



# 2024

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# ANNUAL REPORT



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# CORE VALUES

**INTEGRITY**

**SERVICE**

**FAIRNESS & EQUITY**

**COMMITMENT TO QUALITY**

The **mission** of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is to serve, protect, and defend the community while preserving the rights and dignity of all.

The **vision** of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is to provide effective, efficient, and professional law enforcement, detention, and court services while maintaining the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and community service.



*A veteran law enforcement officer, Sheriff Chad Chronister has served with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office for the past 32 years. He has a Bachelor and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy's 260th Session.*

*He became the top law enforcement officer in Hillsborough County on September 30, 2017, upon his appointment by Governor Rick Scott, and re-elected three times by the citizens of Hillsborough County.*

*Sheriff Chronister has exemplified service above self, reduced crime, has remained focused on community policing, and furthering a culture of diversity and inclusion at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.*

*For these efforts and many others, he has received numerous commendations and awards:*

- Sheriff's Indian Advisory Council 2024 Community Ambassador Award*
- PACE Center for Girls 2024 Journey to Success Honoree*
- Inaugural Crisis Center of Tampa Bay Compassion Champion Award*

Dear **Hillsborough County** Residents,

As we reflect on the events of 2024, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication of every member of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. This year presented unique challenges, from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton to the ongoing demands of maintaining public safety in a rapidly growing community. Despite these hurdles, our agency demonstrated exceptional resilience and a steadfast commitment to serving our community.

One of our primary goals remains the reduction of crime within our county. Through strategic initiatives, community partnerships, and proactive policing, we have made significant strides in this area, resulting in an overall **12.24%** crime reduction.

The back-to-back hurricanes that ravaged our community tested our resolve and resources. However, our deputies and staff rose to the occasion, providing critical support and assistance to those in need despite facing their own adversity. From search and rescue operations to disaster relief efforts, HCSO personnel were at the forefront, embodying the true spirit of service.

To effectively address the evolving challenges of law enforcement, we have invested heavily in cutting-edge technology. Our deputies are equipped with the latest tools and training to enhance their ability to respond to emergencies, investigate crimes, rehabilitate inmates, and safeguard our community. This commitment to technological innovation ensures that HCSO remains at the forefront of modern policing.

As we embark on 2025, we remain dedicated to our mission of serving and protecting Hillsborough County. We will continue to prioritize crime reduction, community engagement, and deputy well-being. By working together, we can build an even safer and more prosperous future for our county.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Chronister'.

Chad Chronister, Sheriff  
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

- Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award
- Housing and Education Alliance HEART for the Homeless Award
- NAACP Walter Moses Burton Unsung Hero Award
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Memorial Commemoration Committee's Robert W. Saunders Award for Distinguished Community Service in the furtherance of Human Rights
- Tampa Bay LGBT Chamber President's Award
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay's Hispanic Prestige Award
- Inaugural Sheriff's Hispanic Advisory Council Spirit of Community Award
- Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Citizen Award
- University of South Florida President's Fellow Medallion
- Brandon Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Award
- Junior Achievement of Tampa Bay Spirit of Achievement Award
- Sheriff's Indian Advisory Council Indian Cultural Prestige Award
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay Great Futures Honoree

*He is Co-Chairman of the Regional Domestic Security Task Force for Region IV Tampa Bay, Council Member of the Florida Attorney General's Statewide Council on Human Trafficking and former Chairman of the Criminal Justice Sub-Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Hillsborough County Public Safety Coordinating Council, Vice-Chairman of Hillsborough County Public Schools Citizen Oversight Committee, and appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Florida Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council.*

*Sheriff Chronister values partnerships, community outreach, training, and professionalism. He remains dedicated to advancing the Sheriff's Office with a commitment to implementing technology advancements to better serve the public and keep deputies safe.*

*He praises his family, faith and grandfather, a World War II decorated Marine, for instilling his passion and selfless service for others. Sheriff Chronister is married to Nikki DeBartolo, has two sons, and credits his success to their love, sacrifice and support.*

*Biography as of December 2024*



**“ LAW ENFORCEMENT IS A CALLING, BUT TRUE SUCCESS COMES FROM A DEEP DESIRE TO SERVE AND LEND A HELPING HAND. ”**

**SHERIFF  
CHAD CHRONISTER**



# ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS



## PATROL SERVICES



## INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES



## DETENTION SERVICES



# 2024 COMMAND



## SUPPORT OPERATIONS



## OPERATIONAL SUPPORT



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



## SUPPORT SERVICES



## **CHIEF DEPUTY JOSEPH MAURER**

**ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS**  
PATROL SERVICES  
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES  
DETENTION SERVICES

**“ EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF TEAMHCSO PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN OUR MISSION. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT, PROFESSIONALISM, AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY WE ARE PROUD TO CALL HOME. ”**

Chief Deputy Joseph Maurer began his career with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office in 2007. He has served in many areas of the Sheriff’s Office including Patrol, Street Crimes, Criminal Investigations Division and Professional Standards Section. Chief Deputy Maurer has served in supervisory roles including Field Training Supervisor, Professional Standards Section, District Patrol Shift Commander, the Tampa Bay Regional Intelligence Center, Deputy District Commander, Special Investigations Division Commander and the Colonel of the Department of Patrol Services.

Chief Deputy Maurer is a combat veteran of the United States Army, where he served as a Non-Commissioned Officer and Officer in the Infantry and Intelligence Branches. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Economic Crime and Fraud Management from Utica College. Chief Deputy Maurer is a Doctoral Candidate of Public Administration at California Baptist University. Additionally, Chief Deputy Maurer is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum’s Senior Management Institute for Police 93rd Session.

Chief Deputy Maurer is proud of his Hispanic heritage and is fluent in the Spanish language. Chief Deputy Maurer and his wife Indira have five children.

Dear **Hillsborough County** Community,

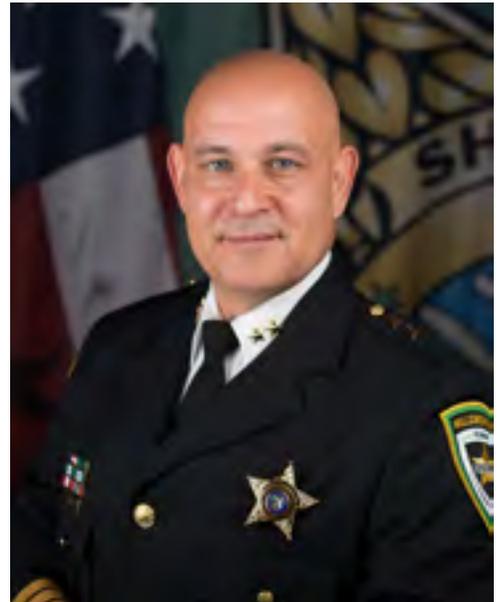
As we move forward into 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the tremendous progress our community made in 2024 and the role the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has played in ensuring safety, security, and peace of mind for all who call this county home.

Hillsborough County is a vibrant, rapidly growing community, and with this growth comes the responsibility of maintaining public safety while adapting to new challenges. Thanks to the tireless dedication of the men and women under Enforcement Operations—encompassing the Department of Detention Services, the Department of Investigative Services, and the Department of Patrol Services—we are proud to share that the county's crime rate decreased by an impressive 12.24% last year. This remarkable achievement is a reflection of the commitment of our deputies, detectives, and support teams.

The Department of Patrol Services has been at the forefront of our efforts, responding to more than **300,000 calls** for service in 2024. Their unwavering dedication ensures that our neighborhoods remain safe and that help is always just a call away.

In the Department of Detention Services, we celebrated the unveiling of the Julianne M. Holt New Beginnings Vocational Center. This innovative facility is not just a place of rehabilitation—it is a cornerstone of our commitment to providing individuals in our custody with the tools and skills needed to build brighter futures upon reentry into society.

The Department of Investigative Services has also seen significant advancements, including the launch of the Auto Theft Unit and the Interdiction and Criminal Apprehension Team (ICAT). These specialized teams have been instrumental in targeting criminal networks, recovering stolen property, and proactively addressing crime before it takes root.



The accomplishments highlighted here are only the tip of the iceberg. Behind every success, there is an incredible team of dedicated individuals who make it all possible. From the deputies on the front lines responding to calls and protecting our neighborhoods, to the staff working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure every detail is handled with precision, every single member of teamHCSO plays a vital role in our mission. I am deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment, professionalism, and service to the community we are proud to call home.

As we continue into 2025, Enforcement Operations will grow and evolve. Our focus remains on staying ahead of the curve by implementing cutting-edge strategies, fostering community partnerships, and leveraging technology to address emerging challenges. We will also invest in the resources to ensure our deputies and staff have the tools they need to succeed in keeping Hillsborough County safe.

To our residents: thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, we are building a safer, stronger community—one where families can thrive and businesses can flourish.

Sincerely,

Joseph Maurer, Chief Deputy of Enforcement Operations  
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office



## CHIEF DEPUTY THOMAS ST. JOHN

**SUPPORT OPERATIONS**  
LEGAL DIVISION  
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
SUPPORT SERVICES

**“ WE ARE FILLED WITH IMMENSE PRIDE AND GRATITUDE FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THIS AGENCY AND THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF OUR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COMMUNITY. ”**

*Chief Deputy St. John began his career in law enforcement in 1993, serving as a deputy with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office before joining the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in 1994.*

*Chief Deputy St. John has held numerous positions throughout his career, most of which were in covert and latent investigative capacities. He has been assigned to positions with street crimes, economic crimes, and special investigations.*

*Chief Deputy St. John has been a Field Training supervisor, Intelligence Unit detective/supervisor, Narcotics Section detective/supervisor, Community Outreach Division supervisor, and Professional Standards Section supervisor.*

*He is also a graduate of the 10th Executive Leadership Course with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute.*

*Chief Deputy St. John holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Leo University. He also serves on the executive board for HCSO Charities Inc. and is a board member for More Health Inc. A Massachusetts native and resident of Hillsborough County since 1981, he is married with four children.*



Dear **Hillsborough County** Community,

With 2024 behind us and 2025 already underway, it's important to celebrate the dedication, perseverance, and remarkable accomplishments of the men and women of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office throughout 2024. Together, we remained steadfast in our mission: to serve, protect, and defend our community while preserving the rights and dignity of all.

Each section of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office plays a critical role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. It is our shared mission that drives us forward, inspiring every member of HCSO to serve with integrity, professionalism, and compassion. It is through this collaboration and commitment that we are able to effectively serve Hillsborough County, making a lasting impact on the lives of those we are sworn to protect.

The work within the Department of Support Services extends into every corner of this agency. From our Communications Bureau handling **over a million calls** for service to our Forensic and Support Services teams managing critical evidence and delivering detailed analyses, their contributions have been invaluable in advancing investigations and ensuring justice.

The Department of Operational Support has also played a pivotal role this year. Our commitment to school safety led to the investigation of more than 200 threats, safeguarding students and staff alike. Through the Sheriff's Training Academy, hundreds of cadets were prepared to join the ranks as HCSO deputies, ensuring our community remains protected by well-trained professionals. Our Homeland Security Division continued to push the envelope with cutting-edge resources to aid in emergency responses, while our specialty units upheld their reputation as elite

teams, demonstrating unparalleled skill and readiness. In addition to protection, serving our community has been at the heart of our mission. The Community Outreach Division exemplified this during the storms that impacted our county, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with those in need. Their efforts extended far beyond the immediate response, giving back to our residents in meaningful ways that underscored the dual purpose of our agency—to protect and to serve.

None of this would be possible without the Department of Administrative Services. This team worked diligently behind the scenes, securing vital grants, negotiating a new insurance provider, and ensuring our agency operates with the most advanced and secure technology. Their efforts have equipped every division of HCSO with the tools needed to excel in their missions.

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for every member of this agency and the unwavering support of our Hillsborough County community. Each accomplishment represents countless hours of hard work, dedication, and a shared commitment to a safer, stronger, and more connected community. Sincerely,

Thomas St. John, Chief Deputy of Support Operations  
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

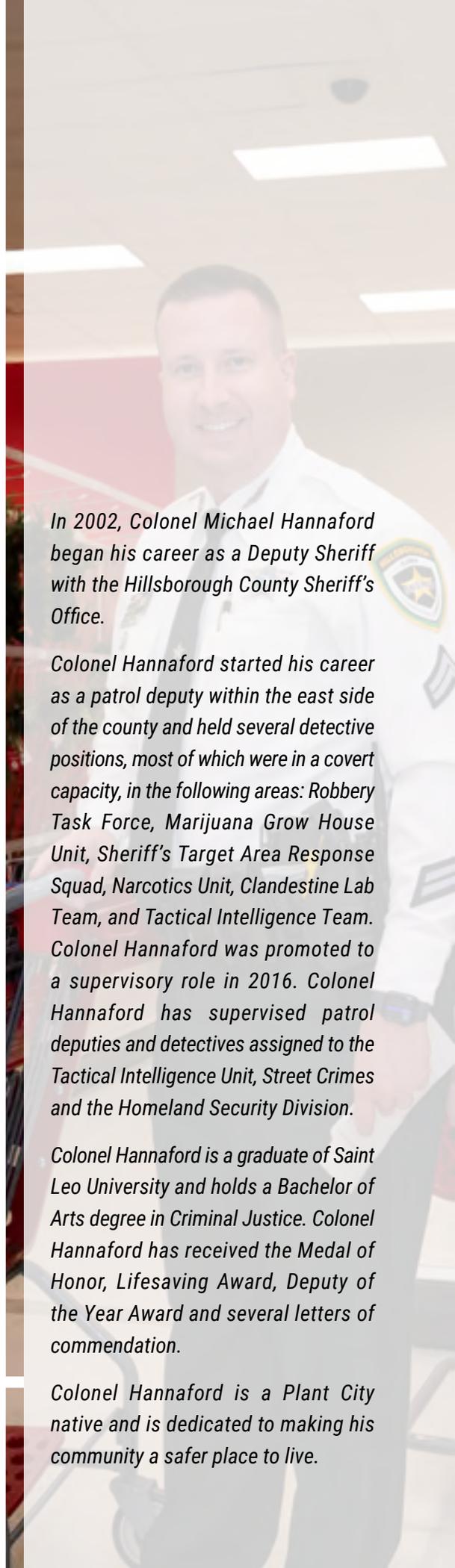


# COLONEL MICHAEL HANNAFORD

**“ THIS YEAR, OUR AGENCY FACED CHALLENGES THAT DEMANDED RESILIENCE, INNOVATION, AND A COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY. ”**

- PATROL SERVICES**
- DISTRICT I
- DISTRICT II
- DISTRICT III
- DISTRICT IV
- DISTRICT V

teamHCSO



*In 2002, Colonel Michael Hannaford began his career as a Deputy Sheriff with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.*

*Colonel Hannaford started his career as a patrol deputy within the east side of the county and held several detective positions, most of which were in a covert capacity, in the following areas: Robbery Task Force, Marijuana Grow House Unit, Sheriff's Target Area Response Squad, Narcotics Unit, Clandestine Lab Team, and Tactical Intelligence Team. Colonel Hannaford was promoted to a supervisory role in 2016. Colonel Hannaford has supervised patrol deputies and detectives assigned to the Tactical Intelligence Unit, Street Crimes and the Homeland Security Division.*

*Colonel Hannaford is a graduate of Saint Leo University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Colonel Hannaford has received the Medal of Honor, Lifesaving Award, Deputy of the Year Award and several letters of commendation.*

*Colonel Hannaford is a Plant City native and is dedicated to making his community a safer place to live.*



Dear **Hillsborough County** Community,

As I reflect on the work accomplished by the Department of Patrol Services in 2024, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the extraordinary efforts of our deputies, detectives, and support teams. This year, our agency faced challenges that demanded resilience, innovation, and a commitment to public safety. The following stories illustrate our personnel's dedication and the collective impact of their work across Hillsborough County.

In August, a call came into District 1 about a missing 90-year-old woman, Letty Cueva, who suffers from Alzheimer's. Our District 1 deputies acted quickly, coordinating with the HCSO Aviation Section to search the wooded areas and ponds surrounding her home. Their teamwork and swift response ensured the missing individual was found and rescued, returning her safely to her family. This life-saving effort underscores our commitment to protecting the most vulnerable in our community.

While District 1 showcased their quick action in life-saving rescues, District 2 concentrated on proactive measures to reduce violent crime throughout the year. Through targeted operations, investigators seized 111 firearms, helping to make eastern Hillsborough County a safer place for all. This steadfast effort speaks to the importance of eliminating threats before they can harm our citizens.

In District 3, deputies exemplified vigilance and decisiveness, responding to over 127,000 calls for service and achieving a **7.5%** reduction in crime. One incident, in particular, highlighted their effectiveness: a shooting outside a gentlemen's club led deputies to pursue and apprehend two suspects, recovering the weapon used in the crime. It's this level of dedication that continues to build trust and safety in our community.

The scope of our work isn't limited to patrols. In May, detectives in District 4 dismantled a sophisticated appliance theft ring that spanned multiple counties. By recovering

over \$100,000 worth of stolen goods and apprehending the suspects, our team brought justice to victims and disrupted a criminal enterprise. This achievement reflects the tenacity and thoroughness of our investigative teams.

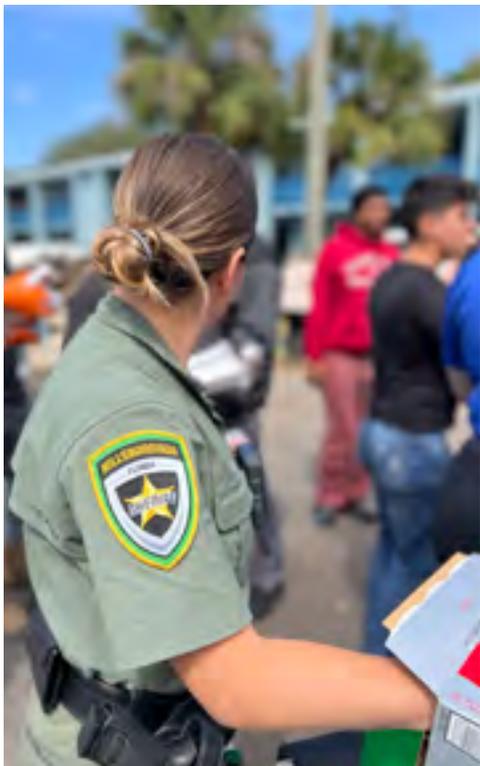
Meanwhile, in District 5, collaboration and technology played key roles in solving two armed robberies in a single day. Detectives connected the crimes through surveillance footage and Real Time Crime Center resources, leading to the swift arrest of the suspects. This case is a powerful example of how innovation and teamwork allow us to respond quickly and effectively to protect our citizens.

These examples are just a glimpse of the dedication and expertise demonstrated by our team this year. Whether responding to emergencies, dismantling criminal networks, or embracing new tools and techniques, the men and women of the Department of Patrol Services have consistently gone above and beyond. It is their commitment that ensures Hillsborough County remains a safe and thriving community.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Together, we look forward to another year of serving and protecting with honor.

Michael Hannaford, Colonel  
Department of Patrol Services

# PATROL SERVICES







**COLONEL  
NIKKI BOSLEY**

**“OUR WORK IS NOT JUST ABOUT ENFORCING THE LAW; IT’S ABOUT CREATING A SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITY.”**

**INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES**

- CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
- SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
- PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

*Colonel Nikki Bosley has devoted her career to serving Hillsborough County residents through her work at the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. A lifelong resident of Hillsborough County, she pursued her passion for public service at the University of South Florida, earning a bachelor’s degree in Criminology.*

*In 2007, she began her law enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff, later becoming a Field Training Deputy, helping shape and mentor new deputies. Her investigative skills led to her promotion to Detective, serving in District IV Investigations and Intelligence Units, where she served in complex cases and intelligence-driven operations.*

*In 2018, Colonel Bosley was promoted to a supervisory role, expanding her leadership across multiple divisions, including Districts I, IV, V, Special Investigations, and Professional Standards. Throughout her career, she has taken on assignments in Patrol, Field Training, Street Crimes, Investigations, and covert operations, gaining extensive experience in various aspects of law enforcement.*

*In 2023, she graduated from the National Public Safety Innovation Academy, further strengthening her leadership skills.*

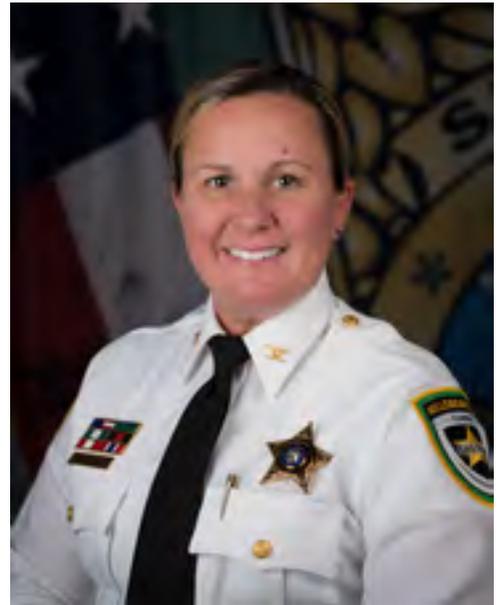
*Currently, Colonel Bosley serves as Commander for the Department of Investigative Services, overseeing critical operations, ensuring the highest standards of integrity, efficiency, and public safety. Her leadership drives excellence, reinforcing HCSO’s mission to serve and protect Hillsborough County residents.*

Dear **Hillsborough County** Community,

As we look back on the work done by the Department of Investigative Services, it is clear that the dedication and relentless effort of every team member have greatly enhanced the safety and well-being of our community. Each investigation, breakthrough, and collaboration is driven by HCSO's commitment to protecting and serving every resident of Hillsborough County.

In the Criminal Investigations Division, our team has worked tirelessly to solve cases, ranging from crimes against vulnerable community members to cold case homicides. Our detectives pursue justice for victims with determination, proving that no case is too challenging or too old. One significant case this year involving the illegal conveyance of diesel fuel highlighted the power of collaboration. Our detectives worked across multiple counties, utilizing advanced surveillance techniques to arrest a suspect who had stolen thousands of gallons of diesel fuel, demonstrating our dedication to stopping crime. The Cold Case Unit also achieved outstanding outcomes, particularly with the resolution of a nearly 30-year-old case, made possible by genetic genealogy testing, bringing closure to a grieving family. These efforts are more than solving cases; they're about restoring hope and giving families the answers they deserve.

The Special Investigations Division also achieved remarkable milestones this year. The creation of the Auto Theft Unit resulted in the recovery of stolen vehicles valued at over \$6 million and a **35%** reduction in auto thefts. Meanwhile, the Human Trafficking Section continues to save lives and arrest individuals involved in these horrific crimes. Their undercover operations to fight human trafficking, including child exploitation, have been instrumental in protecting vulnerable members of our community. Another significant achievement of this division was the launch of the Interdiction and Criminal Apprehension Team, which seizes illegal contraband and removes dangerous criminals from our streets. Additionally,



the Opioid Overdose Investigations Section has worked relentlessly to address the opioid crisis, holding those responsible for fatal overdoses accountable and making significant drug seizures. Their efforts not only address immediate harm but also contribute to long-term solutions.

The Professional Standards Bureau has upheld our agency's commitment to integrity and transparency. HCSO is continuing the process of accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and successfully completed its year-one file review. This accreditation ensures our policies comply with national standards, reflecting our dedication to excellence and professionalism. Additionally, the integration of advanced technologies enhances our operations, ensuring we meet the demands of modern law enforcement.

I am incredibly proud of every member of this division. Their commitment to justice, perseverance through challenges, and passion for serving our community are the backbone of our success. Their work inspires trust, safeguards lives, and creates meaningful change for Hillsborough County. Our work is not just about enforcing the law; it's about creating a safer, stronger community. The impact of our team's efforts is felt every day. Together, we will continue to innovate, collaborate, and serve with dedication.

Nikki Bosley, Colonel  
Department of Investigative Services

# INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES







## COLONEL ROBERT URA

“ THEIR WORK IS VITAL,  
AND THEIR IMPACT  
IS FELT FAR BEYOND  
THE WALLS OF OUR  
FACILITIES. THEIR WORK  
REFLECTS THE BEST  
OF HCSO: STRENGTH,  
COMPASSION, AND A  
DEEP BELIEF IN THE  
POWER OF CHANGE. ”

### DETENTION SERVICES

COURT OPERATIONS  
JAIL DIVISION I  
JAIL DIVISION II  
JAIL DIVISION III

Colonel Ura is a 27-year law enforcement veteran, having begun his career at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) in 1997. He has served in the patrol and motor units, and as an undercover narcotics detective. After serving with Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for nine years, Colonel Ura rejoined HCSO in 2011. He served as the Criminal Investigations Division Commander from 2012 to 2018 and the District IV Commander from 2018 to his promotion to Colonel in 2020.

Colonel Ura served as the Commander for the Department of Investigative Services which is comprised of the Special Investigations Division (SID), the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), the Child Protective Investigations Division (CPID) and the Tampa Bay Regional Intelligence Center (TBRIC). Colonel Ura now serves as the Commander for the Department of Detention Services.

In 2024, Colonel Ura was appointed President of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association.

Colonel Ura is a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a graduate of Ball State University. He is also a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's 136th Administrative Officers Course and FDLE's Foundational Leadership Course.

Dear **Hillsborough County** Community,

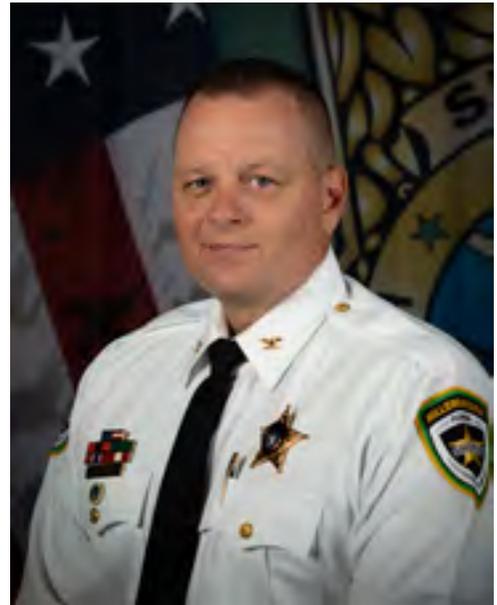
As 2024 comes to a close, I am proud to reflect on the Department of Detention Services' achievements. This year has been one of growth, innovation, and continued dedication to safety, rehabilitation, and operational excellence.

This year, we focused on infrastructure improvements to enhance safety and functionality. At the Orient Road Jail, the booking area now features a security fence on the north side of the booking sally port, ensuring enhanced safety for staff and visitors alike. Additionally, upgraded lighting in the front lobby parking lot has improved visibility and security. The staff at Orient Road Jail successfully booked over 42,000 individuals during 2024.

At the Falkenburg Road Jail, our team of more than 500 sworn and civilian staff members exemplified professionalism and compassion, ensuring the care, custody, and control of an inmate population exceeding 3,100 daily. From conducting more than 120 facility tours to enhancing security operations, their dedication ensured a safe and efficient environment for all.

One of the highlights of 2024 was the unveiling of the Julianne M. Holt **New Beginnings** Vocational Center, honoring a legacy of service and advocacy. This year, we expanded our programs with the addition of a carpentry course, giving inmates the tools they need to build a new life after incarceration. It's rewarding to see these programs inspire hope and offer a tangible path toward a better future.

Our Court Operations Division continued to shine, safeguarding nearly 750,000 courthouse visitors and managing the movement of more than 20,000 in-custody individuals. And I'd be remiss not to mention the incredible work of our Misdemeanor Probation Section, which has continued to operate efficiently, generating \$2.6 million in funding without relying on taxpayer dollars.

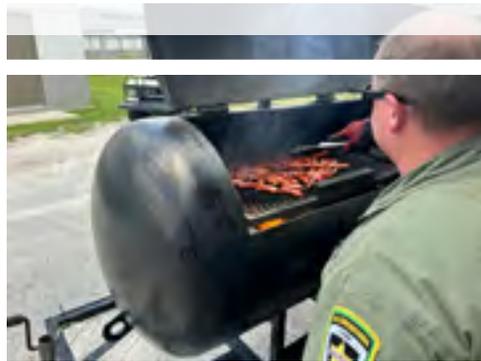


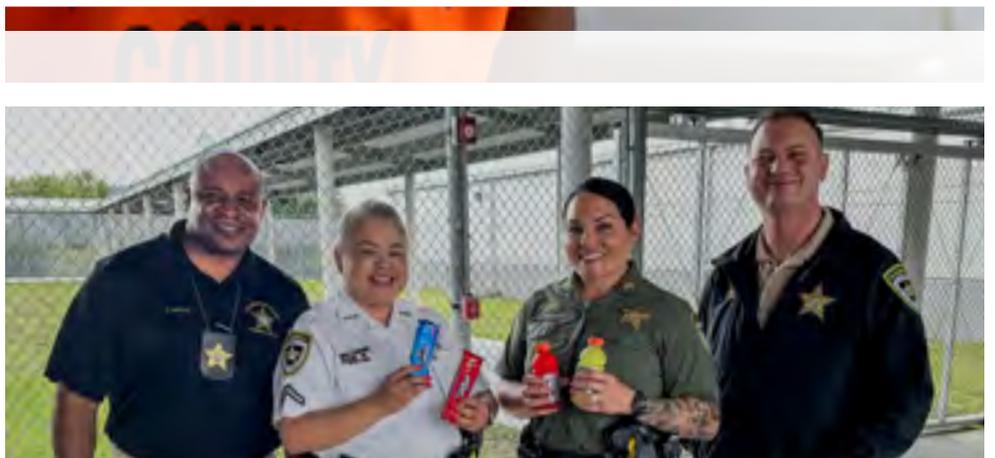
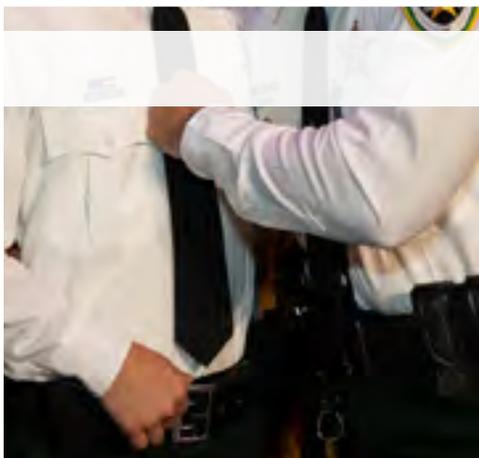
Our deputies' efforts ensured the safety of our facilities as well as our community. These men and women do more than maintain order, they inspire. Their work demonstrates the value of hard work and personal growth, showing inmates that change is possible. Many of them take that first step toward improvement because they see the dedication of our deputies and feel encouraged to enroll in our vocational courses. At the same time, our deputies remain determined to protect the community, standing as a shield against individuals who pose serious threats to public safety. Their work is vital, and their impact is felt far beyond the walls of our facilities. Their work reflects the best of HCSO: strength, compassion, and a deep belief in the power of change.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the people who make up HCSO. Every deputy, civilian staff member, and partner plays a role in our success, and their efforts reflect the very best of who we are. 2024 brought huge external challenges with two major hurricanes. The dedication of the Department of Detention Services staff during these storms shows commitment to service, even when their homes and families are at risk. Their hard work and dedication make me proud to lead this team and give me great hope for the future.

Robert Ura, Colonel  
Department of Detention Services

# DETENTION SERVICES







# COLONEL ANTHONY COLLINS

**OPERATIONAL SUPPORT**  
**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**  
**HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**TRAINING**

**“EACH TEAM MEMBER’S TIRELESS WORK TO PROTECT OUR SCHOOLS, SERVE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, DEVELOP YOUNG LEADERS, AND BUILD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS HAS RESULTED IN A STRONGER, MORE UNITED HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.”**

*Colonel Anthony Collins began his career with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office in 2004. While a Deputy Sheriff, he was enlisted in the Army National Guard.*

*Colonel Collins has held various deputy and detective assignments, including SWAT, Street Crimes, Sheriff’s Target Area Response Squad, Tactical Intelligence Team, and the Major Violators Unit.*

*He was promoted in 2014 and supervised patrol deputies and detectives assigned to the Juvenile Services Section, General Offense and District Intelligence Unit. He served as the District V Patrol Operations, District Deputy Commander and District Commander prior to being promoted to the rank of Colonel, where he now leads the Department of Operational Support.*

*Colonel Collins is a graduate of Saint Leo University, the prestigious FBI National Academy’s 280th Session, and the Police Executive Research Forum’s Senior Management for Police Institute Academy Session.*

*Colonel Collins has earned many commendations. His civic associations include board membership positions at Pace Center for Girls, ACTS Florida, Derrick Brooks Charities Youth Programs and Hillsborough County School Board’s – Achievement Schools Community and Family Relations. A native of Tampa, Fla., Colonel Collins is married and has two children.*



Dear **Hillsborough County** Community,

This past year, the Department of Operational Support has demonstrated a strong commitment to community partnerships, homeland security initiatives, and professional development. Each division's achievements reflect our dedication to serving and protecting our residents.

In 2024, the Community Outreach Division made significant strides, orchestrating major events and charitable functions. The Sheriff's Community Liaison Unit distributed hundreds of books and backpacks, provided scholarships, and held outreach events for underprivileged communities.

Specialized units upheld our commitment to safety and security. The School Active Threat Response (STAR) Unit investigated over 200 threats and developed essential resources, including the School Active Threat Response Resource Guide. The Volunteer Citizens Patrol contributed more than 3,500 hours of service, while the Crossing Guard Unit maintained a 97% staffing rate across 331 school crossings. The Explorer Post program expanded to include younger members and achieved notable success in state competitions.

The Sheriff's Training Academy has continued to ensure every cadet is ready and capable of serving our community. The education, training, and professionalism they instill in HCSO deputies are invaluable. The academy graduated the largest cadet class in its history with 54 detention cadets. They also successfully put over 2,000 deputies through Annual In-Service Training.

Since opening, the HCSO Regional Training Center (RTC) has nearly doubled the training opportunities for deputies. The RTC offers 35 classes, benefiting HCSO and 12 additional agencies. The expert training led the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to select HCSO team members to

review and revise the Basic Corrections Academy Course. The course they contributed to is taught throughout the State of Florida.

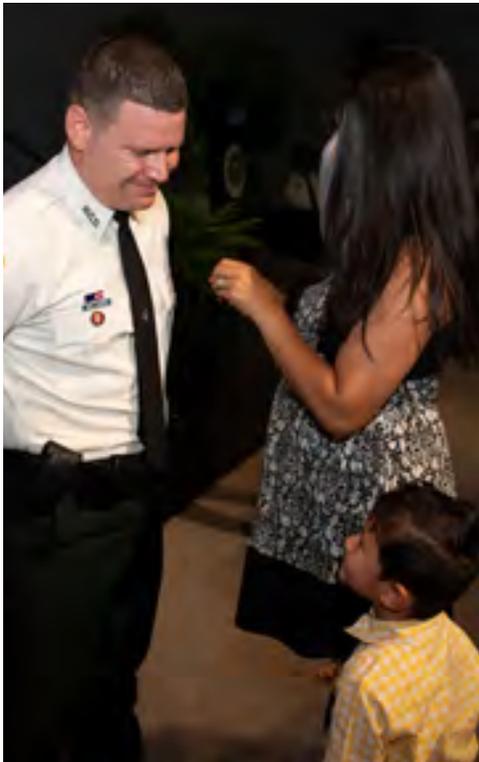
The Homeland Security Division (HSD) oversees many specialty units. The Aviation Section and Drone Response Team served as vital aerial support, with the Aviation Section earning a Life Saver Award for leading deputies to a lost child. Teams such as SWAT, Bomb Disposal, and Crisis Negotiations responded effectively to high-risk situations, ensuring public safety.

These units and teams didn't hesitate to act when our community needed them the most. After Hillsborough County was affected by two major hurricanes, Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, the Special Incident Response Team and the Marine Enforcement Section carried out dozens of high-water rescues. The Agricultural Crimes Squad helped rescue 121 heads of cattle from rising waters, and the Aviation Section delivered food to farms after Hurricane Milton.

The Department of Operational Support's successful year exemplifies the impact of dedicated public service to our community. Each team member's tireless work to protect our schools, serve vulnerable populations, develop young leaders, and build community partnerships has resulted in a stronger, more united Hillsborough County.

Anthony Collins, Colonel  
Department of Operational Support

# OPERATIONAL SUPPORT







**COLONEL  
FRANK LOSAT**

**“ THEIR DEDICATION EMBODIES STRENGTH, COMPASSION, AND AN UNYIELDING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE. ”**

- ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**
- HUMAN RESOURCES
- INFORMATION SERVICES
- GENERAL SERVICES & FACILITY OPERATIONS
- FINANCIAL SERVICES

*Colonel Frank Losat began his career in law enforcement in 1990, serving as a state trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol before joining the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office in 1994.*

*He has been assigned to positions with street crimes, narcotics, criminal investigations and as a field training supervisor. Colonel Losat also served in the homicide section for nearly 11 years.*

*Colonel Losat has been in supervisory roles in the homicide section, patrol district street crimes and investigations, and in the Special Investigations Division where he oversaw narcotic investigations and the crime analysis unit. Colonel Losat is currently assigned to the Department of Administrative Services.*

*Colonel Losat has a bachelor of arts degree in criminology from Saint Leo University, and attended the Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s Senior Leadership Program and the Executive Institute for Police Management. He also serves on the executive board of Tampa’s Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office (DACCOC). A California native and resident of Hillsborough County since 1983, he is married with two grown sons.*



Dear **Hillsborough County** Community,

As I reflect on 2024, I take immense pride in the remarkable efforts and achievements of the Department of Administrative Services. This year has been a testament to the dedication and hard work of our teams, who have not only met but exceeded expectations across all divisions. Their commitment to efficiency, accountability, and innovation has strengthened our operations and reinforced our service to the community.

The Financial Services Division led a year of transformative growth. By restructuring operations and adopting Adaptive budget software, they enhanced transparency and efficiency while managing a \$612 million budget. Notable accomplishments include processing over \$275 million in purchase requisitions and \$10.8 million in grant funding, which supported major initiatives like the acquisition of a new helicopter. Additionally, they were awarded \$1.1 million in traffic safety grants from the Florida Department of Transportation. The Grants Section maintained compliance through nine successful audits while generating over \$14 million in invoiced contracts. Their teamwork and commitment reflect the best of financial stewardship.

The Human Resources Division achieved record-breaking milestones in 2024, recruiting and onboarding 516 employees. Among these were **322 cadets**, which included the largest academy class in our history. Diversity efforts brought the percentage of women and racial minorities in our workforce to 62.9%. This achievement highlights HCSO's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment that values representation across all levels of our workforce. The division successfully transitioned over 3,300 employees and 500 retirees to a new medical provider, Cigna. Additionally, we introduced monthly Financial Wellness Workshops, which support employee

growth beyond the workplace. These workshops provided valuable resources and practical advice to empower employees to take control of their financial well-being.

The Information Services Division led key technological advancements, prioritizing cybersecurity, operational efficiency, and crime prevention. Highlights include the deployment of Axon body-worn cameras, taser upgrades with VR training, and enhancements to the Real Time Crime Center. They implemented advanced weather monitoring tools, upgraded audio-visual systems agency-wide, and improved jail safety with new inmate monitoring technology. Cybersecurity enhancements, such as advanced threat detection systems and a county-wide task force, solidified the agency's digital infrastructure.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the tireless efforts of our deputies and professional staff. Their dedication has propelled our agency forward, and we will continue to build on this success, embracing new opportunities for growth and reinforcing our commitment to the residents we serve. With the strength of our team and a shared commitment to excellence, I am confident that the year ahead will bring even greater achievements.

Frank Losat, Colonel  
Department of Administrative Services

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES







## COLONEL CHRIS RULE

**“ AS I REFLECT ON THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, I AM REMINDED THAT NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE DEDICATION, EXPERTISE, AND RESILIENCE OF OUR PERSONNEL. ”**

### SUPPORT SERVICES

- FORENSIC AND SUPPORT SERVICES
- OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS
- COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

*In 2002, Colonel Chris Rule began his career as a deputy sheriff with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.*

*Colonel Rule started his career as a patrol deputy within the west side of the county and held several detective positions, most of which were in a covert capacity, in the following areas: Robbery Task Force, Copper Task Force, Sheriff's Target Area Response Squad, Narcotics Unit, Tactical Intelligence Team and Internal Affairs. In addition to the many assignments Colonel Rule had, he also served on the Underwater Recovery Team for five years. Colonel Rule was promoted to a supervisory role in 2014. Colonel Rule has supervised patrol deputies and detectives assigned to the General Offense Unit, Tactical Intelligence Unit, the Homeland Security Division, and the Special Investigations Division.*

*Colonel Rule holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Homeland Security from Saint Leo University and is also a graduate of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Senior Leadership Program. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Florida West Coast Credit Union. Colonel Rule has received the Medal of Distinguished Service, (3) three Life Saving Awards, the Deputy of the Year Award and several Letters of Commendation.*

*Colonel Rule is a Tampa native with one child. He is a second-generation deputy with the Sheriff's Office and is dedicated to making his community a safer place to live.*

Dear **Hillsborough County** Community,

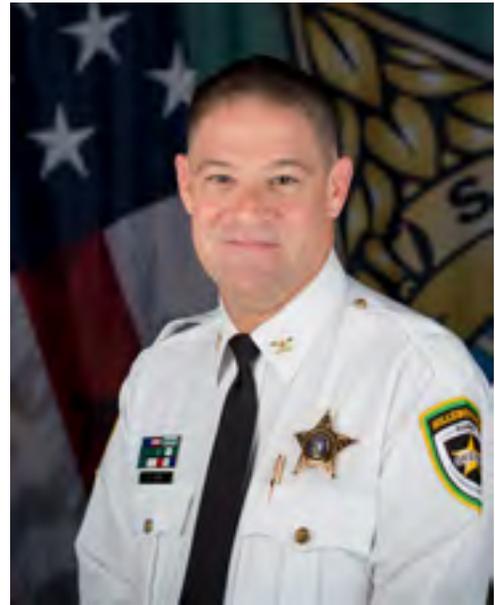
As we close the chapter on 2024, I am proud to highlight the extraordinary accomplishments of the Department of Support Services. This year brought challenges, innovation, and growth that underscored our team's dedication to operational excellence, advancing our mission and laying the foundation for future success.

The Communications Bureau proved to be a lifeline for both the agency and the community, handling an astounding volume of calls, nearly one million in total. This included 480,380 emergency 911 calls and 371,974 non-emergency inquiries, demonstrating their critical role in ensuring public safety.

In 2024, the Forensic and Support Services Division achieved significant milestones. The Fusion Center's partnerships with local, state, and federal entities led to the identification and arrest of organized criminal groups, while robust intelligence-sharing and regional exercises enhanced our ability to counter large-scale threats.

The Evidence Section's efficiency reached new heights, processing a record-breaking **127,075** items while simultaneously removing 228,885 items from inventory. These achievements reflect enhanced workflows and a commitment to reducing backlogs, enabling the agency to better serve the community. Equally noteworthy are the accomplishments of the Forensics Bureau. The Firearms and Forensic Print Sections not only maintained their prestigious ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation but also delivered timely and quality-driven results. With over 3,500 requests completed between the two sections, their efforts exemplify precision and reliability.

The newly formed Traffic Services Bureau consolidated operations to boost roadway safety and interdiction efforts. The Interdiction and Criminal Apprehension Team (I-CAT) achieved over 2,700 traffic stops, 276 arrests, and substantial contraband seizures. Meanwhile, the Motor and DUI Units excelled in enforcement and dignitary escorts, earning accolades from the Secret Service and organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving.



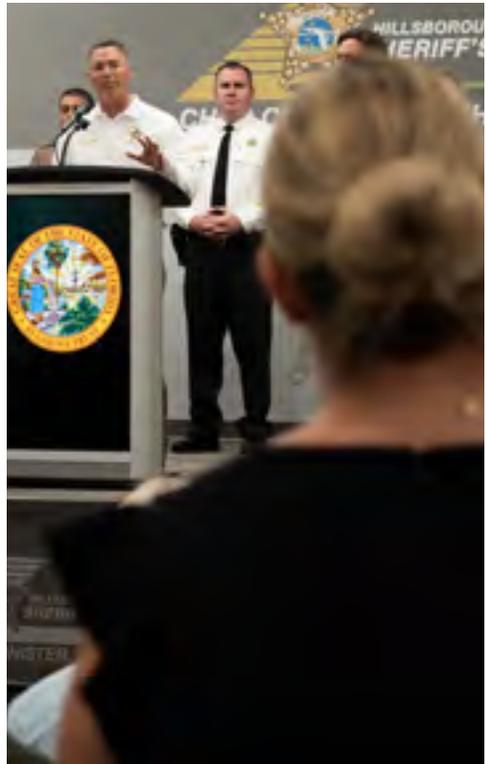
At the core of our community engagement, the Public Affairs Office with the Creative Services team, delivered engaging, inclusive content to over 250,000 social media followers and expanded our Spanish-language presence. During Hurricane Milton, they shared more than 600 posts, reaching over 18 million people, ensuring the community received timely, accurate updates, prioritizing safety and preparedness. Additionally, the team issued over 250 press releases throughout the year. Through public service announcement videos and creative safety campaigns, they have strengthened the bond between our agency and the community.

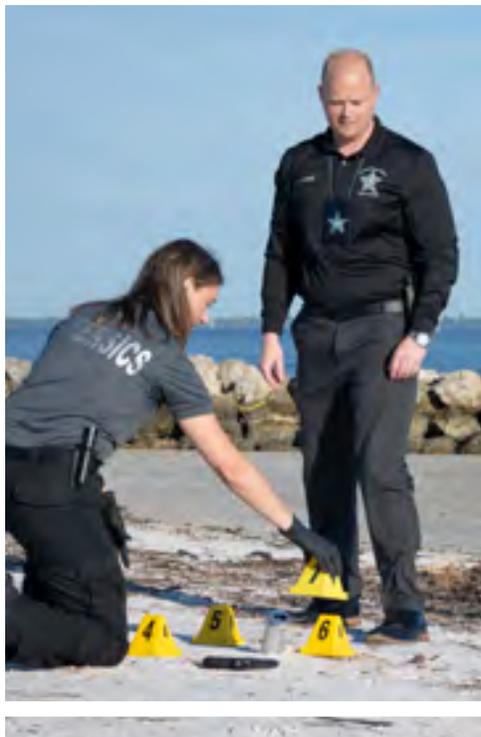
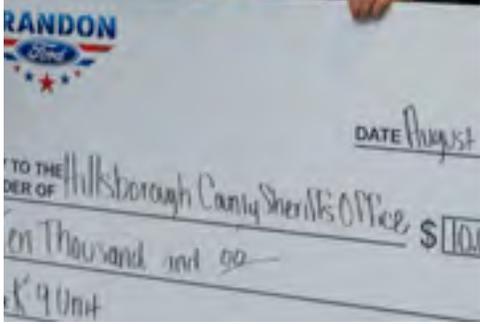
The Occupational Health and Wellness Center made significant strides by launching innovative programs like a lab collection service and hosting wellness events, and achieving over 6,600 patient encounters that delivered comprehensive care to our team. These initiatives have not only improved health outcomes but also created a culture of wellness within the agency.

Reflecting on these accomplishments, I am reminded that none of this would have been possible without the dedication, expertise, and resilience of our personnel. Together, we will continue to advance the mission of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and serve our community with excellence.

Chris Rule, Colonel  
Department of Support Services

# SUPPORT SERVICES





SEPTEMBER **2024** HURRICANE HELENE



# **WHEN DISASTER STRUCK, HCSO ANSWERED THE CALL**

*THIS YEAR, OUR COMMUNITY FACED THE  
DEVASTATION OF TWO MAJOR HURRICANES:  
HURRICANE HELENE AND HURRICANE MILTON.*



## **RESILIENCE & RESOLVE**





**400+**  
PEOPLE  
RESCUED



**78,000+**  
PEOPLE  
LOST POWER

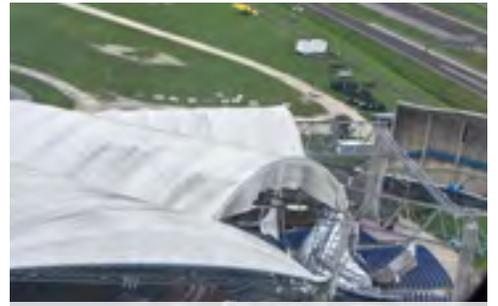


**10,250**  
9-1-1 CALLS  
TAKEN AT PEAK  
HURRICANE  
*[A 48 HOUR MEASUREMENT]*

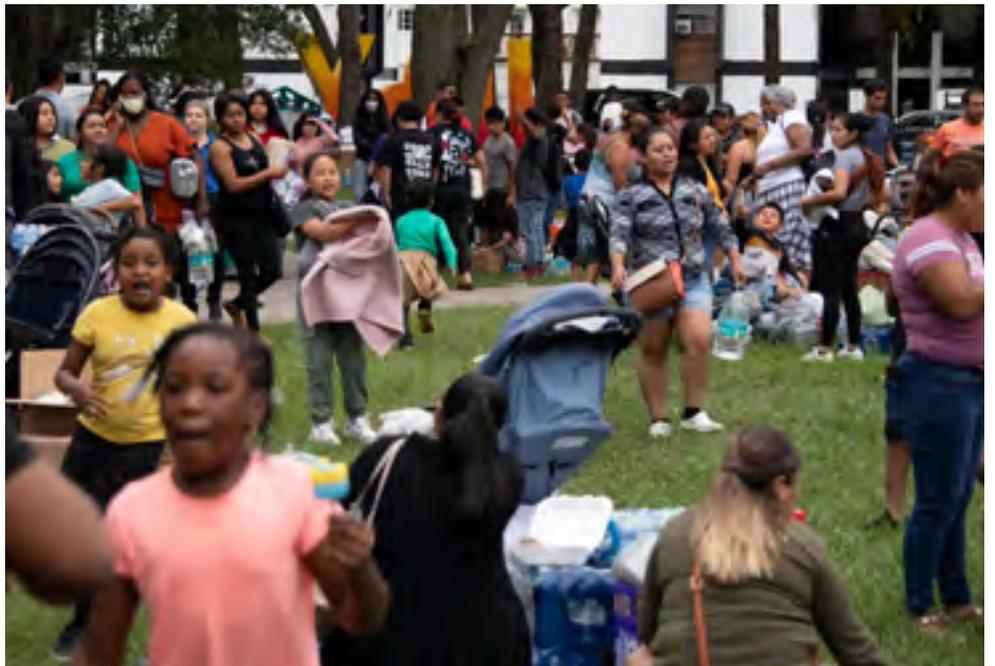
***THROUGH THE RELENTLESS WINDS AND RISING FLOODWATERS, HCSO DEPUTIES PUT SERVICE BEFORE SELF, RESCUING HUNDREDS OF LIVES AND ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THOSE IN NEED.***

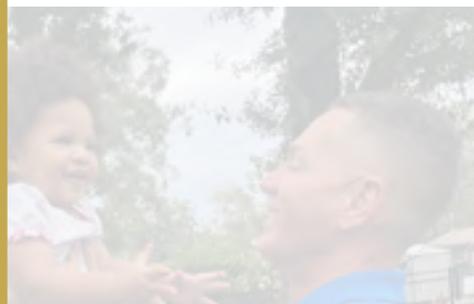


OCTOBER **2024** HURRICANE MILTON



# ***OUR COMMITMENT DIDN'T END***





# WHEN THE STORMS PASSED.

**JUST HOURS AFTER THE FLOODWATERS RECEDED, WE LAUNCHED THE TEAMHCSO CARES INITIATIVE, PROVIDING THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES WITH ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES: FOOD, CLOTHING, AND BASIC NECESSITIES. TO HELP THEM BEGIN REBUILDING THEIR LIVES.**



**15,081**  
PEOPLE  
IN SHELTERS



**1.6 MILLION+**  
GALLONS OF  
GAS ESCORTED



**230+**  
PEOPLE  
RESCUED

## RECOGNIZING RETIREMENT

Estela A. Abbatiello  
Ronald A. Alexander  
Ricardo R. Alves  
Gerald C. Andrews  
Michael T. Ayers  
Daniel Bednarski Jr.  
Anthony Bell  
Timothy R. Bell  
Abraham Bermudez  
Nancy L. Burkett  
Phillip P. Castro  
Thomas M. Chavez  
Ronald D. Corr  
Kerry L. Cunningham  
Alwin R. DaSilva  
Beau T. Dobson  
Allen E. Feldman  
Paul A. Figueroa  
Andrea B. Fleet  
Kathleen A. Garrison  
Anthony C. Gay  
Edmund C. Greaves

Jeffrey W. Haney  
William H. Haupt  
Tangelia V. Jackson  
Clinton B. Johnson  
Norman H. Jones  
James T. Kelley III  
Robert L. Kithcart  
Stephanie J. Krager  
Charles W. Larry  
Ralph J. Lazar Jr.  
Shannon M. Loney  
Manuel J. Lowe  
Andrew Lynch  
Priscilla Marrero  
Diana J. Marteli  
Barbara A. Martin  
Leah R. Means  
Roger C. Melden  
Mark C. Mitchelson  
Valerie M. Mitchell  
Terri E. Mitchell

Donald J. Morris  
Anthony W. Morrison  
Gregor I. Muir  
Juan R. Osorio  
Kimberly A. Prelich  
Scott L. Pracht  
Brenda A. Raby  
Richard A. Racki  
Leonard R. Raschke Jr.  
Robert W. Reiniger  
Oscar A. Rodriguez  
Michael A. Schoch  
James A. Spampinato  
Richard A. Sergi  
Angela V. Simmons  
Clifford F. Simpson  
Robert H. Stanley  
Lisa M. Stropes  
Brian C. Suttle  
Phillip G. Thomas  
Luis A. Vargas  
Wayne T. Wall





## IN **MEMORIAM**

Darell L. Brown

Dencyl H. Cartwright

Adrian Chester

Wayne Hodges

Erin M. McDowell



## **RECOGNIZED & REMEMBERED**

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EMERGENCY: 911 OR 813-224-9911

FOR NON EMERGENCIES: 813-247-8200

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### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#### SHERIFF'S OPERATIONS CENTER

2008 E. 8th Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33605  
☎ 813-247-8000

#### CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
700 East Twiggs Street, 3rd Floor  
Tampa, FL 33602  
☎ 813-242-5200

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION

2008 E. 8th Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33605  
☎ 813-247-8115

#### CRIME STOPPERS

☎ 800-873-8477

#### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SECTION

☎ 813-318-5330

#### EMPLOYMENT SERVICES / HUMAN RESOURCES

2207 N. Falkenburg Road  
Tampa, FL 33619  
For Civilian Applicants  
☎ 813-318-5300

#### EVIDENCE CONTROL SECTION

☎ 813-247-0000

#### FINGERPRINT / BACKGROUND SCREENINGS / IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
1238 Tech Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33619  
☎ 813-247-0062

#### FLEET MAINTENANCE

General Services Bureau  
☎ 813-247-0036

#### COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE

General Services Bureau  
☎ 813-247-0020

#### INMATE ACCOUNTING

☎ 813-247-8290

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

☎ 813-247-8276

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

☎ 813-247-8039

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

☎ 813-247-8032

#### LEGAL SECTION

☎ 813-247-8093

#### PAYROLL SECTION

☎ 813-247-8040

#### PERSONNEL PROCESSING SECTION

☎ 813-318-5310

#### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

☎ 813-247-8080

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

☎ 813-247-8060

#### PURCHASING

☎ 813-247-8034

#### RECRUITMENT AND APPLICANT SCREENING

For Sworn Applicants  
☎ 813-247-8070

#### SCHOOL RESOURCE SECTION

☎ 813-247-8115

#### TRAINING DIVISION

1409 N. Falkenburg Road  
Tampa, FL 33619  
☎ 813-627-1000

### DETENTION SERVICES

#### ORIENT GENERAL INFORMATION

Jail Division 1  
Orient Road Jail  
1201 N. Orient Road  
Tampa, FL 33619  
☎ 813-247-8300

#### ORIENT CENTRAL BREATH TESTING

Jail Division 1  
☎ 813-247-8300

#### FALKENBURG GENERAL INFORMATION

Jail Division 2  
Falkenburg Road Jail  
520 Falkenburg Road  
Tampa, FL 33619  
☎ 813-247-8300

#### FALKENBURG GENERAL INFORMATION

Jail Division 3  
Falkenburg Road Jail  
520 Falkenburg Road  
Tampa, FL 33619  
☎ 813-247-8300

#### HILLSBOROUGH RE-ENTRY CENTER

Offender Registration Unit  
1201 Orient Road  
Tampa, FL 33619  
☎ 813-247-8460

### INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

#### HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION

General Information  
☎ 813-247-8603

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Homicide & Special Victims  
☎ 813-247-8652

#### SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Narcotics and Human Trafficking  
☎ 813-247-8729

### PATROL SERVICES

#### COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

☎ 813-247-8000

#### D1 GENERAL INFORMATION

District I  
14102 N. 20th Street  
Tampa, FL 33613  
☎ 813-247-0600

#### D2 GENERAL INFORMATION

District II  
2310 N. Falkenburg Road  
Tampa, FL 33619  
☎ 813-247-8555

#### D2 PLANT CITY COMMUNITY STATION

District II  
307 N Michigan Avenue, Suite 1  
Plant City, FL 33563  
☎ 813-757-3855

#### D3 GENERAL INFORMATION

District III  
7202 Gunn Highway  
Tampa, FL 33625  
☎ 813-247-0330

#### D3 TOWN N' COUNTRY COMMUNITY STATION

District III  
7519 West Waters Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33615  
☎ 813-554-5170

#### D4 GENERAL INFORMATION

District IV  
508 33rd Street SE  
Ruskin, FL 33570  
☎ 813-247-0455

#### D4 SUN CITY COMMUNITY STATION

District IV  
948 Cherry Hills Drive  
Sun City Center, FL 33573  
☎ 813-242-5515

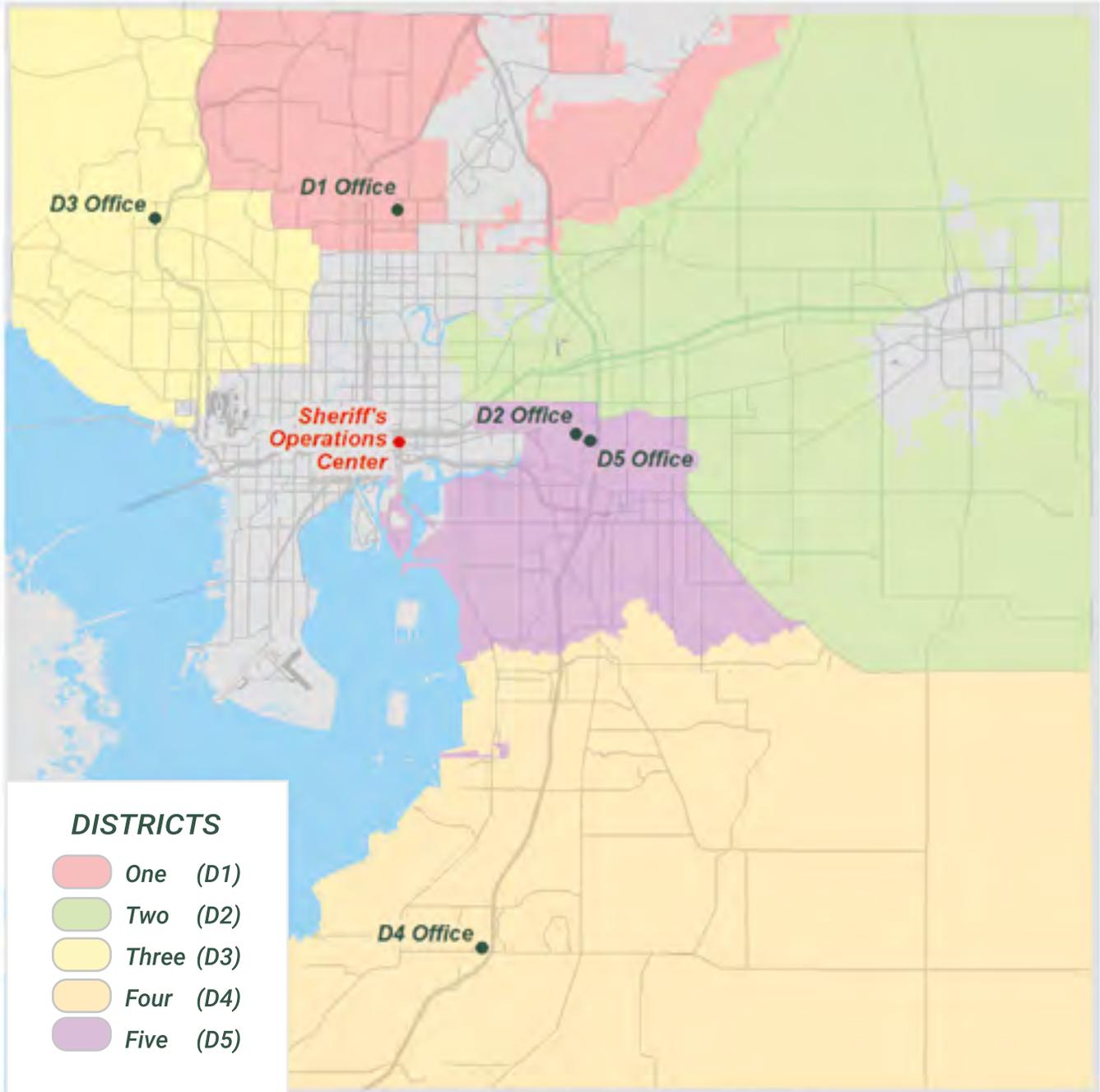
#### D5 GENERAL INFORMATION

District V  
10128 Windhorst Road  
Tampa, FL 33619  
☎ 813-318-5400

#### D5 BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY STATION

District V  
3622 Erindale Drive  
Valrico, FL 33596  
☎ 813-635-8040

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