

Bradenton Police Department Annual Report 2019



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Message from the Mayor



Mayor Wayne Poston

As Mayor and Police Commissioner of the City of Bradenton, I am proud to congratulate the officers and staff of the Bradenton Police Department for their success in reducing Part I UCR crime by 6.4% in 2019. Police Chief Melanie Bevan challenged our officers to reduce crime following an increase in 2018, and I thank them for their hard work and accomplishments over this past year. Their efforts, along with those of the Department's professional support staff and community partners, continued to make Bradenton a safe community for residents and visitors.

The Department coordinates several special events annually, and 2019 was no different. From the Bradenton Area River Regatta in February, to Pittsburgh Pirates Spring Training in March, the Florida Heritage Festival Parade in April, numerous summertime community events, and the Bradenton Blues Festival in December, these events provide an opportunity for our City to shine, due in no small part to the safe success of these events thanks to the Police Department. Residents and visitors alike make a point to tell me how professional and polite our officers are, which continues to make Bradenton "The Friendly City."

Chief Bevan brought a strong background of volunteerism and community engagement with her experience, and our Departments work built upon that foundation was on full display this past year. Events such as Christmas in July, Coffee with a Cop, Neighborhood Night Out, mentoring through Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Take Stock in Children, Honoring the Badge, the annual Holiday Toy Drive, and other community and charity events, were only made possible through the participation and volunteerism of our Departmental personnel. The encouragement of officers to participate in community outreach in partnership with the Bradenton Blue Foundation and other local organizations further strengthens the bond between our residents, our communities, and the officers who serve them.

We look forward to the excitement and challenges this year holds for us, as Bradenton continues to be a perfect destination to live, work, and visit. Entering 2020, I again thank the citizens of Bradenton for the privilege of their continued support and confidence in the Bradenton Police Department.

2019 City Council



Councilman Gene Brown



Vice Mayor Harold Byrd



Councilman Patrick Roff



Councilman Gene Gallo



Councilman Bill Sanders

Message from the Chief



Chief Melanie Bevan

I am pleased to present the Bradenton Police Department's 2019 Annual Report, featured in an online format. This report provides an in-depth analysis of all facets of BPD operations and activities. As we reflect on our accomplishments of 2019, it is important to recognize that our many achievements are building blocks toward even more success in the future.

As Chief of Police, I assume the responsibility of ensuring that our community receives the best law enforcement services possible. I'm fortunate to have a dedicated staff who achieves this by enthusiastically maintaining a high level of competency, a resilient commitment to quality service, and a sense that we can always evolve and provide better service tomorrow, than we did yesterday.

Bradenton continues to become a safer place to live, work, and play with both violent and property crime down approximately 6%. These statistics reflect our day-to-day mission and gauge where resources are needed. Also noteworthy, BPD committed over 9,000 hours of advanced training for our personnel to better prepare officers for the challenges of 21st century policing, highlighting such areas as crises management, officer safety, investigations, and de-escalation techniques.

Our greatest measure of success is the strong relationship we have with our community. We have a resident base that truly supports its police department and actively assists us in our endeavor to provide the highest quality of police services possible. In appreciation of their trust and confidence, we demonstrate our commitment to our residents by maintaining our Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). It is an ongoing, day to day process which requires re-accreditation every three years with proof of compliance to over 200 standards. The Bradenton Police Department is extremely proud to retain this distinguished honor for our community.

I am proud of the accomplishments of all our Sworn officers, civilian staff, and volunteers. Time and again, I am approached and complimented on the positive actions of individual officers, as well as the sense of transparency, professionalism, and accountability shared by everyone who wears our badge. It is a great reminder that service to the community is truly at the heart of everything we do.

Police Department Overview

Staffing Demographics

Authorized Staffing			
	2017	2018	2019
Full-Time Sworn Officers	120	120	120
Part-Time Sworn Officers	0	2	2
Full-Time Civilians	30	31	35
Part-Time Civilians	11	14	16
Total	161	167	173

Actual Staffing – December 2019						
	Sworn Officers			Civilian Personnel		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Caucasian	88	8	96	12	26	38
Hispanic	7	6	13	1	3	4
African-American	7	2	9	2	3	5

Sworn Personnel Years of Service	
0-5 Years	36
6-10 Years	22
11-15 Years	21
16-20 Years	26
21-25 Years	10
25+ Years	3

Office of Professional Standards

Internal Affairs

The Office of Professional Standards processed 48 complaints in 2019, which involved 35 officers and 5 civilians. Some complaints include several allegations. Below is a summary of the investigations:

While 43 complaint investigations have been completed and closed, 5 additional investigations remain active. Total number of allegations for these investigations is pending.

When misconduct of an employee is alleged, the complaint is investigated as one of three administrative investigation types.

Internal Affairs Investigation: A formal allegation of misconduct of a serious nature committed by an employee which requires an in-depth investigation.

Divisional Investigation: An informal allegation of misconduct of a more minor nature committed by an employee which requires a supervisory investigation.

Inquiry: Some complaints will be classified as an inquiry when it is shown there is no violation, and the complaint has been determined to be a procedural question from a citizen about the actions or inactions of an employee.

Complaint and Investigation Findings on Misconduct Allegations Against Department Personnel							
	Closed Investigations	Open Investigations	Allegations				
			Exonerated	Not Involved	Not Sustained	Sustained	Unfounded
Internal Affairs Investigation	7	3	1	1	0	9	0
Divisional Investigation	14	3	0	0	2	11	1
Inquiry	18	3	0	0	3	0	15
Totals	39	9	1	1	5	20	16

Of the 48 total investigations, 20 were complaints from citizens and 28 were initiated by the Chief of Police.

Use of Force

The Office of Professional Standards conducted an analysis of the Use of Force incidents for 2019. There were a total of 77 officers involved who applied some level of force to 248 individuals. Of those incidents, all were determined to have been within agency policy.

Use of Force Subject Demographics					
Caucasian		Hispanic		African-American	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
176	26	3	0	37	6

Types of Force Used by Officers			
Canine	1	Less Lethal Force	0
Baton	0	Threat of Less Lethal Force	17
Handcuffs while Struggling	159	Lethal Force	0
Hands/Feet/Fists	226	Threat of Lethal Force	14
Leg Restraints	13	Taser Displayed	10
OC Spray	1	Taser Deployed – Contact	5
Spit Mask	11	Taser Deployed – No Contact	3

Uniform Crime Report

	2018	2019	Percent Change
Homicide	2	7	+250%
Rape	34	26	- 23.5%
Robbery	76	57	-25.0%
Aggravated Assault	280	275	-1.8%
Burglary	226	206	-8.8%
Larceny	1260	1189	-5.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	81	79	-2.5%
Total Part I Crimes	1959	1839	-6.1%
Total Part II Crimes	2361	2518	+6.6%
Total Offenses	4320	4357	+0.9%

Legal Unit

The Legal Unit provides counsel to the Chief and the Department and ensures that the Department stays apprised of current legal issues, statutory changes, and case law of significance to law enforcement. Forfeiture is a crucial component of the Legal Unit, which decreases crime by depriving a criminal of property used to commit an offense or acquired through illegal activity. In 2019, the Bradenton Police Department seized \$48,732.50 in State Asset Forfeiture and \$51,295.52 in Federal Equitable Forfeiture.

As part of our commitment to community policing and engagement, the agency will donate at least 25% of State Forfeiture funds to community organizations and programs each year. After allocating necessary funds to proceeding-related court costs, we were able to donate \$14,266.70 in 2019 to programs benefitting the citizens of Bradenton, including the following recipients of our State Forfeiture Grant Program:

- Boys and Girls Club of Manatee County for the Making SMART Moves Program - \$500
- Manatee Children’s Services for a Community Training Room - \$1000
- Drug Free Manatee for Drug Free Youth - \$1500
- Replay Outreach for the Replay Xceleration Job Program - \$1500
- Humane Society of Manatee County for Victims of Animal Cruelty - \$2000
- Bradenton Police Explorer Post #1004 for the Law Enforcement Career Program - \$2500

Accreditation Unit

Accreditation is an extensive process developed to inspect law enforcement agencies to determine if they are using the “best practices” in policing, policies, and procedures. The Accreditation Unit is responsible for maintaining files that prove the Department’s compliance with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, who accredited our Department in 2018. As the year ends, we are now in year two of a three-year accreditation cycle and are on track for reaccreditation in 2021. Our goal is to maintain an excellent level of service as an accredited agency. Although accreditation is a voluntary process, it is an ongoing endeavor to

ensure our citizens that we are providing quality service that meets standards recognized by the Commission.

Training

The Bradenton Police Department's Training Unit is responsible for training, certification, and recertification of all Department employees. The Department hired and trained 12 new officers in 2019. Throughout the year our officers attended 9,107 hours of training to remain proficient and current in this profession. Our department strives to provide the best training to all members. Officers are required to complete training in several high liability areas annually and within a specified time period.

Explorers



A trio of Explorers helps out at the Back to School Bash

The Bradenton Police Explorer Program is comprised of young men and women between the ages of 14 and 22. This Program mentors young adults who are interested in the possibility of law enforcement as a career. The Explorer Post meets once a week for classroom instruction and hands on training. Explorers provide community service, learn positive fitness habits, and compete in local and state competitions. There are currently 14 Explorers participating in the program.

Operations Division



Assistant Chief Paul McWade

The Officers and Detectives of the Operations Division serve as the front line for public welfare and safety for the City of Bradenton. Personnel within the Division respond to and solve law enforcement-related issues and concerns within the community.

In 2019, UCR Part 1 Crimes decreased significantly City-wide, due to a number of mitigating factors. Foremost, advanced technological tactics such as DNA analysis, cell phone data mining and social media investigations assisted in the identification, apprehension and successful prosecution of offenders. Additionally, the Division members place a high value on effective communication between Patrol and Patrol Support, regularly meeting to discuss crime trends, neighborhood concerns, and on-going investigations.

Equally important, though, is communication with the public, who are invaluable in contributing to crime fighting efforts. Our Officers' attendance at Neighborhood Association Meetings, Community Squad Meetings, and special events such as Coffee with a Cop have afforded the opportunity to meet with City residents and learn about real-life issues and difficulties affecting them, thus emphasizing the importance of collaboration for the benefit of all.

Operations Division – Patrol



Officer Cook gives a smile as he patrols the Heritage Parade

The Patrol Officers of the Bradenton Police Department are led by Captain William Knight, and they serve as the foundation and face of the agency. They are the first to respond to any type of incident and serve as the initial investigator to most investigation and maintain order while

resolving issues within our community. They promote strong community relations by patrolling the City on foot, whenever possible, and regularly attending community meetings to inform residents of local crime trends and addressing any concerns the community may be experiencing. Many officers in Patrol received commendations this year for life-saving efforts, quality service, and more.

Early in the year, Officers Todd Freed and Jason Taulbee responded to a police assist call to aid an unresponsive female. Their quick thinking in performing CPR was enough to stabilize the woman until medical personnel could arrive.

In February, Officers Kyle Orms and Joe Kotloski were dispatched to a call and quickly surmised that a subject had a heart attack and was in need of CPR. They immediately jumped into action and performed life-saving measures until EMS was able to respond. The subject survived the attack.

Officers Shawn Miller, Ryan Vaughn, and Brian Wingate responded to a traffic crash in September in which emergency measures needed to be taken for an unresponsive driver. Sergeant Shehorn attested that their actions saved the man's life.

While working an off-duty detail in the Library, Officer Jordan Sullivan was approached by a child and informed of an unresponsive male in the bathroom. She pulled him to an open area and performed CPR until back-up arrived and the victim awoke.

In October, Officer Dalia Santana and Sergeant Anthony Ramdath were dispatched to a deadly drug overdose. They administered doses of Narcan and stayed with the subject until he regained consciousness, saving his life.

Honor Guard



BPD's Honor Guard stands watch at a formal event

The Bradenton Police Department Honor Guard has been active for over 33 years. Unit personnel participate at functions such as parades, ceremonies, and charitable causes. Originally established to provide honors for officers killed in the line of duty, it is now recognized as the Department's official ceremonial Unit. Multifaceted, the group performs duties such as traditional color guard functions, as well as coordinating and participating in the intricate details

inherent to line of duty deaths for fallen law enforcement officers. This last year, they represented the agency at the Fallen Officer Memorial, law enforcement funerals, flag retirements, and presenting the nation's colors at public events, among other activities.

Traffic Unit



Detective Wollard reminds motorists about a new law

The Bradenton Police Department has two officers assigned to the Traffic Unit as well as a Sergeant and Lieutenant. The goals of the Traffic Unit are to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Bradenton by reducing injuries, deaths, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes and to enhance citizen education, understanding and satisfaction of police traffic services. The Traffic Unit primarily focuses on enforcement, analysis, crash reduction and reconstruction as well as public education and public relations.

In 2019, the Bradenton Police Department was awarded four grants to positively impact traffic issues involving crash-related injuries and fatalities. These grants were made possible by funding from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and range from Impaired Driving (\$20,000), High Visibility Enforcement Pedestrian & Bicycle (\$25,000), Speed & Aggressive Driving (\$30,000) and a Drug Recognition Evaluation Classification Program grant (\$1,500). BPD has also partnered with MADD and Manatee County School District to provide impairment outreach education and resources to middle and high school students.

The Bradenton Police Department issued 12,453 citations and written warnings in 2019 and responded to 1,918 traffic crashes.

School Resource Officers



SRO Johnson gets a hug from some of his favorite citizens

The Bradenton Police Department School Resource Officer Unit is comprised of five officers serving three public schools in the City of Bradenton, Manatee Elementary School, Sugg Middle School and Manatee High School. Combined, the SRO Unit oversees more than three thousand students.

School Resource Officers do more than just patrol the school campus for which they are assigned. They instruct and create awareness for law-enforcement education related to school safety, monitor those who visit schools, provide assistance for disruptive students, enforce school rules and supervise the entire school campus. School Resource Officers are also called upon to educate parents and faculty on personal safety, traffic safety, and law. School Resource Officers are the first contact with law enforcement for many children. The Bradenton Police Department's SRO Unit prides itself on making that first contact a positive and lasting one.

Special Event Response Team (SERT)



Team Leader Lt. Waller trains on an ATV

The Special Event Response Team (SERT) is a Unit that comes together when needed and is comprised of 20 officers who are trained in mass arrest situations, special event disruption, and other unusual events, such as natural disasters. SERT members train on a bi-monthly basis and conduct annual inter-agency training with regional Departments.

SERT is also responsible for two Department of Defense "Hummers" acquired by the Bradenton Police Department under the 10-33 program. While we hopefully never need these vehicles for

a high water rescue, we have utilized them as a community outreach tool that many citizens have enjoyed seeing at events throughout the year.

Marine Unit

The Bradenton Police Department Marine Unit currently has eight officers, one Sergeant, and one Lieutenant assigned to it as a part-time position. The Unit is responsible for policing the waterways within the City of Bradenton and providing aid to local, state, and federal agencies with enforcement issues in addition to search and rescue efforts. In 2019, the Unit issued 51 citations and warnings, and they inspected four other vehicles.

The City of Bradenton is bordered by approximately 14 miles of waterways, which are comprised of the Manatee River, Tampa Bay, Intercostal Waterway, and the Palma Sola Causeway.

K-9 Unit



Officer Palmer and K-9 Riggs perform a vehicle search

The Bradenton Police Department Canine (K-9) Unit is staffed by five Certified K-9 Teams. Officer K.B. Magown II is partnered with K-9 Maverick, a Black Lab. K-9 Maverick is a single-purpose K-9 whose specialty is Explosive Ordinance Detection. Officer Matthew Palmer is Partnered with K-9 Riggs, a German Shepard/Malinois mix. Officer Brandon Smolarz is Partnered with K-9 Drax, a Belgian Malinois. K-9 Riggs and K-9 Drax are both multi-purpose K-9s whose jobs include Apprehension, Narcotics Detection, and Tracking. One of our undercover Detectives is partnered with K-9 Blue, a Black Lab. K-9 Blue is a single-purpose K-9 whose specialty is Narcotics Detection. Detective Lixa Moyett is partnered with K-9 Liberty, a Bloodhound. K-9 Liberty is a single-purpose K-9 whose specialty is Search and Rescue.

K-9 Blue, K-9 Drax, and K-9 Liberty along with their handlers all joined the K-9 Unit in 2019. As an invaluable asset to the Patrol Division, the Canine (K-9) Unit was deployed 176 times in 2019. In those deployments, the K-9 Unit conducted K-9 Tracks, Vehicle Detection for Narcotics, Building/Area/Article Searches, EOD Sweeps, and assists to other agencies.

	Detection				Patrol		
	Deployments	Searches	Alerts	Seizures	Deployments	Arrests	People Found
Ofc. Magown	18	126	0	0	0	0	0
Ofc. Smolarz	26	26	11	7	10	0	1
Ofc. Palmer	75	75	37	16	31	1	7
Undercover	16	34	15	11	0	0	0
Det. Moyett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT)

The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is a highly trained Unit equipped to deal with high risk situations, such as hostage rescue, fugitive apprehension and “active shooters.” The Bradenton SWAT Team members serve on a part-time basis, and there are currently 15 active members. During the last year, the SWAT Team was requested for several calls for service and served 8 high priority search warrants. The team competed in the Region 6 SWAT Challenge this past year and finished in the top ten amongst the participating teams.

The operators of the Hostage Negotiation Team are trained negotiators who de-escalate potential life-threatening situations by using verbal crisis management techniques. The Team works with the Department’s SWAT Team by responding to crisis incidents involving individuals who are emotionally distraught, suicidal, armed/barricaded, or in a potential hostage situation. The primary goal of the Team is to mitigate crisis incidents while attempting to avoid unnecessary risk to citizens, victims, and officers. The Team currently serves on a part-time basis and has seven active members. During the last year, the Team’s members have attended multiple classes and trained with other local law enforcement agencies.

Operations Division – Patrol Support

Patrol Support is commanded by Captain Brian Thiers and consists of the Criminal Investigations Section, the Special Investigations Unit, the Narcotics Unit, and the Support Services Section. This year, Patrol Support continued to combat the ongoing opioid crisis that has plagued our community over recent years. As such, thanks to their dedicated and steadfast work, Bradenton police reported a decrease in overdoses and overdose-related deaths for 2019. They are also continuing to provide for public transparency by enhancing the agency’s presence on social media by the creation of a new position, the Digital Media Coordinator. This position will provide for the necessary outlet of the on-goings of the department through a strong online presence, as well as enhance the way detectives conduct investigations related to social media.

Criminal Investigations Section

The Criminal Investigations Section currently has fourteen full-time Detectives who investigate persons, property, fraud (financial and or identity), missing persons, crimes against children and sexual offenses. Several CIS Detectives are also assigned to federal taskforces, which include FBI, DEA, HSI, and the US Secret Service. During this year, the Section investigated five homicides and two homicide manslaughter. Four of the homicides were narcotics-related. CIS Detectives also closed 60% of simple assaults and 50% of all violent crimes within the City.

The Criminal Investigations Section also staffs one civilian crime analyst whose duties are to recognize and map crime patterns and trends in local and regional criminal activity. The analyst also receives, preserves, creates, and distributes intelligence information from internal and external sources that assists in the monitoring, anticipation, and prevention of criminal activity.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is a tactical detective squad with a mandate to track down the City’s most dangerous offenders and take them off the street. Members of SIU will dress down and wear street clothes to disguises and blend in with the public. They have developed surveillance tactics, where they shadow their targets, then once safe will move in and take down their suspect. SIU works along with the Criminal Investigations Section, Narcotics Unit, and Patrol Division to assist in any of their needs. Throughout the year SIU has apprehended multiple violent offenders from robberies, shootings, burglaries, and drug sales.

Narcotics Unit



Our Narcotics Unit works hard to keep dangerous paraphernalia off the streets

The Bradenton Police Department Narcotics Unit consists of five Detectives whose mission is to identify, arrest, and eliminate drug organizations and individuals who control drug operations. The Narcotics Unit conducts both long and short term investigations into illegal narcotic activity and prostitution, as well as investigating citizen complaints. The Narcotics Unit has one Detective assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force and four Detectives and one Detective Sergeant assigned to the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Task Force Officer program. The entire Narcotics Unit regularly partners with several outside agencies which includes FDLE, FBI, and JTTF, as well as surrounding local agencies.

	Cocaine	Heroin	Meth	Pills	Marijuana	Firearms	Vehicles
2017	9,686g	2,555g	2,361g	1,954g	3,756g	22	2
2018	825g	420 g	5,015g	919g	6,184g	22	25
2019	1,308g	372g	72,495g	84g	2,883g	77	25

Support Services Section



The Downtown Unit patrols during the Heritage Parade

The Bradenton Police Department Downtown Unit consists of two officers and a Sergeant who conduct foot, bicycle, and ATV patrols of the downtown area. The Unit works in conjunction with the City's Downtown Development Authority, as well as the Old Main Street Merchants Association, Bradenton Riverwalkers, and Realize Bradenton. Along with the day to day operations of patrolling, the Unit also provides assistance to the disenfranchised citizens of Bradenton through our Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). This last year, with funding assistance from the US Housing and Urban Development, HOT successfully provided assistance to 58 individuals, including 10 families, through housing and transportation assistance. This vital program has proven successful again and again.

Crime Prevention Officer

The Crime Prevention Officer is assigned to the Downtown Unit and is responsible for developing and implementing various crime prevention, safety, and community outreach programs within the City of Bradenton. The Officer works closely with businesses, community organizations, and neighborhood groups to provide crime prevention training and safety education, as well as coordinates Neighborhood Watch programs, the Homeless Outreach program, and the Business Trespass Program. The Crime Prevention Officer provides training to businesses and individuals in Active Shooter Response, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), and more. The Crime Prevention Officer endeavors to partner with our community to prevent crime and provide a safer, better future for Bradenton.

Administrative Services Division



Assistant Chief Josh Cramer

The Administrative Services Division is headed by Assistant Chief Josh Cramer and includes Communications, Crime Scene Investigations, Fiscal and Personnel Services, Property and Evidence, Records, and Front Desk Operations/City Hall Security. The Division is staffed by most of our Department's civilian employees.

The duties of the Records Section include the processing of all paperwork or digital files submitted by employees or outside entities during the criminal justice process. The Records staff also process all public records requests in a timely fashion and accordance with state law.

The Communications Section handles dispatch duties for the Bradenton Police and Fire Departments. Additionally, they handle all incoming 911 calls. Communications Manager Cindy Dudar ensures that her staff provides professional, compassionate assistance to those calling in a request for service.

Crime Scene Investigators respond to major crime scenes for photographing and processing evidence. In addition to this, members of the unit use the CSI Lab to continue the investigations that began on-scene, further establishing proper preservation of evidence for use in court.

The Property and Evidence Section collects all incoming property and evidence submitted following an investigation, labels the items, and systematically stores them. The items remain in place until they are either needed in court or can be lawfully disposed of.

Budget and payroll processing are just two of the duties of the Fiscal and Personnel Services Section. The staff assigned to this section serve as liaisons for City Hall. Through coordination, they handle requisitions, purchasing, and Human Resources issues.

The Sections of the Administrative Services Division are described briefly above. The professionalism exhibited daily by the personnel assigned to our division mirrors their robust dedication and work ethic, which are essential to the efficient operation of the Bradenton Police Department.

Fiscal Services

BPD Annual Budget	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19
Personnel Costs	\$13,679,885	\$14,259,552	\$14,867,324
Logistics and Services	\$2,784,638	\$2,704,640	\$2,719,257
Grant Offsets	\$54,277	\$114,097	\$117,677
Total	\$16,518,800	\$17,078,289	\$17,704,258
Annual Approved City Budget	\$115,073,358	\$136,388,441	\$142,026,418
Police Department's Percentage of City Budget (Not Including Grants)	14.4%	12.5%	12.4%

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Grants	
Department of Justice Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	\$24,488
Florida Department of Transportation High Visibility Enforcement Grant	\$15,000
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	\$14,510
Drive Sober/Slow Your Roll	\$45,000
Drug Recognition Expert Overtime	\$1,500
CDBG Homeless Outreach	\$13,124
Heroes' Program - Narcan	\$7,040
Total	\$120,662

Communications

The Communications Section serves as a bridge of communication for the citizens of Bradenton to its Police Officers and Firefighters. The Section is staffed every hour of every day and serves as a lifeline, answering 911, emergency, and non-emergency calls and dispatching for the Bradenton Police and Fire Departments. Their job is complex and demanding, but it is a helping profession. Helping others is commendable, but emergency communications go deeper. This profession is highly skilled and highly technical. A Dispatcher must be intelligent, hard-working, and fast-paced to succeed. These special people find themselves in the middle of chaos all by answering a phone, but then remaining calm and organized to direct and reassure others, then send help. We are lucky to have 16 such people working for our Departments.

In 2019, our Communications Section answered 16,381 Emergency 911 calls. They entered a total of 91,658 calls for service for the Bradenton Police Department, and 6,342 calls for service for the Bradenton Fire Department.

Crime Scene Investigations

The Bradenton Police Department Crime Scene Unit is staffed by three civilian Crime Scene Investigators under the supervision of the Sergeant of the Property and Evidence Unit. Although the Unit is made up of only three people, they are available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year to provide services to the agency. The Crime Scene Unit is quick to adapt to a multitude of situations, and is trained to respond to crime scenes ranging from burglaries to homicides. Their responsibilities include photography, scene documentation, latent fingerprint processing, and evidence collection and preservation. This past year the Crime Scene Unit continued to focus on

training to stay current in techniques and best practices. In 2019, the Crime Scene Unit responded to over 257 individual crime scenes, and processed over 137 items of evidence submitted to the I.D. Lab. In 2019, the Crime Scene Unit uploaded photographs for approximately 1076 cases from the Patrol and Patrol Support Divisions, and fulfilled over 770 requests for copies of photographs.

Property and Evidence

The Property and Evidence Unit is responsible for storing, tracking and maintaining all items taken into police custody. The Unit consists of a Sergeant, Property and Evidence Lead Custodian, and one Evidence Custodian.

Property and Evidence has custody of a combined total of approximately 44,000 property and evidence items. During the 2019 calendar year, the Unit brought in 9,211 property and evidence items, returned 912 items to their rightful owners and donated 197 unclaimed items to local charities. The Property and Evidence Unit disposed of a total of 7,976 items that were not returnable and were no longer of value to the investigative or judicial process.

Records

The Records Section is responsible for the processing and disseminating of all Investigative, Supplemental, and Traffic Reports written by personnel within the Police Department. The Records Section processed 14,679 reports in 2019. The Records Unit consists of one Lead Clerk and three Records Clerks. In order to streamline operations and provide more timely requests for public records, the Records Section added one part-time position dedicated to fulfilling public record requests. In total, the Records Section was responsible for the processing, dissemination, and fulfillment of over 4,100 public records requests in 2019. Additional changes include efficient workload distribution and historical cataloging of records for safekeeping. Personnel assigned to the Records Division also process all arrest paperwork and background checks and distribute subpoenas to employees of the Police Department.

Parking

The Parking Unit is responsible for the enforcement of the City's parking regulations, tracking of issued citations and citation payment collections and consists of one Parking Enforcement Specialist, under the supervision of the Sergeant of Property and Evidence. In support of the Parking Department, all sworn Bradenton Police Department personnel also enforce the City's parking regulations, in a broader effort.

During the 2019 calendar year, there were 2,595 parking citations issued. Although operated by the Bradenton Police Department, all parking fines and fees collected are deposited into the City of Bradenton's "general" fund.

Crossing Guards

The Bradenton Police Department's School Crossing Guard team is tasked with ensuring the safe roadway crossing of the City's school children. As of the start of the 2019-2020 school year, the School Crossing Guard team consists of 16 assigned crossing guards and one fill-in guard. Our

School Crossing Guards are a dedicated group; our most senior School Crossing Guard is currently in her 34th year of dedicated service to our community. We are currently in the process of upgrading and updating the School Crossing Guards' equipment and uniforms to improve safety for the guards, children, and the motoring public.

Volunteers



Our volunteers are acknowledged at the Annual Appreciation Luncheon

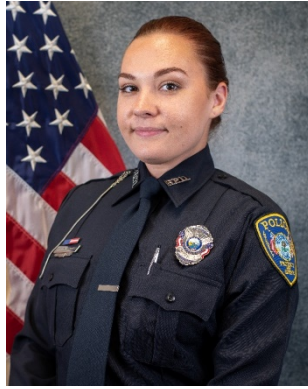
Bradenton Police Departments 14 volunteers worked over 3,100 hours in 2019, representing a 29% percent increase from the previous year. Volunteers provide valuable support to the Office of the Chief of Police, the Administrative Services Division, and Operations. They assist with projects such as youth programs/mentorship, filing, scanning, customer service, research, and other administrative tasks, freeing up officers and support staff.

Pastor Don Sturiano was selected as the 2019 Volunteer of the Year, honored for his selfless work helping agency members through difficult times.

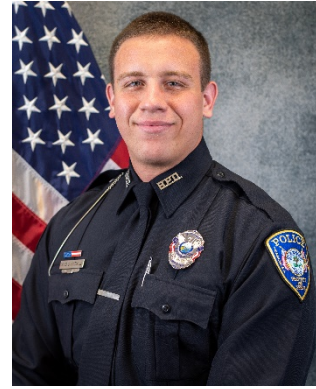
New Officers



Officer Ian Emrich



Officer Shelby Ostertag



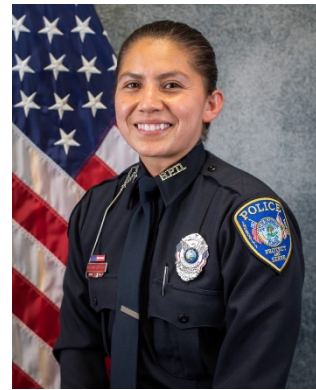
Officer Caleb Summeralls



Officer Chase Fails



Officer Katherine Poynter



Officer Marisol Valente



Officer Collin Lawson



Officer Brian Sands



Officer Johan Waterman-Ortiz

New Employees

Brian Asker – Quartermaster
Karin Asker – Records Clerk/Parking Cashier
Luana Bernal – Communications
Ryan Conway – Communications
Rachel Fennell – Communications
Adam Finlayson – Police Recruit Trainee
Patricia Kelleher – Records Clerk
Kaila Klemenc – Communications
Darron Mayes – Communications
Harold Mooneyhan – Parking Enforcement
Tomoe Moore – Records Clerk
Sherry Nichols – Police Recruit Trainee
Kevin O’Sullivan – Information Services
Quinlyn Parnau – Communications
Dale Pascoe – Information Services
Jaimie Welch – Police Recruit Trainee
Christa Wengerd - Communications

Promotions



Lieutenant Leo Donnelly



Sergeant Chris Deshaies



Sergeant Ronald Peterson



Lieutenant Shannon Seymour



Sergeant Dennis French



Sergeant Anthony Rodriguez



Lieutenant Phillip Waller



Sergeant Ross Johnson



Sergeant Michael Tolson

Retirements



Captain John Affolter - 25 Years of Service



Detective Kevin Bunch - 21 Years of Service



Sergeant John Negron - 25 Years of Service



Detective Fredy Ordóñez - 21 Years of Service

Awards and Commendations

Life Saving Award 2019



Officer Todd Freed



Officer Kyle Orms



Officer Joseph Kotloski



Sergeant Anthony Ramdath



Officer Shawn Miller



Officer Dalia Santana



Officer Jordan Sullivan



Officer Ryan Vaughn



Officer Jason Taulbee



Officer Brian Wingate

Officer of the Year 2018



Detective Patrick Mahoney

Officer of the Quarter



*Lieutenant James Wilkinson
January-March*



*Officer Eleazar Garcia
July-September*



*Detective Jay Gow
April-June*



*Officer Aaron Pilant
October-December*

Civilian of the Year 2018



Brenda Lovett

Civilian of the Quarter



Emily Bibb

January-March



Sterling Brentnell

July-September



Shirley Henderson

April-June



Samantha Donisi

October-December

Volunteer of the Year 2018



Shayne and Nieves Jenkins

Volunteer of the Year 2019



Pastor Don Sturiano

Volunteer of the Quarter



*Joan Morello
January-March*



*Wes Hannah
July-September*



*Dee Way
April-June*



*Maureen Bunce
October-December*

Community Engagement



Officer Valente hands out stickers and temporary tattoos at the Back to School Bash



K9 Officer Smolarz and his partner Drax hanging out with SWAT Team operator Detective Page at a Neighborhood Squad Meeting



Detective Meridan gives kids an up-close tour of the SWAT Truck



Officer Davis and Detective Gow enjoying the beautiful weather at the Regatta



K9 Maverick and Officer Magown spread some love at a Highland Lakes community meeting



Officer Then fostering relationships with the community one child at a time



All treats and no tricks at this Halloween event



Decaf vs Regular



Assistant Chief Cramer greets Tomoe Moore and her son Kai



Chief Bevan shares a laugh and a latte with Bradenton residents



Lieutenant Wilkinson considers a change in professions



BPD came out strong in the Annual Battle of the Badges softball game



Officer Taulbee is all smiles at the DeSoto Heritage Parade



Officer Nuttall practices maneuvers on an ATV



Officer Torres and AC McWade patrol the Parade



Officers Carr, Lunder, and Moore are sworn in by Mayor and Police Commissioner Poston



Lieutenant Donnelly and Sergeant Ramdath attend a safety patrol badge demonstration



Newly sworn-in officers Summeralls, Valente, and Ostertag stand proudly with Detective Wollard



Lieutenant Waller keeps citizens safe at the Parade



Detective Ordóñez enjoys working his last Regatta assignment



Officers Rhind and Craddock – ready for patrol!



Detective Page plants a blue pinwheel for Child Abuse Awareness



Sergeant Deshaies evaluates a new K9 candidate



Enjoying refreshments and friends during National Night Out



Officer Schwartz and Lieutenant Knight celebrate National Police Women Day



Officer Laurent helps pick out the perfect toy during the Annual Honoring the Badge event



SROs Gow and Moore say it's cool to stay in school



Officer Reaume helps make the holidays a little brighter for Bradenton kids



Officer Sullivan jumps for joy with local kids



Our Fill the Truck Toy Drive was a huge success!



Mayor Poston, Chief Bevan, and the Command Staff commend the efforts and achievements of all our officers and civilians. We look forward to another incredible, impactful year here at the Bradenton Police Department.