



PLANTATION POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report

2022

Chief W. Howard Harrison
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MISSION

STATEMENT



Our mission is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Plantation through a partnership with the community that promotes safe, secure streets and neighborhoods.

We recognize our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome to the Plantation Police Department 2022 Annual Report, and thank you for taking the time to read about our Department. I am incredibly proud of this agency and the dedicated men and women who serve our community. Plantation Police Department is recognized both nationally through Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) as well as on the State level, through the Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA).



Chief W. Howard Harrison

We are staffed with 178 sworn officers and 114 civilians, who are all committed to the principles of community policing.

The Plantation Police Department's Mission Statement expresses the goal of the agency to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Plantation through a partnership with the community which promotes safe and secure streets and neighborhoods. We are committed and dedicated to reducing crime and enhancing relationships within our community so that the City of Plantation continues to prosper as a resilient and vibrant community.

MAYOR NICK SORTAL

Nick Sortal was elected Plantation Mayor on November 8, 2022. He had been elected to Plantation City Council in 2018 and 2020. Nick has lived in Plantation since 1993, when he married his wife, Robyn, whom he met while both were working at the Sun-Sentinel newspaper. Robyn and Nick are especially proud of their three children, Diane, Michelle and Aaron and they are blessed with three grandchildren, who all live in Davie. Mia is 4 and Aria and Aiden are one. Nick took a voluntary buyout from the Sun-Sentinel in November 2015 and signed a freelance contract with The Miami Herald in December 2015 that concluded when he filed to run for office. He also spent the past 30 years on school campuses as a basketball coach, at Cardinal Gibbons High, St. Thomas Aquinas and American Heritage School.



Mayor Nick Sortal

He merged his journalism and basketball passions in 2001 to write the book *Basketball Tip-Ins: 100 Drills and Tips for Young Players*, published by McGraw-Hill. Meanwhile, he continues his hobby of triathlon racing, competing in 8 to 10 races each year. His daily routine of swimming, biking, running and yoga has kept him in excellent shape, to the point that he has completed eight 70.3 (half-ironman) triathlons, which consist of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and 13.1-mile run. Nick grew up in Herrin, IL, where his father was the basketball coach and junior high assistant principal. A gym is named in Mike Sortal's honor. Nick graduated from Southern Illinois University with degrees in mathematics and journalism and worked in Carbondale, IL, Owensboro, KY, St. Louis and Indianapolis before moving to Florida and fulfilling his 30-year career at the Sun-Sentinel. Nick says he is grateful for the encouragement he has received and will always remember that the Plantation residents pay his salary. Nick looks forward to interacting with residents as much as he can, such as at our monthly concerts, HOA meetings and houses of worship.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Erik Anderson



Denise Horland



Timothy Fadgen



Jennifer Andreu



Louis Reinstein

DEPUTY CHIEFS



**DEPUTY CHIEF
JAMES DOURVETAKIS
ADMINISTRATION BUREAU**

**DEPUTY CHIEF
JEFFREY SCHLEGEL
OPERATIONS BUREAU**

CAPTAINS



**Captain Craig
Stalker
General Services**



**Captain David
Khaleel
Support Services**



**Captain Seymour
Council
Criminal Investigations
Division**



**Captain Chad
Fowler
Special Operations**



**Captain Jessica
Ryan
Road Patrol**

LIEUTENANTS



Lieutenant
Scott
Lustigman



Lieutenant
Rudolph
Brown



Lieutenant
Joseph
Cuccia



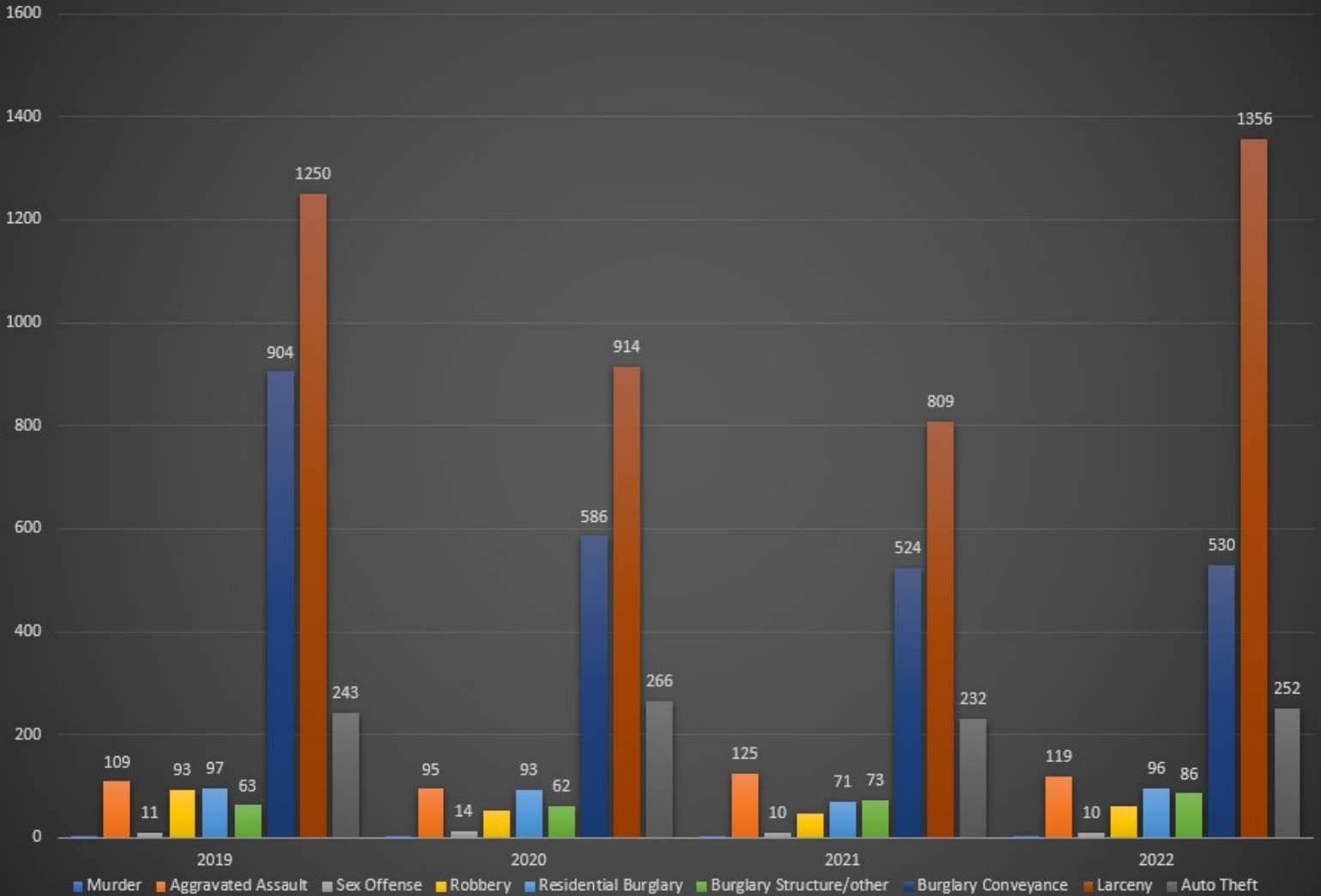
Lieutenant
William
Dorr

CRIME STATS

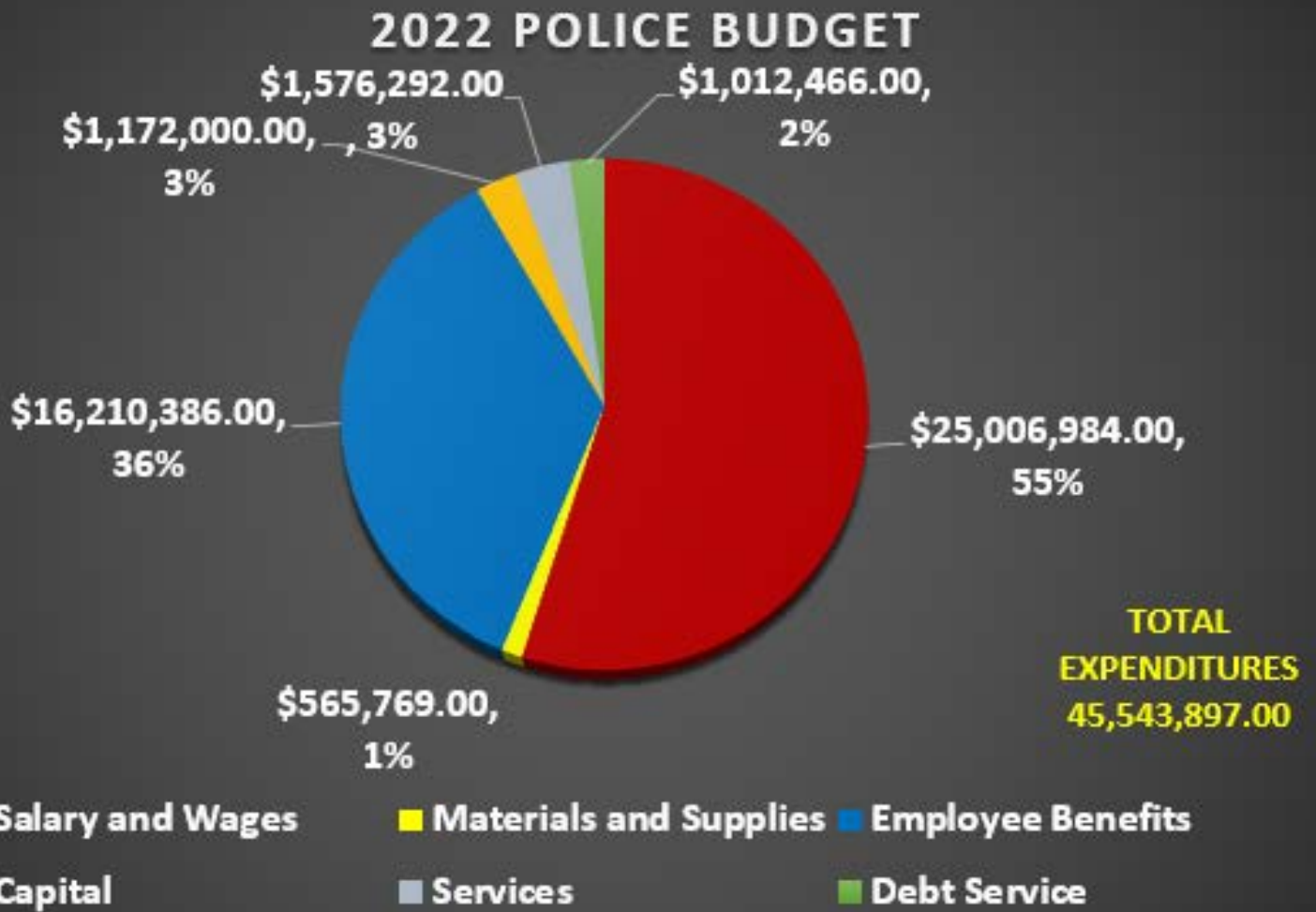
Crime Type	2019	2020	% Change	2021	2022	% Change
Murder	2	3	50.00%	4	3	-25.00%
Aggravated Assault	109	95	-12.84%	125	119	-4.80%
Sex Offense	11	14	27.27%	10	10	0.00%
Robbery	93	52	-44.09%	48	62	29.17%
Residential Burglary	97	93	-4.12%	71	96	35.21%
Burglary Structure/other	63	62	-1.59%	73	86	17.81%
Burglary Conveyance	904	586	-35.18%	524	530	1.15%
Larceny	1250	914	-26.88%	809	1356	67.61%
Auto Theft	243	266	9.47%	232	252	8.62%
Total	2772	2085	-24.78%	1895	2514	32.66%

CRIME STATS

2019-2022 CRIME STATS



2022 POLICE BUDGET



OFFICER OF THE MONTH



January

Officer
Eddie Brown



March

Officer
Ryne Saxner

February

Officer
Ryan McWilliams



April

Officer
Mitchell Fraska



May

Officer
Brett O'Hara

OFFICER OF THE MONTH



June
Officer
Troy Ianniello



September
Officer
Thomas Martino

October
Officer
Ryan McWilliams



November
Officer
Eddie Brown



December
Sergeant
Paul Fortunato



2022 AWARDS



DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE LIFE SAVING AWARD

AWARD

CSA Crystal Forteza
CSA Brandon Karns
Officer Robert Zaragoza
Officer Mark Pollmann
Stacy Parrish
Jennifer Gallman
Officer Ernest Romain
Officer Adam Stern

COMMUNITY SERVICE

AWARD

Officer Madison Correa
Sergeant Kyle Mastrianni

CHIEF'S AWARD

Sergeant James Walters

Officer James Andrews
Officer Tyler Costanzo
Officer Ervins Hyppolite
Officer Carlos Labastilla
Officer Daniel Marinas
Officer Elias Magana
Officer Ernest Romain
Officer Rudy Gue
Officer Kevin Marley
Officer Adam Mund
Officer Eddie Brown
Officer Jeffrey Ventura
Officer Adriana Murdock

COMMENDATION AWARD

Sergeant Shayne Highfield
Officer Susie Poux
Officer Joshua Slattery



2022 AWARDS



UNIT CITATION AWARD

Honor Guard

Captain Chad Fowler

Sergeant CeJay Rynning

Sergeant Michael

Umpierre

Officer William O'Brien

Detective William Tighe

Officer William Latham

Officer Thomas Bickham

Officer Johanz Marin

Officer Daniel Bugallo

Officer Basil Mullings

Officer Rudy Gue

Officer Kevin Marley

Community Engagement Unit

Lieutenant Rudolph Brown

Officer Daryl Radziwon

Officer Cristian Palmieri

Officer Jeffrey Ventura

Lindsay Smith

Deyanna Grooms

ACCREDITATION

During 2022 the Plantation Police Department successfully completed two reviews and two full reaccreditation assessments with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement (CFA); and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The PPD has a long-standing tradition of accreditation and recently achieved their ninth reaccreditation, and their third Excelsior Status Award, with the CFA. The CFA is a voluntary process that law enforcement agencies are encouraged to participate in. The program ensures on-going compliance and best practice, on a state level. To achieve Excelsior status the agency must have been continuously accredited without conditions, for five consecutive reaccreditations. CFA reaccreditation is conducted once every three years, the PPD is among only a handful of Florida law enforcement agencies that hold longstanding Excelsior status.

Plantation Police Department also maintains accreditations with CALEA, for both Communications and Law Enforcement, with a combined total of 23 years consecutive law enforcement accreditation. The compliance with necessary standards and qualifications are a staple of the PPD. Accreditation provides on-going oversight of the following areas: review of applicable department policies, review of training records and compliance, property and evidence compliance, and organizational and community engagement. The state of Florida has over 300 municipal, county, and state law enforcement agencies. There are over 200 accredited agencies through the CFA, of which eighty (80) currently hold Excelsior status. CALEA has a combined 1280 national and international enrolled agencies across the United States and throughout the world.



From the Left: CFA Vice Chair, Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods; Plantation PD. Chief W.H. Harrison; Accreditation Manager Jan Coffindaffer; Deputy Chief Jim Dourvetakis and CFA Executive Director Stacy Lehman

PLANTATION POLICE SUPPORT A CAUSE



TORCH RUN



Annually we participate in the Torch Run to benefit the Florida Special Olympics.



DVAM WEAR PURPLE DAY

PD personnel wore purple to raise awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PLANTATION POLICE SUPPORT A CAUSE



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CARS



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION UPDATES

Digital Forensics Room

The Digital Forensics Room was designed to conduct video and evidentiary extraction, while also serving as a property and evidence component for mobile devices requiring extraction. Due to the sensitive nature of the investigations that are conducted, this room is under restricted access.

CID Soft Room

At the request of Detective Graber and Mrs. Debbie Geller, a Soft Room was created, so that victims of specific crimes can wait or be interviewed in privacy versus sitting on a couch in view of every person in CID. The Soft Room is an environment for victims of DV, sexual battery, etc., that is more private and personal.



THANK YOU PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB



The Plantation Woman's Club generously purchased a display message board trailer for our Traffic Unit. The display message board trailer allows the Traffic Unit to display important messages to Plantation residents.



The Fuzz graciously accepted a new PA system and mixer purchased from the Plantation Woman's Club. The PA system and mixer improves the bands sound quality when playing at large-scale events.

ROAD PATROL CRIME-PREVENTING OPERATIONS



Operation Orange Fun

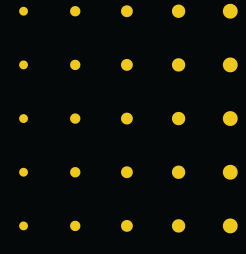
Operation Orange Fun ensured the 800 plus visitors and participants enjoyed a week of tennis without any concerns for their safety in the city during the Annual Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship.

Operation Safe Streets

Operation Safe Streets proactively addressed crime trends that occur during the holiday season. This operation started on November 1st and ended on January 1st. Operation Safe Streets resulted in 55 arrests and 37 tickets.



ROAD PATROL VEST ADDITIONS



Ballistic Rifle Plates

Ballistic rifle plates were outfitted for officers' vests for extra protection.



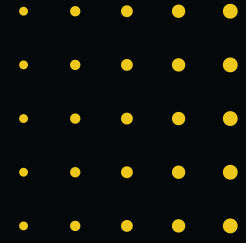
Trauma Medical Kits

Officers were given a trauma medical kit that attaches to their vest. The trauma medical kit includes a tourniquet, a chest seal, combat gauze, NAR emergency trauma dressing (ETD) and a NAR Bear Claw glove kit.





SPECIAL OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS



LPR's (License Plate Readers)

In 2022, Special Operations went through a procurement process to select a vendor to install Automated License Plate Readers for the City. After a pilot study a vendor was selected, Rekor Recognition Systems.

Grants Received

In 2022 PPD partnered with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Institute of Police Technology and Management to secure traffic safety grants with the goal of reducing the number and severity of traffic crashes. These grants funded over 300 hours of additional dedicated traffic enforcement in the city. Furthermore, these grants funded the purchase of additional speed measurement devices and a portable digital message board, which is used to deliver traffic safety messages to motorists in areas identified as having a need.

Burglary Apprehension Team

In order to combat burglaries and auto thefts, the Street Crimes Unit joined the South Florida Task Force for burglary apprehension and vehicle crimes in April of 2022.

Southeast Police Motorcycle Rodeo

The Traffic Unit competes in the Southeast Police Motorcycle Rodeo annually that benefits the Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) organization.

GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION HIGHLIGHT



The Police Department purchased 13 Ford Hybrid vehicles in 2022 that are equipped with lights and safety features. Four of the vehicles are assigned to Sergeants and the Patrol Division will be utilizing them to respond to calls for service and emergency situations throughout the City of Plantation. The vehicles and equipment are replacing older vehicles greater than ten years old with high mileage and high maintenance costs.



TRAINING OUR PERSONNEL



Officers demonstrate proficiency in yearly firearm qualifications, active killer simulations and perform stop the bleed measures on victims. This real world scenario based training prepares our officers for potential threats.



FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

The Police Department's Functional Fitness program continues throughout the year with morning and afternoon classes offered twice a week. The workouts consist of vigorous trainings such as anaerobic, aerobic activity, plyometrics, calisthenics, running, cycling, strength weight lifting, high-intensity interval training, Pilates, circuit and endurance exercises. After participating in 20 classes, Human Resources provides participants with a \$25 gift card.

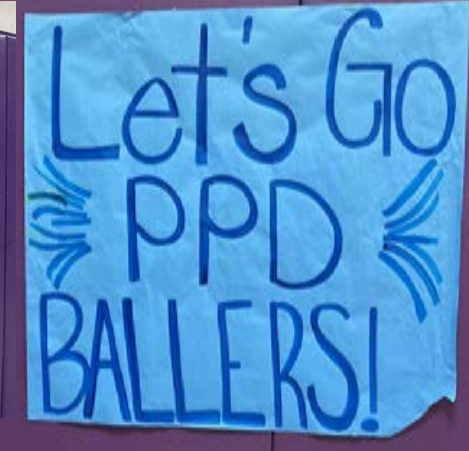
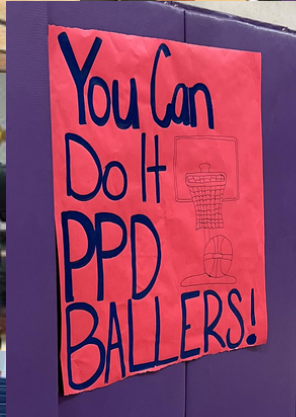




PLANTATION POLICE BASKETBALL TEAM



The Plantation Police basketball team known as the Plantation Police Ballers was formed in 2022 to enhance relationships with our schools, staff and students. The PPD Ballers had an undefeated record in 2022 and ended the year with official new uniforms!





The Fuzz performed at multiple different city and PD events including the Holiday Parade, July 4th Parade, Plantation Chamber of Commerce movie nights, Employee Picnic and National Night Out.

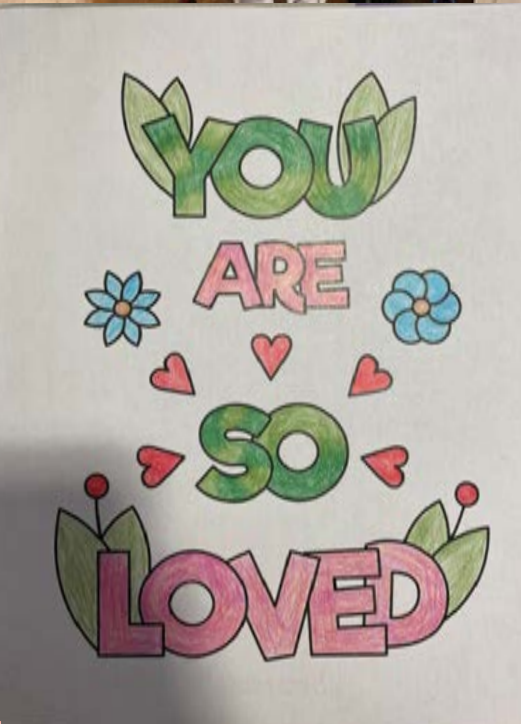




A DAY OF LOVE



The Community Engagement Unit partnered with BSO's Neighborhood Support Team to create an event called "A Day of Love". Students from Plantation Elementary School colored pictures for the seniors at Covenant Village. The Community Engagement Unit and BSO's Neighborhood Support Team delivered them to the seniors on Valentine's Day to remind them they weren't forgotten about and they were loved.



BBQ WITH A HERO DUTCHY'S GOURMET SAUSAGES

The Community Engagement Unit partnered with Dutchy's Gourmet Sausages and the Plantation Community Redevelopment Agency for BBQ With a Hero that included games, free food and giveaways.



BBQ WITH A HERO ROYAL CASINO

The Community Engagement Unit partnered with Royal Casino Restaurant and the Plantation Community Redevelopment Agency to create a fun community event with free food and games.



FAMILY BIKE RIDE

The Community Engagement Unit partnered with Parks and Rec to host the first annual family bike ride. The bike ride consisted of a safety briefing before the ride, a 2-mile bike ride through Plantation and a free breakfast afterwards for participants.



BROWARD COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

The Plantation Police Department was honored to be the host agency for the Broward County Law Enforcement Memorial at the Broward Institute of Public Safety. Agencies from all over the county and beyond were able to come together to honor every officer and K-9 who gave their lives while serving and protecting the residents and visitors of Broward County.



FIREARM RANGE AND TRAINING CENTER GRAND OPENING

The Firearm Range and Training Center held its Grand Opening on June 22, 2022. The building is a state of the art indoor learning facility complete with a classroom, sally port and a 50 yard, 10-lane gun range.



FAITH AND BLUE



National Faith and Blue Day allows local law enforcement and members of the community to build bridges and break biases. We hosted an open house with the leaders of all places of worship in our city and provided a free breakfast, a performance by The Fuzz and a tour of the PD.





NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Plantation Police Department hosted their first annual National Night Out on August 2nd at Central Park. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. We had over 4,000 citizens in attendance, helicopters, bounce houses, donut eating contest, demos, live music and a dunk tank. The PD competed against agencies around the nation and came in 1st place in the Rookie of the Year category.





TRUNK OR TREAT

The Community Engagement Unit came in 1st place at Trunk or Treat with their Jurassic Park theme. Officer Grant and Officer Allen dressed up in the dinosaur costumes which were a huge hit with the kids.



Holiday Luncheon

Chief Harrison hosted his annual holiday luncheon for all PD employees including Bravo and Alpha shift with food catered from Outback Steakhouse.



LIGHT UP CITY HALL

The Community Engagement Unit participated in the annual snowman building contest at Light Up City Hall. All departments build their own snowman/snow scene. Attendees of Light Up City Hall vote for the best snowman and we tied for 1st place with the Fire Department.



A VERY MERRY GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE PLANTATION POLICE OUTREACH CENTER

The Plantation Police Outreach Center in the Broward Mall received a makeover during COVID and wanted to celebrate re-opening with homemade cookies, hot chocolate, pictures with Santa and a performance by The Fuzz. Fun was had by all!

