

2022



TAMPA  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

# Annual Report



# Our Mission

*“The mission of the Tampa Police Department is to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life through a cooperative partnership with all citizens.”*

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# Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

On behalf of the City of Tampa, I am pleased to present the Tampa Police Department's 2022 Annual Report, which highlights the focus and accomplishments of TPD over the past year and showcases our measurable progress towards an even safer community.

As a former chief of police, I feel very privileged to be able to continue working alongside the Tampa Police Department to witness firsthand the incredible commitment of its members, made evident by the reduction we saw in violent crime and the increase in community engagement in 2022.

Our police personnel, both sworn officers and civilian staff has an in-depth knowledge of the needs of our community and the issues it faces regarding crime prevention and safety. While the statistics in this report are impressive, like the more than 460,000 calls for service our department of fewer than 1,000 officers responded to in a year, what the numbers do not show is the passion and commitment each of these individuals has for serving their community. Their accomplishments are achieved through hard work every day to tackle crime and create a safe community for our residents, businesses, and visitors.

I extend my thanks to our Police Department for their continued and unwavering dedication to protecting and serving the residents of Tampa. I am proud to be a part of a community that has such a professional police department, and I look forward to the many accomplishments to come in 2023.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Jane Castor**

# Chief's Statement

Dear Residents of Tampa,

While there is great value in looking ahead to the future of where we want to go as a police department, it is equally as valuable looking back on and celebrating our many successes of the past.

The 2022 Annual Report highlights the Tampa Police Department's efforts to engage and support the community. The report summarizes our overall commitment to crime reduction, which led to Tampa being ranked as one of the safest U.S. cities of its size in the 2022 Major Cities Chiefs Association survey.

Throughout the past year, we have worked hard to ensure the safety and security of our community. We are proud to report that the violent crime rate decreased by nearly 6%, and overall crime was down by more than 3%. With the help of the Communications Bureau, our police officers responded to 460,073 calls for service with an average response time of four minutes for high priority calls, which is nearly half the time of our goal. These statistics are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our personnel.

We also made significant strides in improving our community policing programs. In 2022, TPD enhanced its efforts with the Police Athletic League (PAL) by increasing the number of officers assigned to serve as supervisors and mentors to at-risk youth. Our Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) expanded to include four health clinicians and a victim advocate position, allowing the department to focus more on building relationships with residents suffering from mental health concerns and providing resources to those suffering from homelessness and/or addiction. This expansion was coupled with additional de-escalation training for officers, better equipping our team with the skillset needed to communicate with individuals in crisis. Through our Tampa S.A.F.E. program, Front Porch Roll Calls, and many other community engagement efforts, we were met with positive feedback from community members and have been able to foster trust and understanding between our department and the public.

While we experienced difficult challenges last year and many changes, our commitment to protecting and serving our community was consistent. This report includes more details about our initiatives and programs that are important to the Tampa Police Department and the community, but it is only part of our story. To see more of what TPD is doing, visit our social media pages: @TampaPD. It is an honor to work with the dedicated and professional staff within the Tampa Police Department and to serve you each day.

Sincerely,

**Lee Bercaw**  
**Interim Chief of Police**



# Our Story

The Tampa Police Department is the second largest police agency in the state of Florida and among the top 70 largest in the United States with nearly 1,000 sworn officers and 300 support staff. Tampa PD serves a population of approximately 400,000 residents with a per capita ratio of 2.4 officers per 1,000 residents.



# Core Values

## **T** RANSPARENCY

Using innovative technology to enhance efficiency and transparency

## **R** ESPECT

Treating everyone with dignity and compassion

## **U** NDERSTANDING

A mutual understanding of community goals and values

## **S** AFETY

Improving officer and citizen safety through education and training

## **T** EAMWORK

Partnering with the community to solve and prevent crime



# Our Leadership



**Lee Bercaw**  
Interim Chief of Police



**Mike Hutner**  
Deputy Chief of Operations



**Calvin Johnson**  
Deputy Chief of Investigations  
& Support



**Ruth Cate**  
Major, District 1



**Brett Owen**  
Major, District 2



**Eric DeFelice**  
Major, District 3



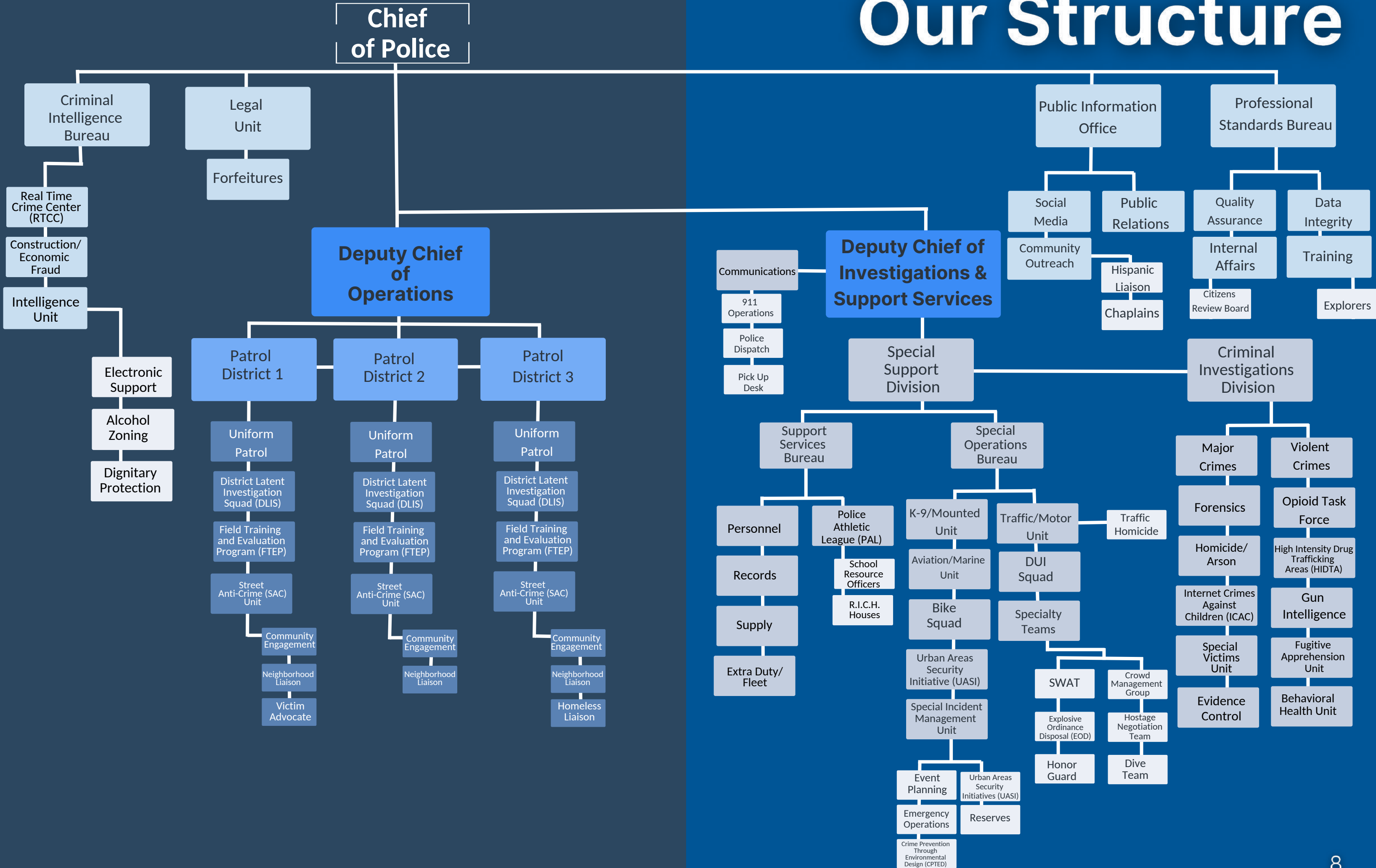
**Rich Mills**  
Major, Special Operations &  
Support Services



**Mike Stout**  
Major, Criminal  
Investigations



# Our Structure



# 2022 Key Events



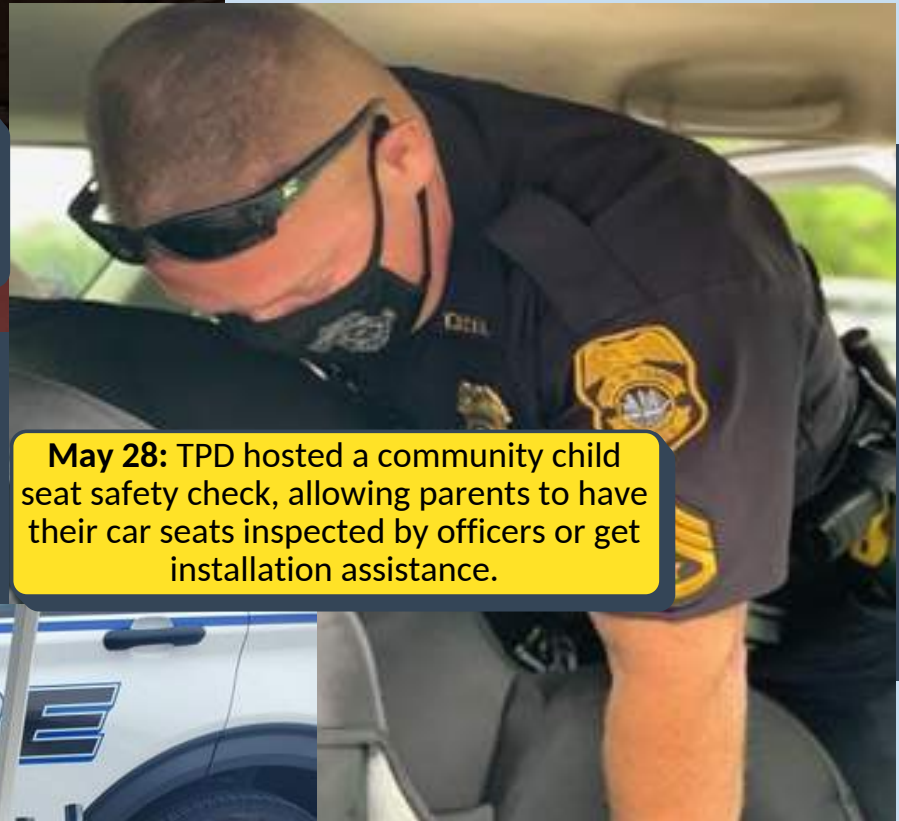
**January 21:** TPD launched Kid Safety Card program, distributing free ID lanyards ahead of Gasparilla Children's Parade to help identify missing children and reunite them with family.



**February 22:** Badge pinning ceremony for 24 new officers, many of whom had their police academy costs funded through the Tampa Police Recruit Scholarship Program.



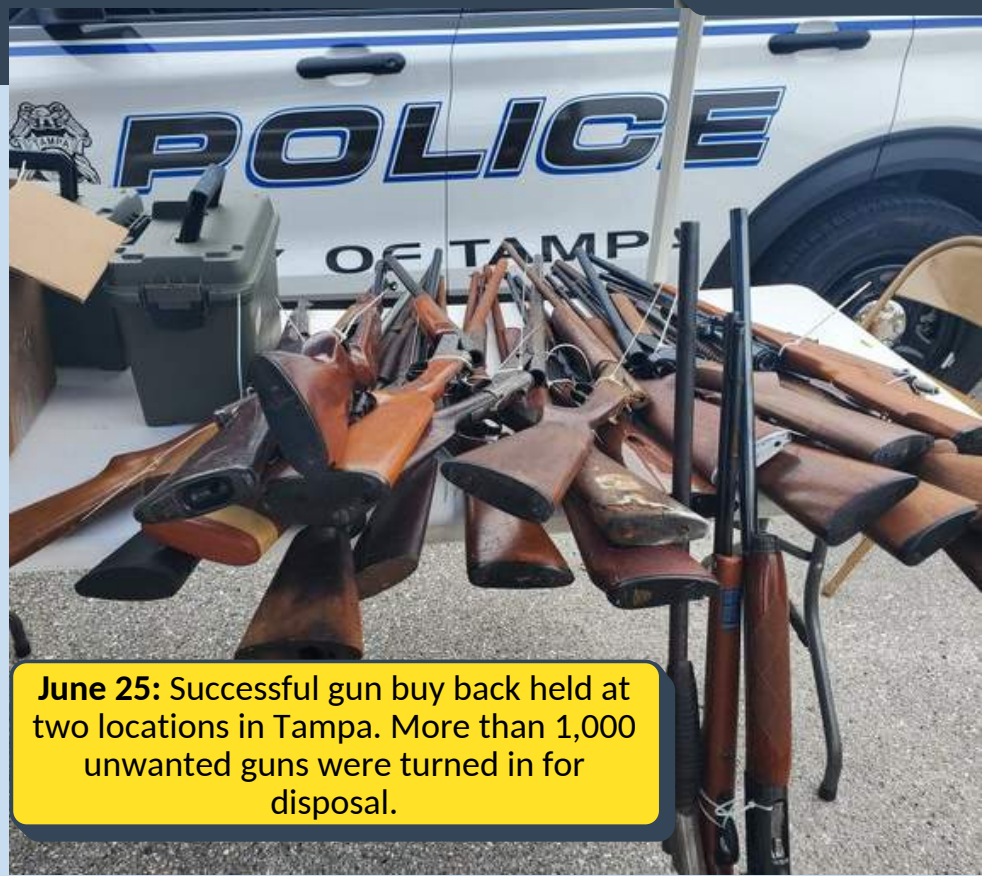
**April 4:** TPD launched the pilot program for "Shielding Our Teens." Officers mentored 30 local teens through the application and interview process to help them land summer jobs.



**May 28:** TPD hosted a community child seat safety check, allowing parents to have their car seats inspected by officers or get installation assistance.

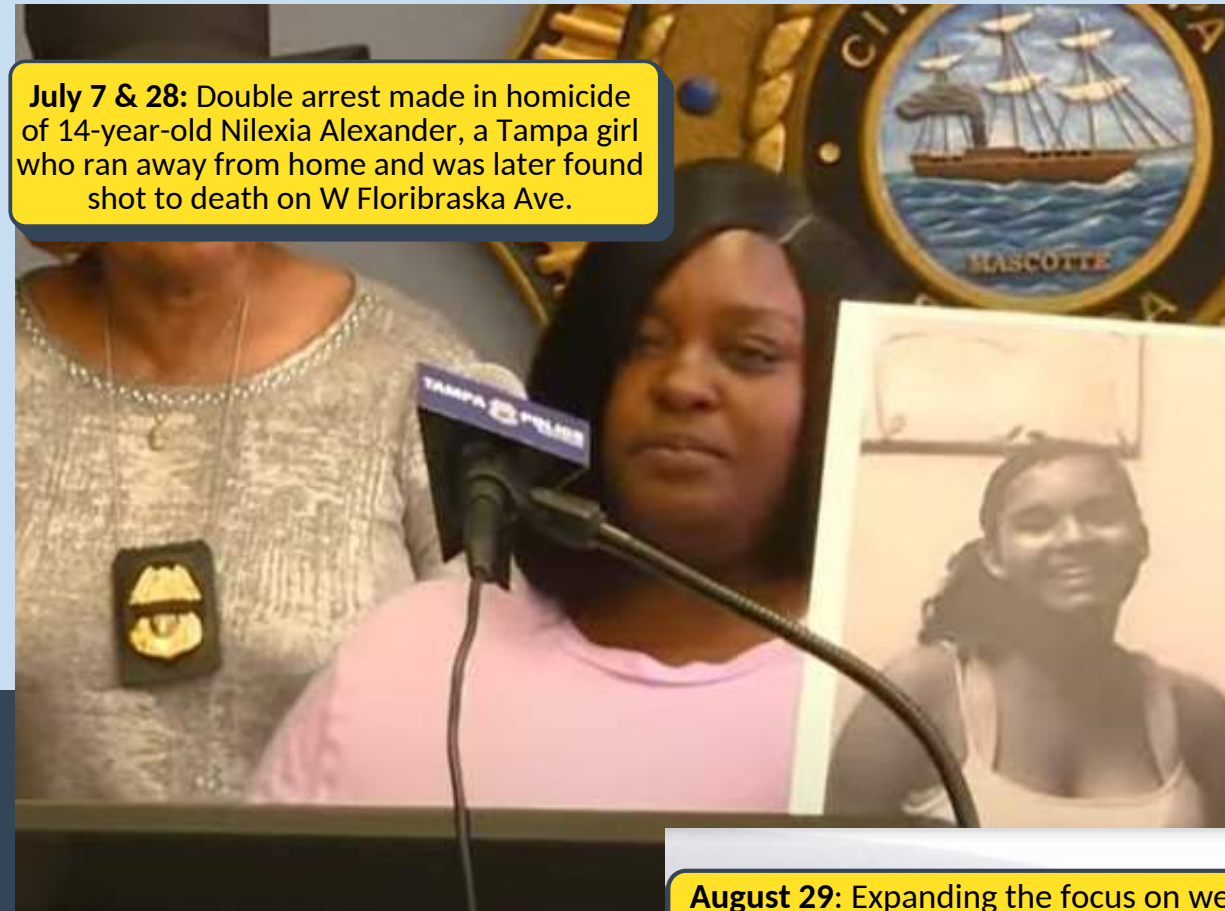


**March 30:** Tampa Police officers recovered seven guns, ammunition and more than \$150,000 in drug money thanks to citizen calls on illegal activity at a home on Hartts Dr in northeast Tampa. Four arrested on felony charges.



**June 25:** Successful gun buy back held at two locations in Tampa. More than 1,000 unwanted guns were turned in for disposal.

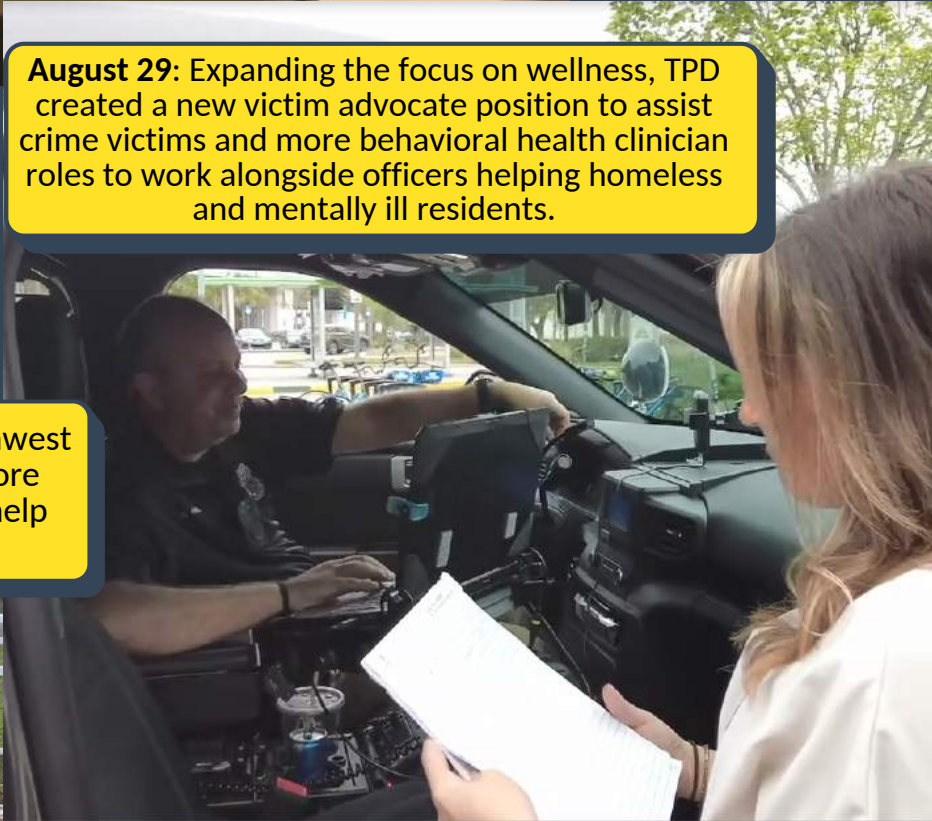
# 2022 Key Events



**July 7 & 28:** Double arrest made in homicide of 14-year-old Nilexia Alexander, a Tampa girl who ran away from home and was later found shot to death on W Floribraska Ave.



**October 25:** A steel monument honoring Fallen Master Police Officer Jesse Madsen was unveiled at District 1. The 6-foot, 800 lb. lion was built in part from MPO Madsen's patrol vehicle.



**August 29:** Expanding the focus on wellness, TPD created a new victim advocate position to assist crime victims and more behavioral health clinician roles to work alongside officers helping homeless and mentally ill residents.

**September 29:** Hurricane Ian struck southwest Florida. TPD deployed two groups of more than 40 officers south to North Port to help our neighbors recover.



**November 1:** TPD hosted its 6th violent crime forum of the year, meeting with concerned citizens to discuss solutions to make our communities safer together.



**December 29:** With the help of Good Samaritan and Buccaneers Quarterback Blaine Gabbert, the TPD Marine Unit rescued a pilot and three passengers whose helicopter crashed in the water near Davis Island. Gabbert was on a jet ski nearby.



# 2022 Pillars and Results

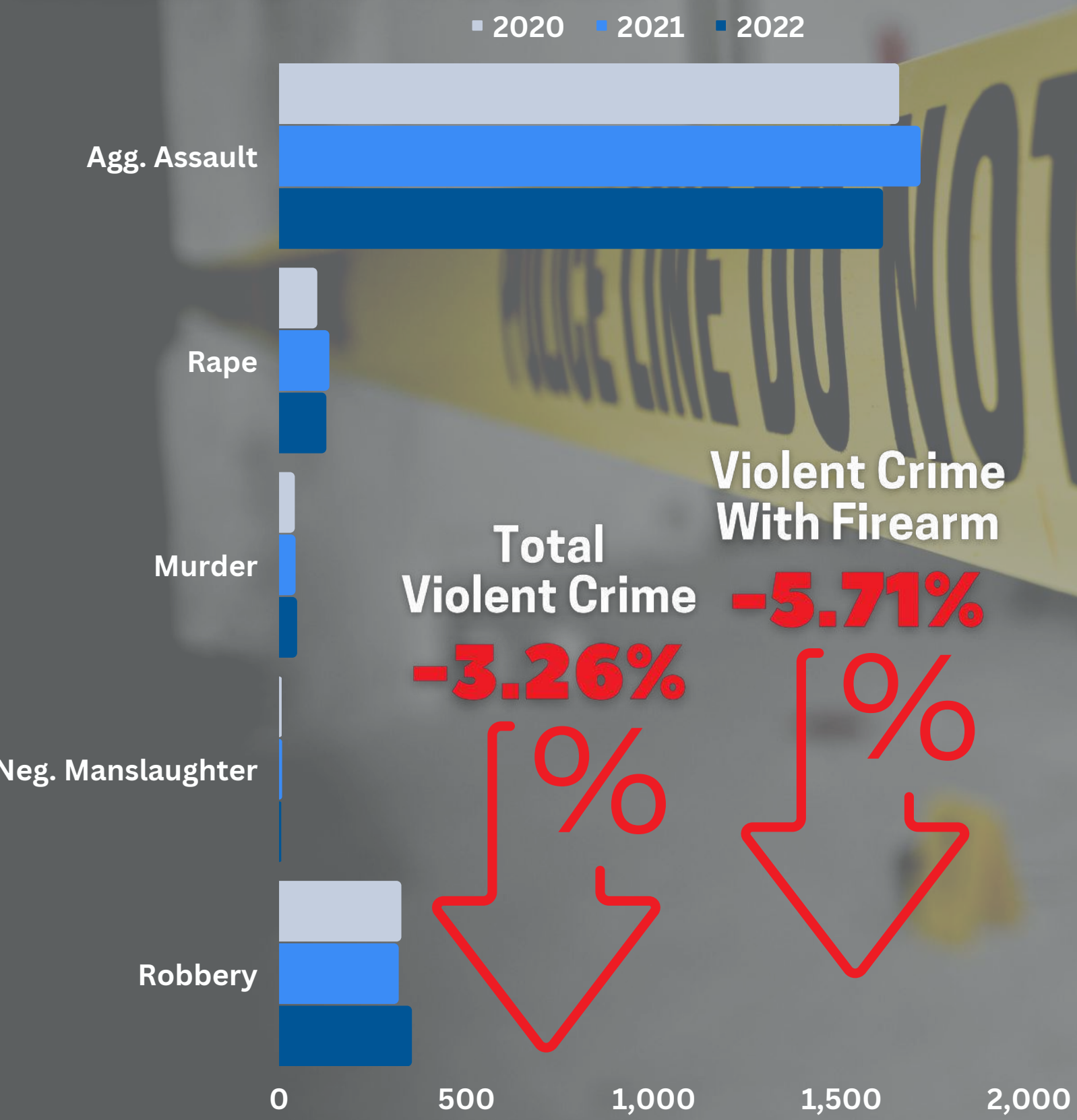


## Crime Reduction

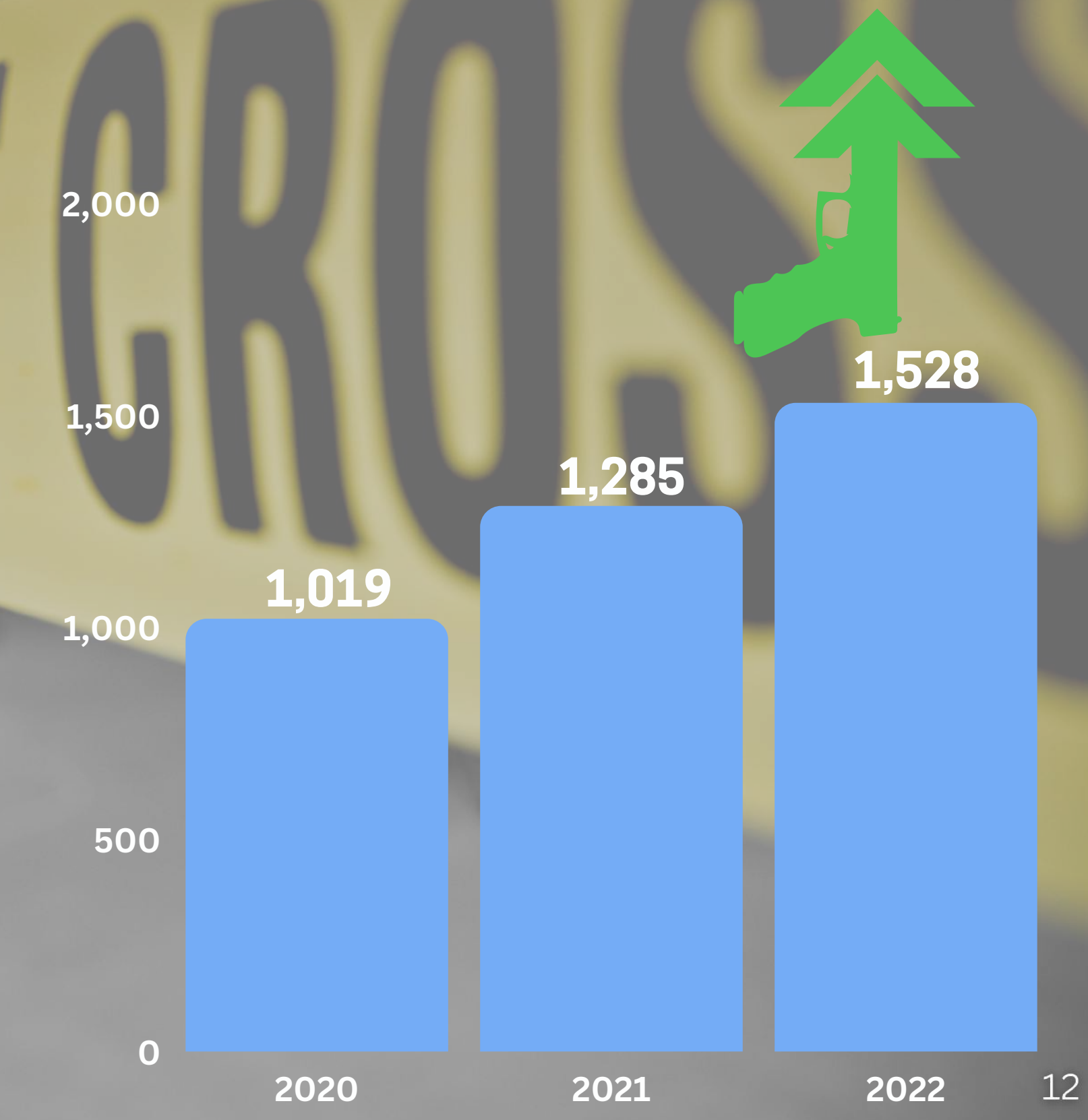
Reduce crime and enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors of Tampa through a cooperative partnership with local and federal law enforcement.

- Crime fighting efforts led to a reduction in violent crime, including violent crime with a firearm, citywide in 2022.
- 1,528 guns recovered in 2022 from criminals, an increase of 243 guns.
- More than \$100,000 in community donations funded the TPD Gun Buy Back event where 1,000 unwanted firearms were collected and destroyed.
- TPD was awarded \$1.5 million through the Department of Justice to combat crime through the Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant.

# Violent Crime **REDUCTION**



# Guns **RECOVERED** **243+** From '21 to '22



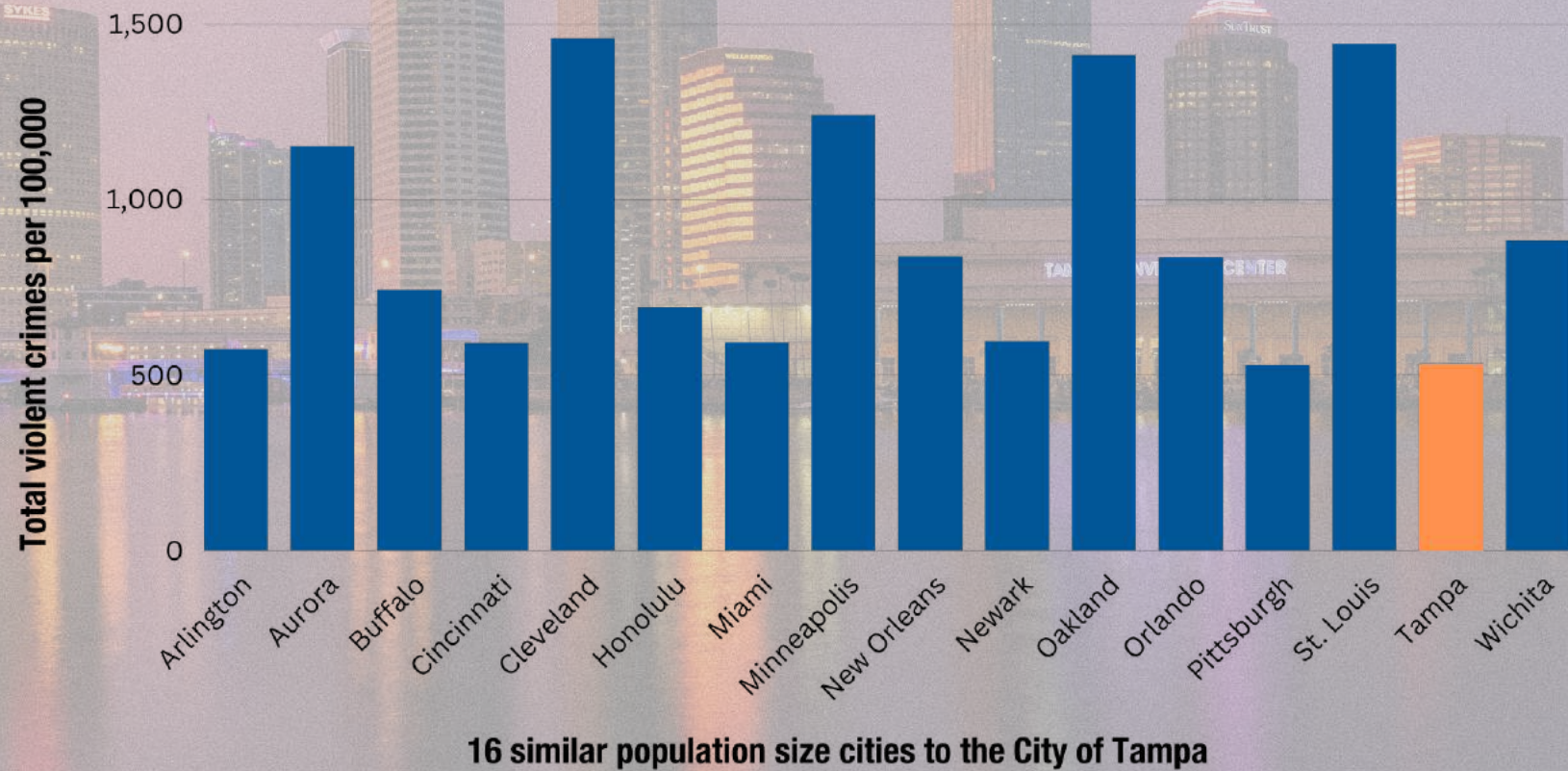
## Tampa Among The

# LOWEST

## In Violent Crime For Large Cities Surveyed

### 2022 VIOLENT CRIMES PER CAPITA

Based on Major City Chiefs Association Survey



- Survey of 59 major U.S. cities ranging in population size
  - Largest included: New York City, NY
  - Smallest included: Salt Lake City, UT

• Out of the 16 similar population size cities, Tampa ranks **2nd lowest for violent crime** per capita in 2022

• Out of all 59 U.S. cities surveyed, Tampa ranks 14th lowest for violent crime per capita in 2022

NOTE: The State of Florida became certified in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) in the summer of 2022, switching from a previous crime reporting system known as Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). Any statistical information for 2021 and 2022 released before records are certified by the state and the FBI are preliminary and could change either slightly or significantly.

# 2022 Pillars and Results

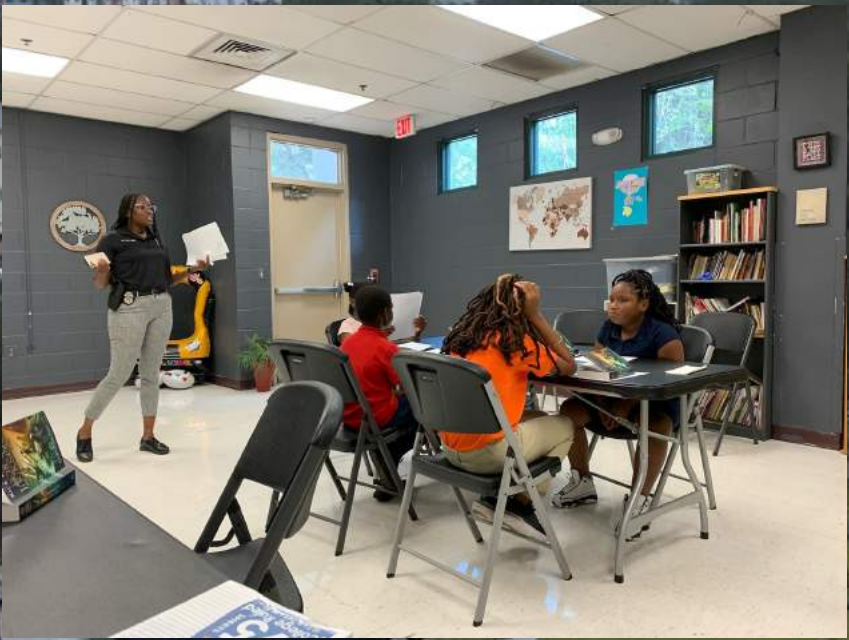


## Community Engagement

Form connections with the community through proactive encounters to build and maintain community trust and confidence

- **Police Athletic League (PAL)** - TPD enhanced efforts to reach at-risk youth, assigning a sergeant and corporal to supervise PAL and expand the boxing program in 2022.
- **R.I.C.H. Houses** - Tutoring, art classes, and mentorship offered year-round to youth at TPD community centers in Sulphur Springs and Robles Park.
- **Gun Safety Presentations** - Officers hosted classes to educate youth on what to do if they encounter a gun at Williams Park, Silver Oaks, and Woodland Terrace Park communities in 2022.
- **Front Porch Roll Calls:** Neighbors talking one-on-one with officers who patrol their community. Roll calls were held at multiple locations throughout all three districts.
- **Violent Crime Forums:** Discussed crime solutions with neighbors and listened to concerns of crime victims.
  - February 7- Sulphur Springs
  - February 28 - St Leo University Tampa Campus
  - June 17- N 15th St & E 26th St
  - July 28- 2820 N Rome Ave
  - September 28- 8608 N 12th St
  - November 1- Ragan Park





"Badges & Books" pilot program celebrated a successful first chapter: Officers connected with kids in an after-school book club to encourage mentorship and foster an interest in reading.



TPD hosted Tampa Night Out at Julian B Lane Park, offering food, music and games to build relationships with the community.

District 3 officers spent a Saturday morning giving youth with Men of Tomorrow a tour of the office and provided lessons on leadership.



Officers took time during Hurricane Ian to check on the animals and staff at the Tampa Humane Society to ensure they were safe in the storm.



TPD personnel prayed alongside local faith leaders and community members at the inaugural Faith & Blue event hosted at Water Works Park.



TPD Community Resource Fair hosted to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month. Car seat installation, domestic violence information and other legal resources were offered through community partners.



TPD hosted Santa's Workshop at all three district offices, distributing free toys to families in need for Christmas.

More than 60 Tampa kids got to "Shop with a Cop" at Target thanks to community sponsors during the holiday season.





# 2022 Pillars and Results



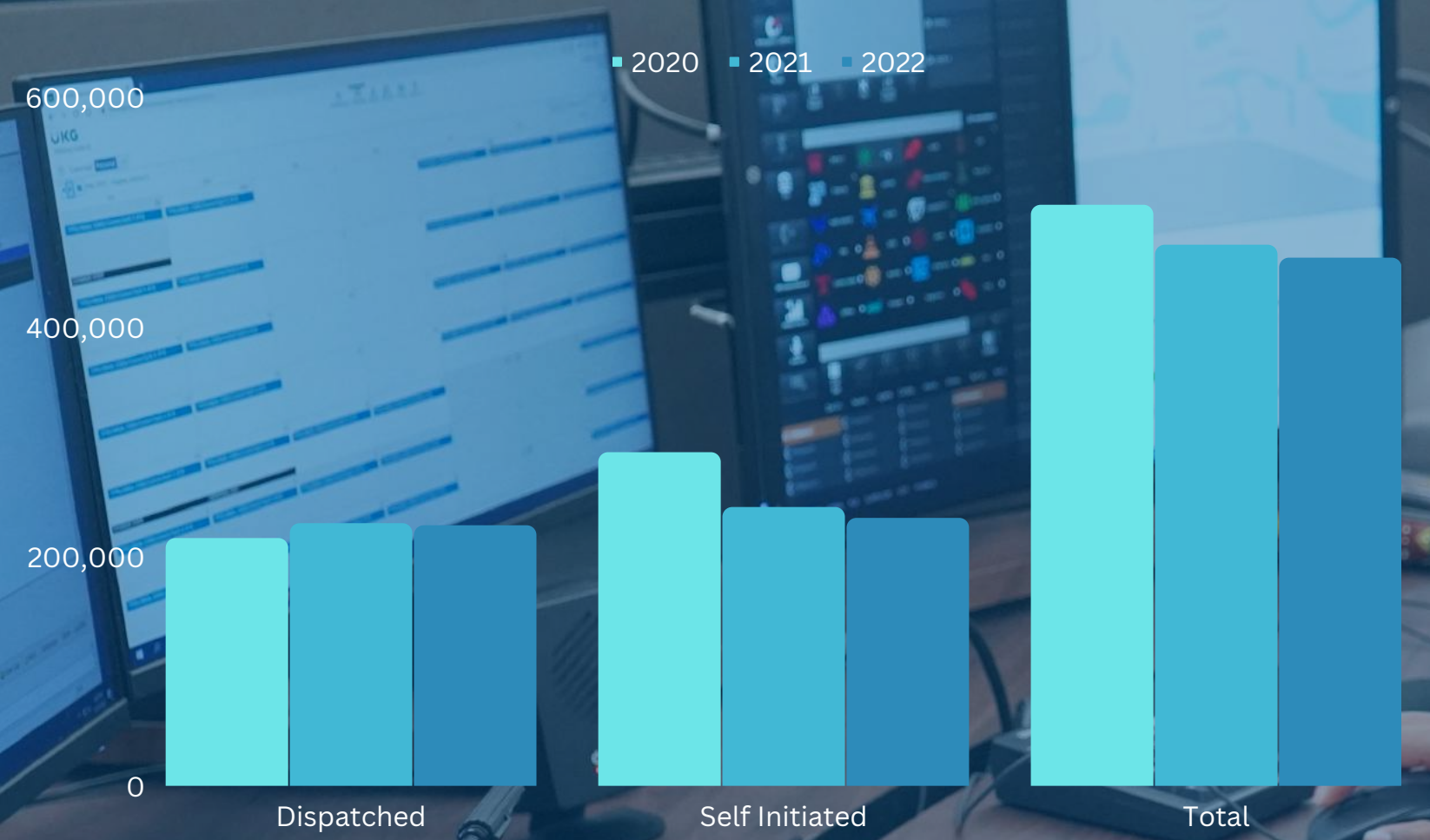
## Quality Assurance

Enforce departmental accountability, creating uniformity in processes across patrol districts, standardized training programs, and a culture of transparency.

- Awarded \$382,000 through the COPS Technology Grant and \$148,863 through the Justice Assistance Grant program in 2022, funding that will be used to purchase auditing software, continue the use of TIP411 to encourage crime tips, and support law enforcement crime prevention and education programs.
- TPD continued its partnership with the Citizens Review Board (CRB) in 2022, providing closed internal affairs cases for review and recommendations. The CRB was incorporated into the TPD officer hiring process at the interview stage.



# Citywide Calls for Service



In 2022, Tampa Police responded to **460,073** calls for service.

Calls for service **decreased** by a total of 2.4%

In a city that is 176 square miles total, the Tampa Police Department has a goal of 8 minutes to respond to Priority One calls from the time of dispatch and no more than 12 minutes for Priority Two calls. (SOP 386 – Emergency Operation of Police Vehicles)

## 2022

### AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES

**4.5 Minutes** - Priority One  
**5.5 Minutes** - Priority Two

Nearly **HALF** the time of our goal.

For quality assurance and transparency, data on police calls for service, traffic stops, crime maps, and TPD policies and procedures is published online at:

<http://www.tampa.gov/police/transparency>



# Fatal and Injury Crashes

2020 2021 2022

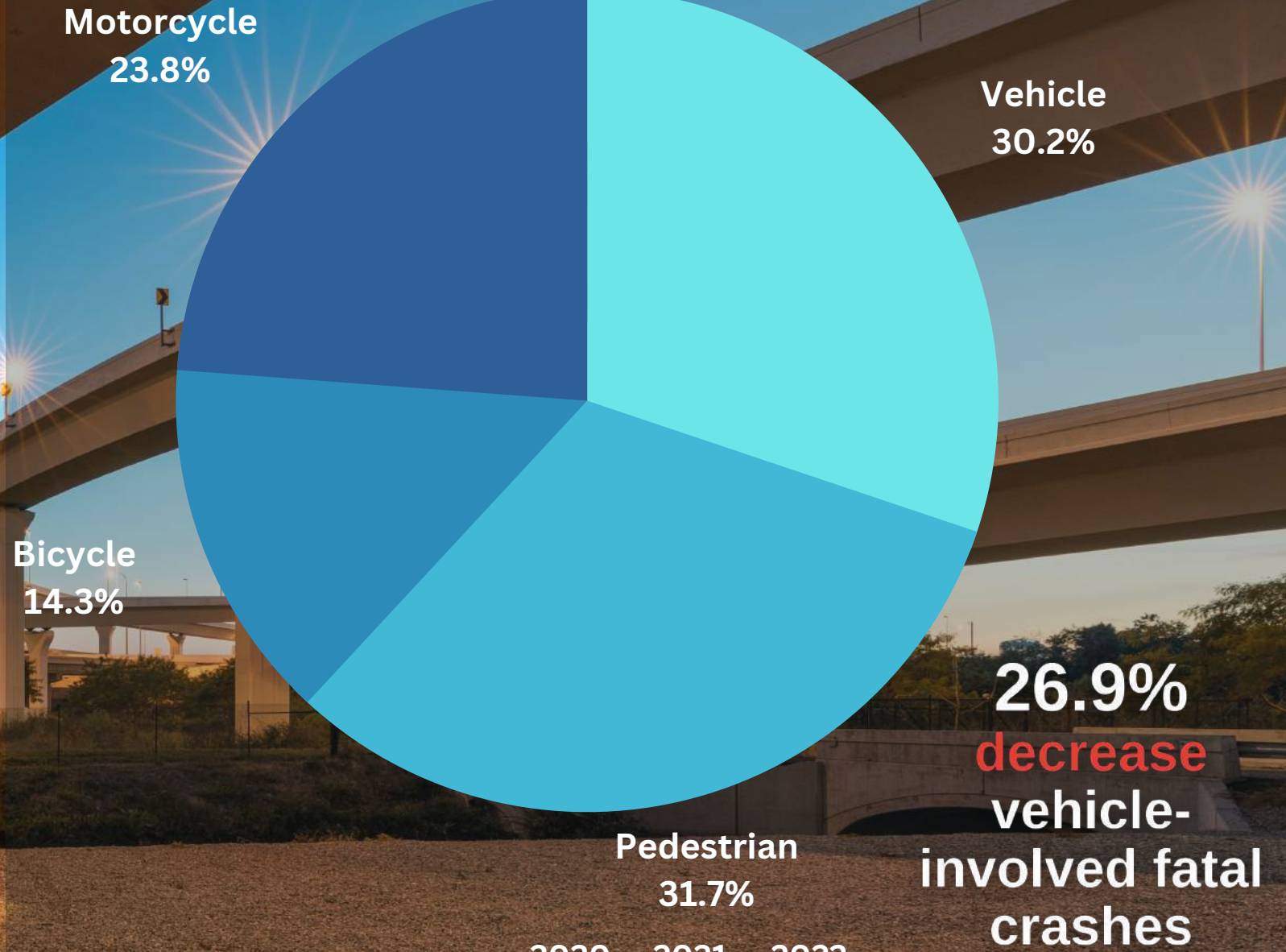


**26.6% decrease traffic fatalities**

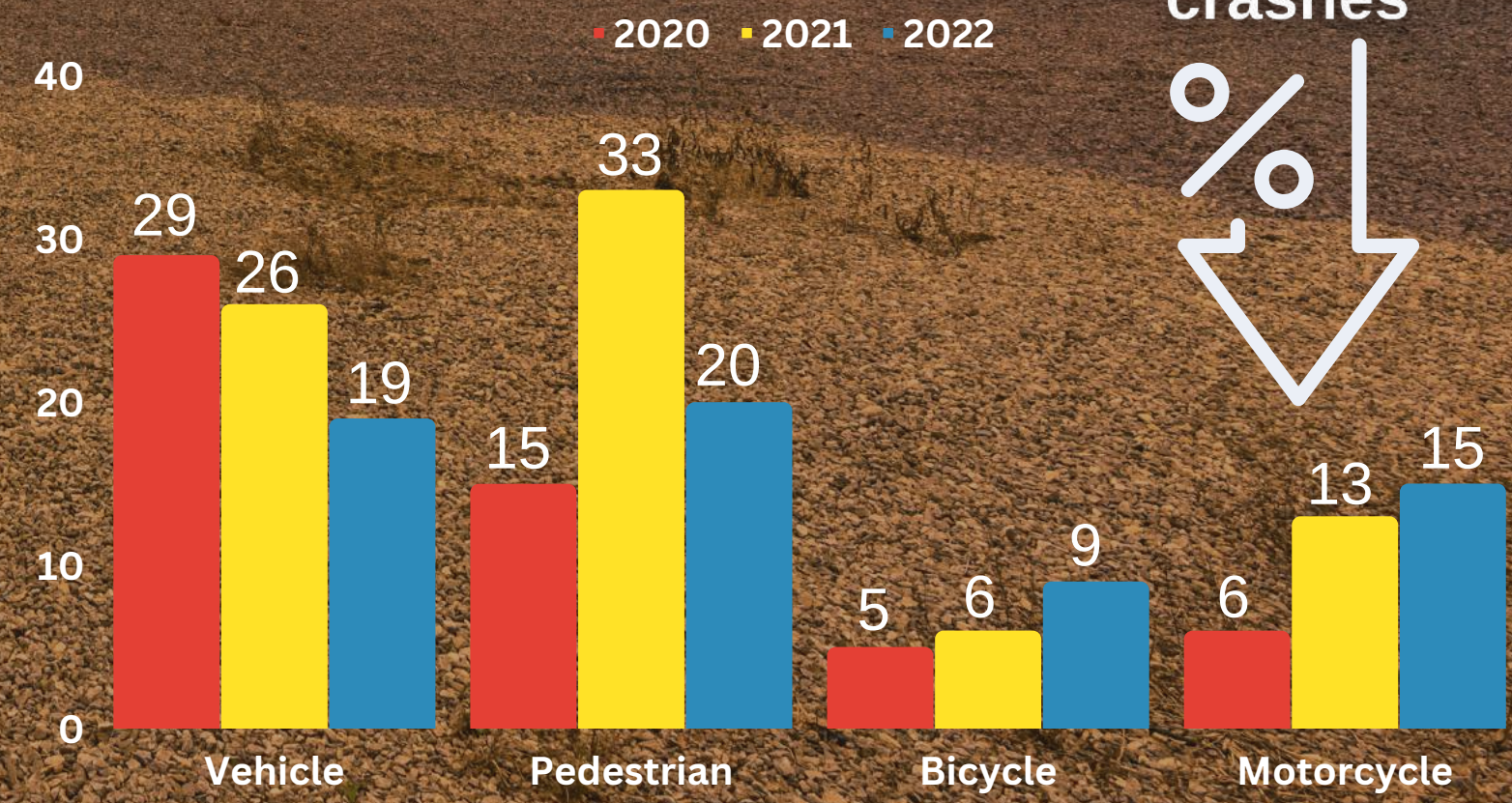
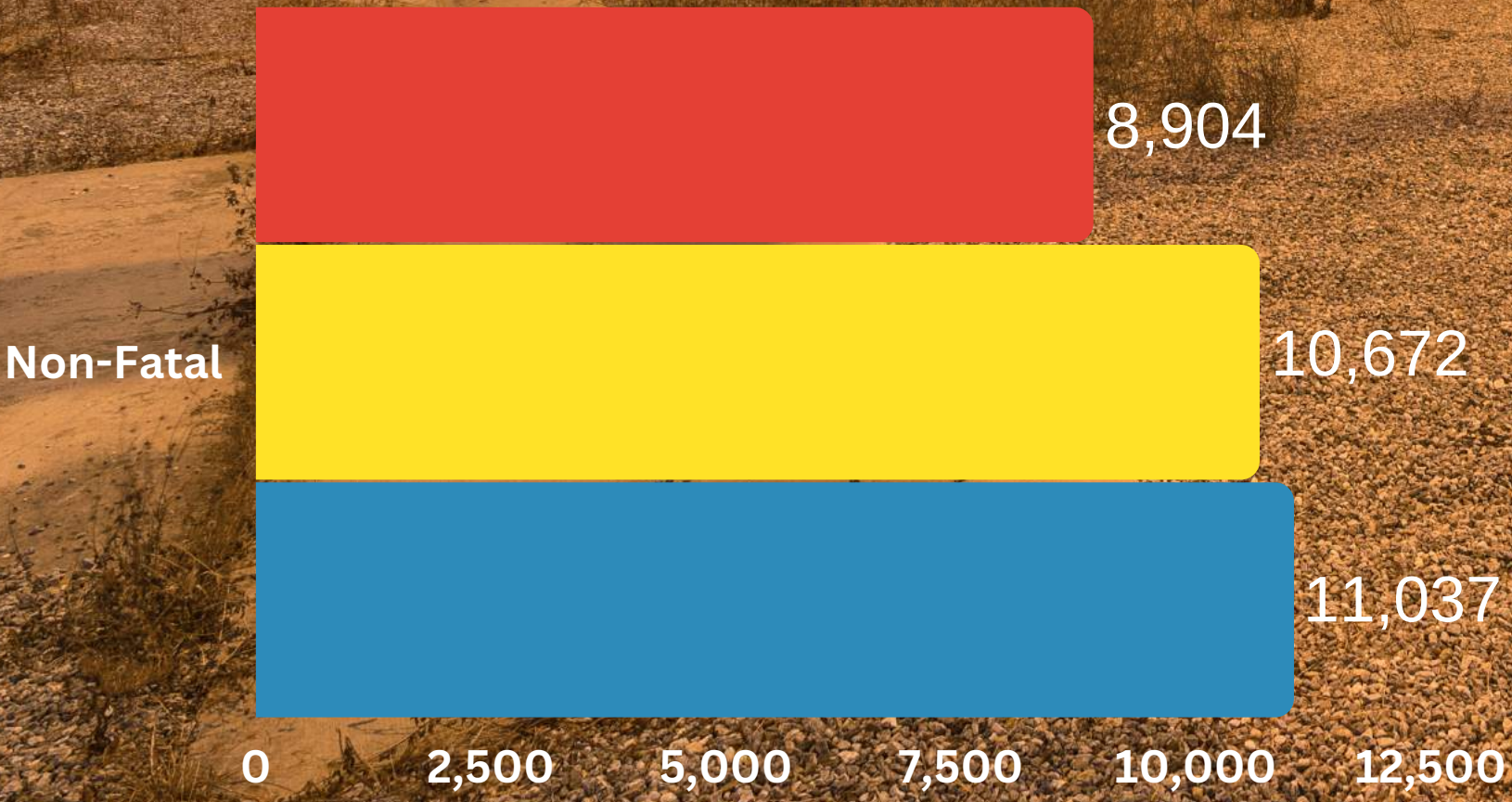


**3.4% increase non-fatal crashes**

# 2022 Fatal Crash Breakdown



**26.9% decrease vehicle-involved fatal crashes**



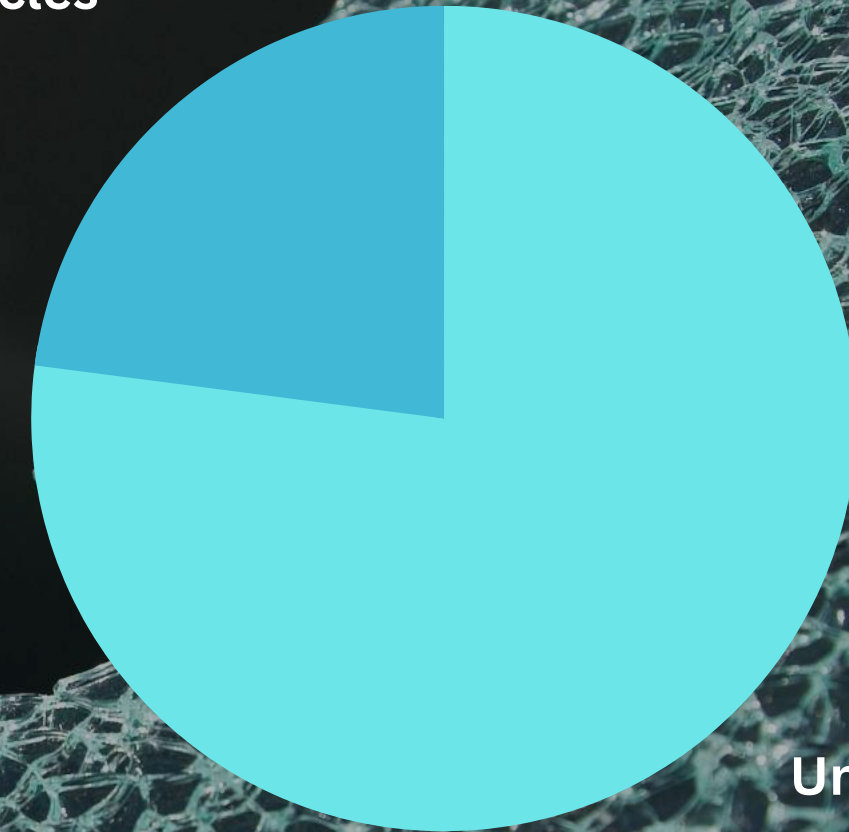
# Auto Burglaries



A 7.9% increase in auto burglaries was seen in 2022 with the majority of cases involving unlocked vehicles. TPD continues its work to educate and encourage residents to lock their vehicle doors.

More than **77%** of all auto burglaries involved **unlocked vehicles**.

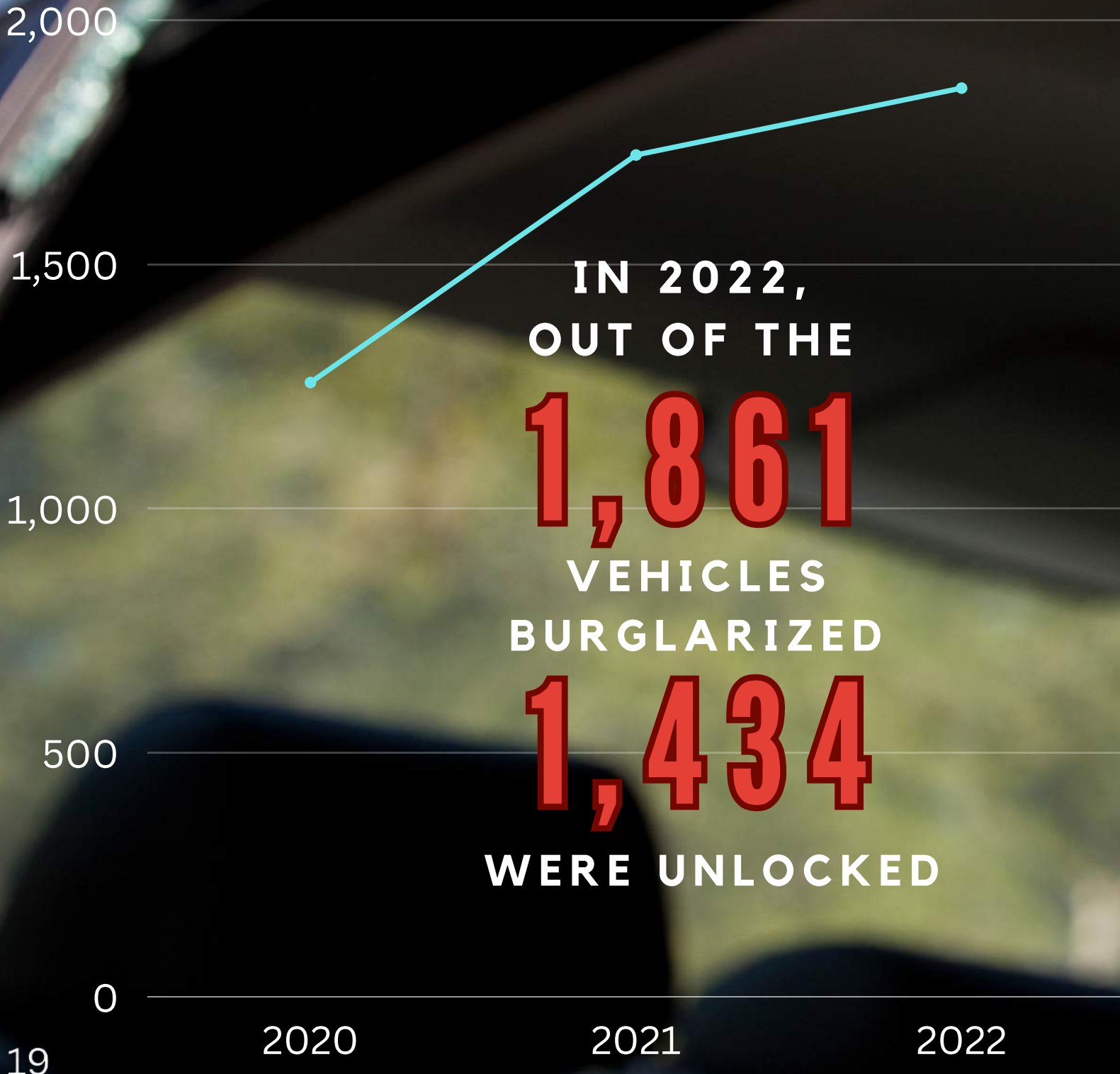
Locked Vehicles  
427



Unlocked Vehicles  
1434

243 firearms were stolen from vehicles in Tampa in 2022. 198 of those vehicles were unlocked.

82% of all firearms stolen from vehicles involved a vehicle left unlocked.



IN 2022,  
OUT OF THE  
**1,861**  
VEHICLES  
BURGLARIZED

**1,434**  
WERE UNLOCKED

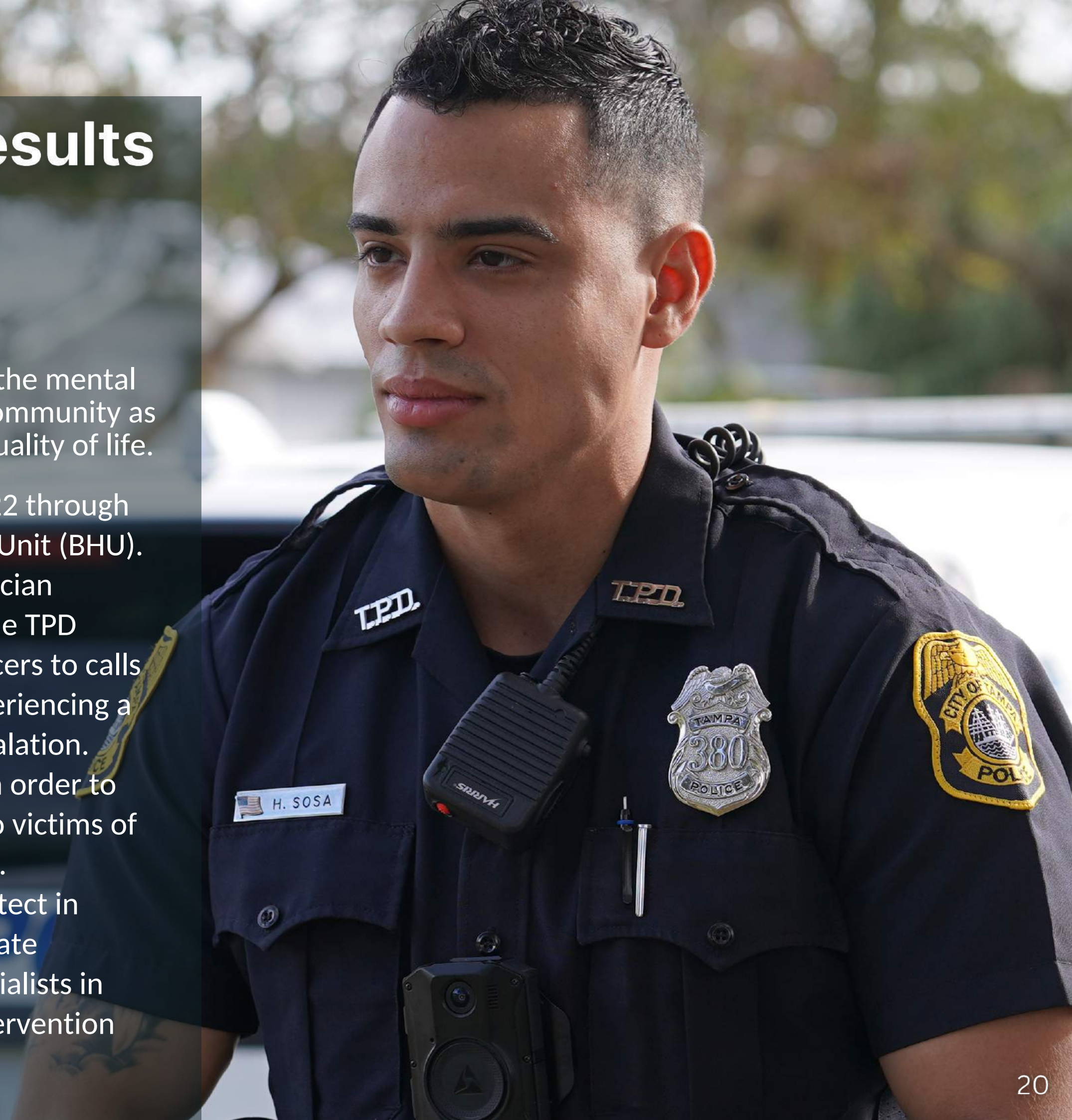
# 2022 Pillars and Results



## Wellness

Support programs focused on improving the mental and physical wellness of officers and the community as a whole, providing resources to improve quality of life.

- Increased focus on homelessness in 2022 through the expansion of the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU).
- Added additional behavioral health clinician positions, making the employees fulltime TPD personnel. Clinicians ride alongside officers to calls for service involving those who are experiencing a mental health crisis to help with de-escalation.
- Created a victim advocate role at TPD in order to better provide one-on-one assistance to victims of crime and connect them with resources.
- Awarded \$550,000 for Connect and Protect in 2022, a grant that will be used to integrate professionally trained intervention specialists in the 911 call center to create a Crisis Intervention Dispatch Service (CIDS) program.



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT (BHU)

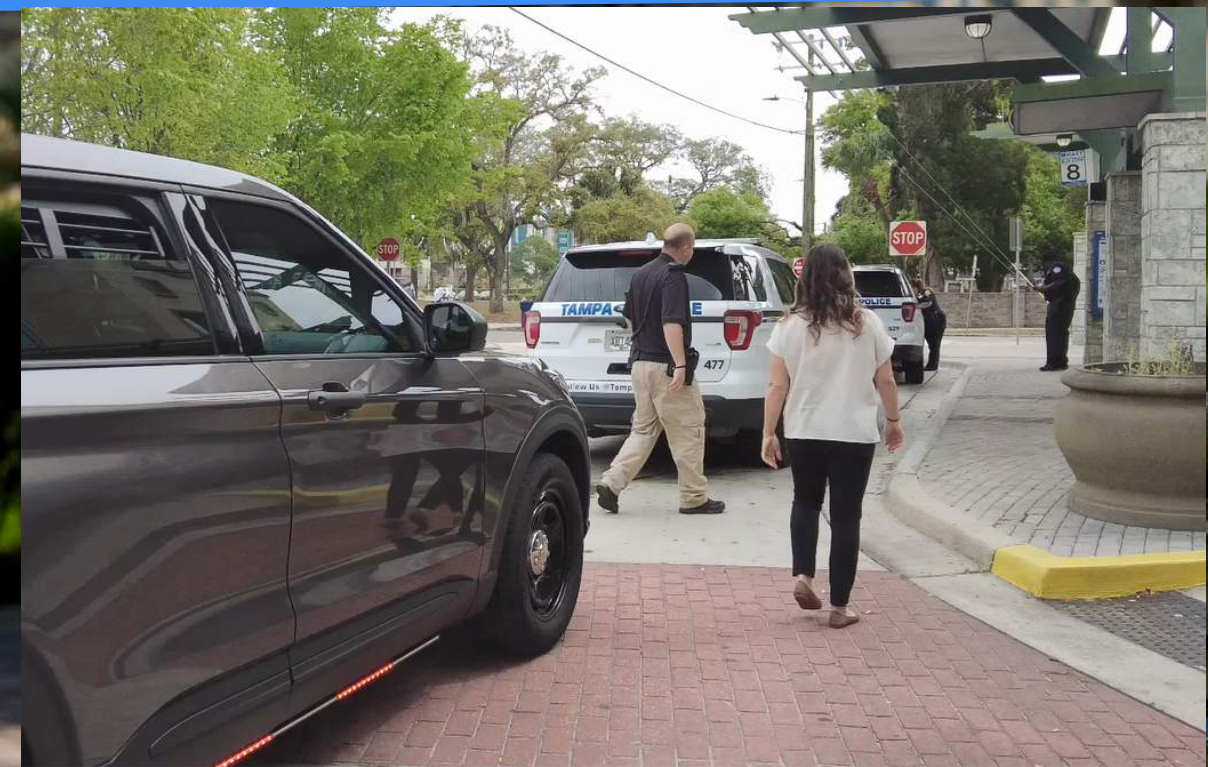
### Goals:

- Provide compassionate intervention and assistance
- Reduce repeat calls for service related to mental illness
- Prevent deadly force encounters
- Prevent unnecessary incarceration or hospitalization

*Successes include suicide prevention, drug rehab assistance and housing assistance.*



In 2022:  
BHU responded to **1,006** Person in Crisis follow up calls.  
BHU assisted patrol with **17.2%** of calls for mental health concerns.



A victim advocate and four behavioral health clinician positions were created in 2022 to pair with patrol officers.

Clinical staff assist with **Crisis Intervention Training** for all TPD officers.

In 2022, TPD introduced **TEETER**, a certified therapy dog. The donated Labradoodle is trained to provide emotional support to crime victims and police personnel working in high-stress roles.



# TPD FAMILY SUPPORT

A TPD Family Support Facebook group launched in 2022 and quarterly events were hosted for TPD families to build relationships.



In September 2022, TPD hosted the first of many family support events for spouses at Keel Farms in Plant City, FL.



Officer Jesse Madsen  
EOW: March 9, 2021

Officer Jeffrey Kocab  
EOW: June 29, 2010

Officer David Curtis  
EOW: June 29, 2010

Corporal Michael Roberts  
EOW: August 19, 2009

Detective Juan Serrano  
EOW: February 25, 2006

Officer Lois Marrero  
EOW: July 6, 2001

Detective Ricky Childers  
EOW: May 19, 1998

Detective Randy Bell  
EOW: May 19, 1998

Officer Norris Epps  
EOW: January 18, 1995

Officer Porfirio Soto, Jr.  
EOW: December 30, 1988

Sergeant Gary Pricher  
EOW: November 4, 1983

# Gone, But Never Forgotten

Detective Gerald Rauff  
EOW: July 24, 1981

Officer Anthony Williams  
EOW: November 3, 1975

Sergeant Richard Cloud  
EOW: October 23, 1975

Detective Kenneth Berlin, Jr.  
EOW: September 27, 1975

Corporal John Collier  
EOW: December 5, 1970

Officer William Krikava  
EOW: January 1, 1965

Officer Rolla Standau  
EOW: November 19, 1963

Officer Carl Chastain  
EOW: February 12, 1958

Officer Morris Lopez  
EOW: July 9, 1949

Officer Richard Booth  
EOW: November 28, 1943

Officer Lester Henley  
EOW: April 11, 1941

Officer Arthur Berry  
EOW: January 31, 1941

Detective Joe Nance  
EOW: October 1, 1939

Detective Sergeant Thomas Chevis  
EOW: April 7, 1938

Officer Bryan Reese  
EOW: August 29, 1935

Officer Henry Lett  
EOW: September 24, 1922

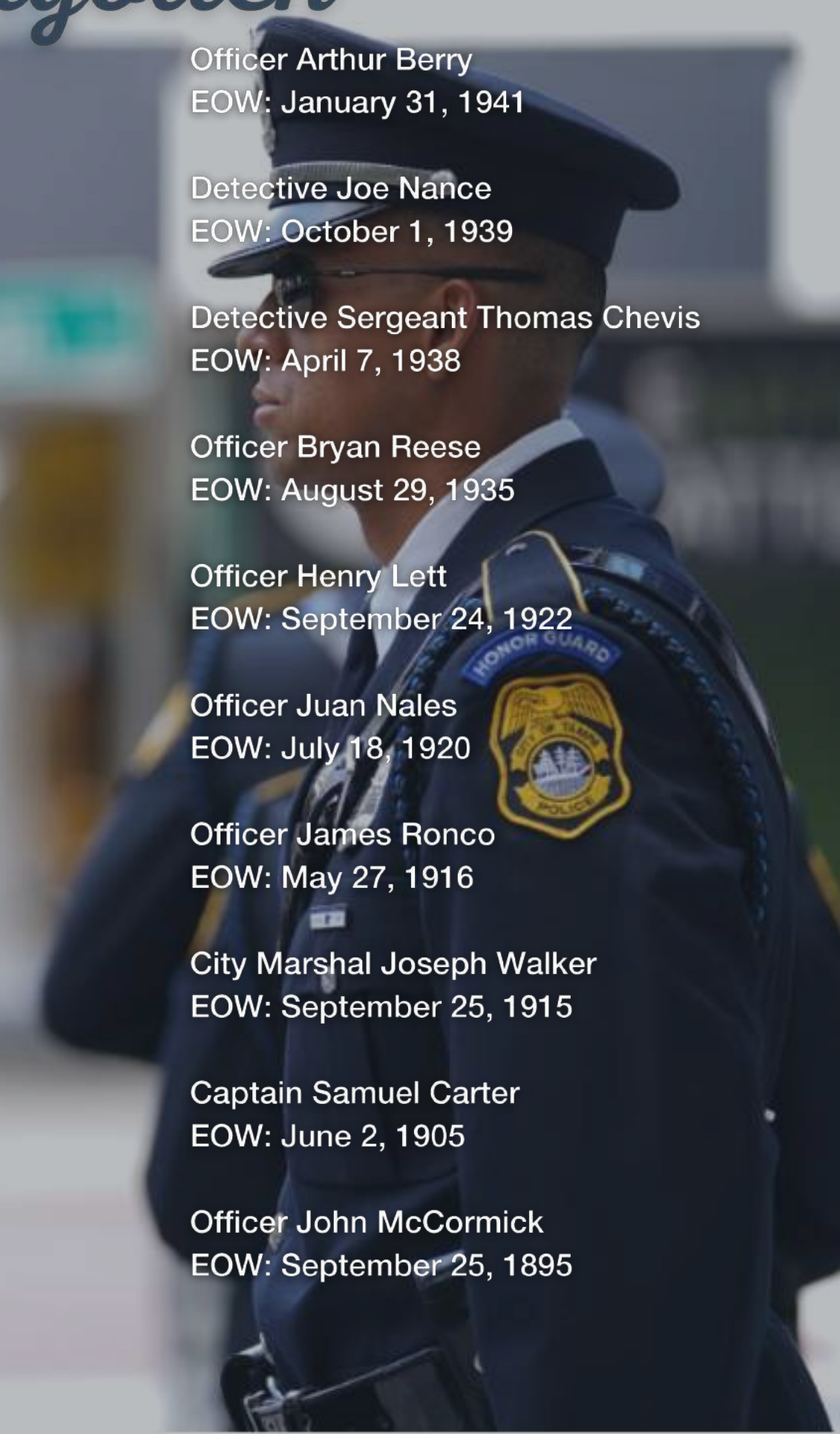
Officer Juan Nales  
EOW: July 18, 1920

Officer James Ronco  
EOW: May 27, 1916

City Marshal Joseph Walker  
EOW: September 25, 1915

Captain Samuel Carter  
EOW: June 2, 1905

Officer John McCormick  
EOW: September 25, 1895





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# Tampa Police Department

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411 N Franklin St

## District One

(813) 354-6600

3818 W Tampa Bay Blvd

## District Two

(813) 931-6500

9330 N 30th St

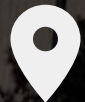
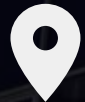
## District Three

(813) 242-3800

3808 N 22nd St

**Emergencies**  
**(Police - Fire - Medical)**  
**DIAL 9-1-1**

Non-Emergencies Call: (813) 231-6130



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