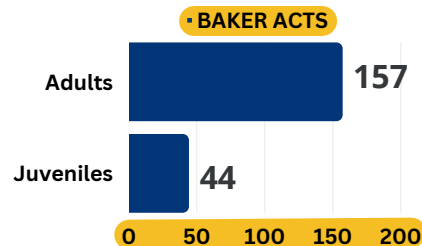
3,596

TOTAL WRITTEN WARNINGS

5,605

TOTAL BAKER ACTS

201



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

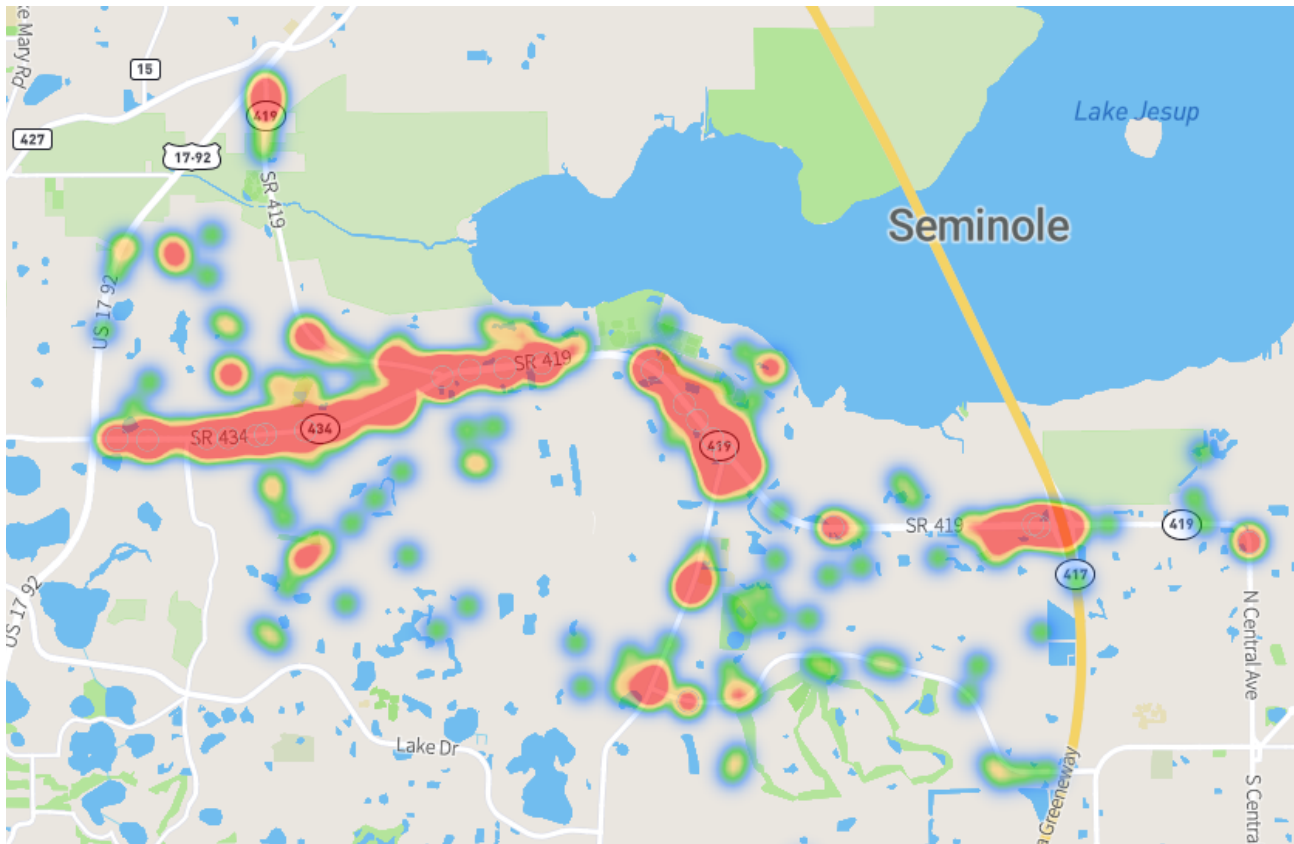
COMMUNITY MEETINGS/EVENTS 20

C.O.P. VOLUNTEER HOURS 142.5

RESERVE HOURS 8.5

OPERATIONS BUREAU

2022 CRASHES



TOTAL VEHICLE
CRASHES

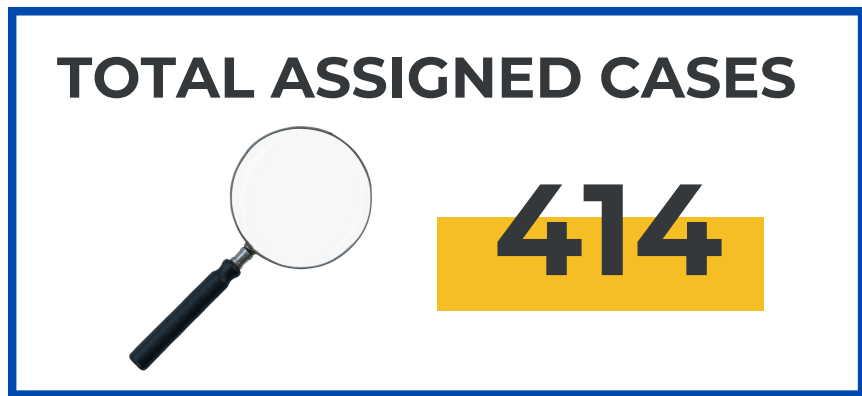
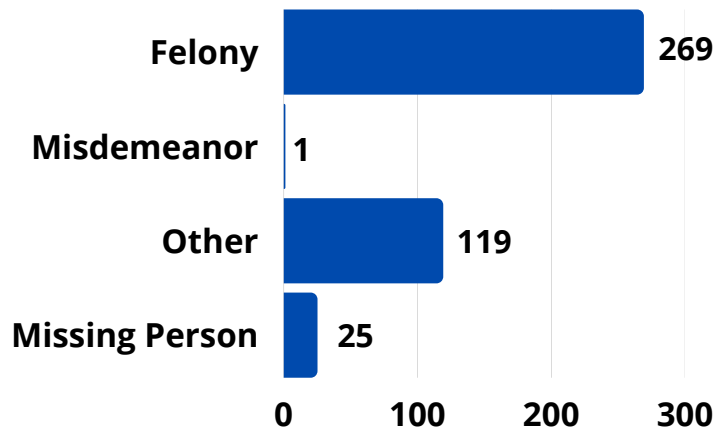
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A significant percentage of all car crashes occur at intersections. There are a variety of reasons why. Distracted driving (i.e., drivers not noticing their light has turned red), aggressive driving (i.e., drivers running red lights), and inattentive driving (i.e., turning in front of oncoming traffic without looking) are all common factors—and these are just a few of numerous examples.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

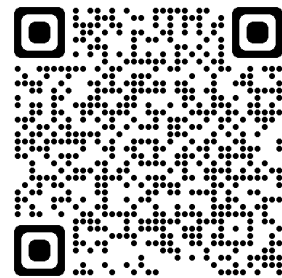
The Criminal Investigations Bureau is responsible for Crime Scene and Property and Evidence and conducting criminal investigations of crimes occurring within the jurisdiction of the City of Winter Springs. Investigators are trained to investigate a wide range of crimes, including homicide, robbery, assaults, sex crimes, domestic violence, theft, burglary, fraud, vandalism, juvenile offenses, motor vehicle theft, missing persons, and any other felonies and serious misdemeanor cases.

TYPES OF CASES



VICTIM RIGHTS BROCHURE

Know your rights if you become a victim of a crime. Scan the QR code to go directly to our 2022 Victims Rights Brochure for more information.



CRIMELINE - ANONYMOUS REPORTING

CrimeLine's mission is to increase the safety of the Central Florida community by assisting law enforcement agencies in removing undesirable individuals from the community. If you have information about a felony crime, then you need to call CrimeLine at 800-423- TIPS (8477).



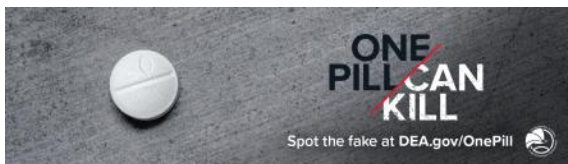
CRIME SCENE PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

Technical Services and Property & Evidence Divisions provide a host of in-house services, including laboratory processing of evidence, inventory, and control of the department's property and evidence storage room, crime scene processing, evidence collection, and quartermaster functions. This highly trained personnel are critical to the mission of the agency and provide a level of service that ranks among the highest in the area.



OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

A drug amnesty dropbox has been placed in the lobby of the Winter Springs Police Department which will allow you to drop off any unwanted medications 24 hours a day 7 days a week with no questions asked. This will provide an opportunity for the citizens to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for proper destruction. These types of drugs are a potential risk to public health and safety and the police department is committed to the safe disposal of these drugs.



ONE PILL CAN KILL

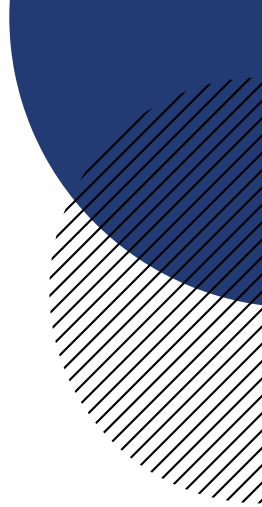
DEA Laboratory Testing Reveals that 6 out of 10 Fentanyl-Laced Fake Prescription Pills Now Contain a Potentially Lethal Dose of Fentanyl

The DEA Laboratory has found that, of the fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills analyzed in 2022, six out of ten now contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl. This is an increase from DEA's previous announcement in 2021 that four out of ten fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills were found to contain a potentially lethal dose.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO YOU!

If the Winter Springs Police Department is holding property that belongs to you please contact our bureau directly Monday-Friday 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. An appointment is necessary to obtain property from our Property and Evidence Section. You may reach us directly at (407) 327-7961 or (407) 327-7969.

SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement division is responsible for enforcing the City Ordinances. This division aims to work with the community to keep unkempt, unsightly areas from negatively impacting the city's property values and preserve the sense of community that makes Winter Springs the desirable area it is.

CODE BOARD HEARINGS

40

LITTERING VIOLATIONS

83

SIGNS REMOVED FROM RIGHT OF WAY

1,999

TOTAL CASES INVESTIGATED

3,455

TOTAL RECORDS PROCESSED

18,377

RECORDS REQUESTS PROCESSED

1,061

TOTAL CITIZENS FINGERPRINTED

234

RECORDS

The Records Division is responsible for the management and processing of all police reports, public record requests, and fingerprinting. Records staff are often the first face you see when visiting the police department.

BUSINESS ALARM REGISTRATION

Scan the below QR for the Business Alarm Registration program allows police to contact business owners after normal business hours for any issues that may arise at the place of business.



HOUSE CHECK

Going out of town soon? Scan the House Check Request QR to request an officer to stop by and check on your home while you're away.



BUSINESS WATCH

Scan the above QR code for the Business Watch program to receive an in-person consultation from WSPD to teach you and your staff about crimes, suspicious activity and inspect for vulnerabilities.

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022

K-9 Training



SHOW WITH A COP



Hometown Harvest
2022



IN MEMORY



Bob Henderson 1937-2022

Since 2010, Bob has proudly served in our COP program. Bob was an instrumental member of our COP program as he was one of the founding members that got this program kicked off. Additionally, he was a graduate of our inaugural Citizens Police Academy. His passion and support for this police department were second to none. He was heavily involved within the Highlands Community and volunteered on various city boards. Bob always enjoyed attending the police department's monthly Citizen Advisory Committee meetings. Bob was well-known throughout the city and will surely be missed.

The police department will miss seeing you walking the halls.



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