

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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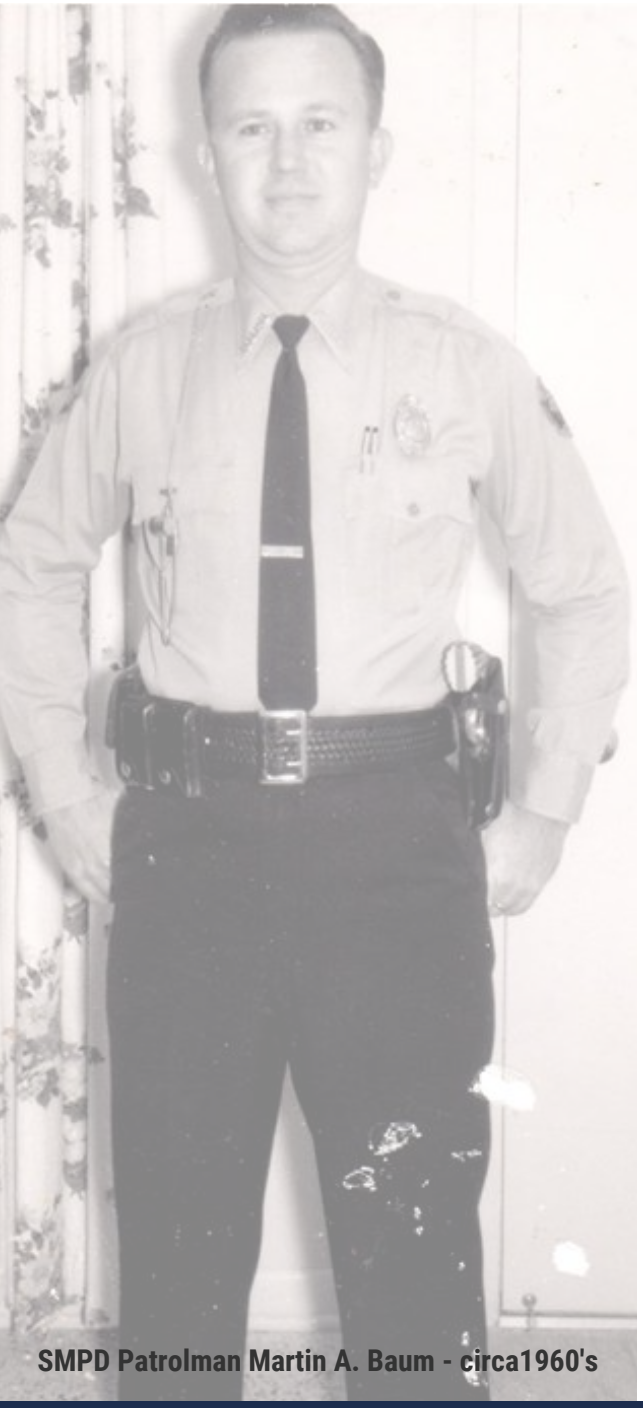
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SMPD Patrolman Martin A. Baum - circa1960's

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MISSION STATEMENT

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TO BE A WORLD CLASS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, ONE THAT EXHIBITS TRAITS FOR OTHER AGENCIES TO EMULATE, ONE THAT IS CONSTANTLY ENDEAVORING TO IMPROVE AND STAY ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE POLICING PROFESSION; AN AGENCY THAT IMPRESSES ITS CITIZENS THE FIRST AND EVERY TIME, ALWAYS STRIVING TO IMPROVE UPON ITS SUCCESSES AND ONE THAT EMPOWERS AND ENCOURAGES ITS EMPLOYEES TO SERVICE THE PUBLIC AND PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY WITH DIGNITY, HONOR AND PRIDE.

CORE VALUES

EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY AND INCLUSION



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

René G. Landa

On behalf of the South Miami Police Department, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the 2019 Annual Report for the agency that I have had the honor of serving as the Chief of Police for the last six years. I came to South Miami after retiring from a 26 year law enforcement career at a far larger agency, yet in this short time, I feel most comfortable here, in this hometown setting. South Miami serves a 2.7 square mile area with an approximate population of 13,000. This City, this Community and those I serve with, are exactly what defines this "City of Pleasant Living".

This publication will highlight the accomplishments of another outstanding year for my agency. As law enforcement officers, we understand that the public gives a lot of power to a police officer, but as John F. Kennedy once said, "To whom much is given, much is required". As a leader I am always researching the latest community policing strategies which focus on building bridges between officers and citizens. I believe that training is knowledge and that no matter how long you are in this profession, the fluidity of concepts and different perspectives is what streamlines greater achievements. "From the moment the badge is entrusted to an officer, they commit to serving the greater good in spirit of service, justice and fundamental fairness" [The Nobility of Policing by Dr. Steven Convey]. Inherent in that power is the need to perform that vocation with honor and respect with everyone an officer may come in contact with. Consequently, policing always has been and always will be about the people.

Our department continues to fulfill our mission in joining forces with our community in order to strengthen and solidify our community policing initiatives. Our agency acknowledges the importance and benefits of communities and police working together, sharing information and developing collaborative strategies for a better tomorrow. Because of this shared cooperation, South Miami continues to lower the crime rate in both categories of violent and non-violent crimes. **During the past 10 years, Violent Crime is down 62%, Non Violent Crime is down 48% and Total Reported Crime is down 49%.** Our partnerships with the business sector, residents, schools, hospitals, and other community groups are contributing to the reduction of crime on our streets.



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

continued

This year, the level of citizen engagement with community initiatives continued. Our successful **PAL Program** (Police Athletic League) opens the doors of opportunity for our youth through Local, State, National and Junior Olympic competitions. While our **CAST Program** (Cops and Students Talking) forms relationships with our local children by opening a line of communication between the youth and our officers. After all, these are the leaders of tomorrow. Other positive interactions that continued were **Safe Streets Halloween** and **Coffee with a Cop**. Safe Streets is a fun and festive annual Halloween event attended by thousands of people, joining families and officers together, in a relaxed and joyous atmosphere. Coffee with a Cop, hosted by area businesses, is a time for residents and business owners to join together with us in order to address any concerns or issues they may have and where genuine communication occurs.

We closed out the year by being awarded our re-accredited status from the Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. The final assessment revealed that the South Miami Police Department was 100% in compliance with all applicable standards. In Florida, there are roughly 450 law enforcement agencies of which only 168 have achieved the accreditation status. I'm proud to announce that SMPD is among those highly distinguished law enforcement agencies.

The dedicated men and women of the South Miami Police Department, both civilian and sworn, are committed to the people that live, work and play in our city. It is through their continued diligence, professionalism and community engagement that a difference has been made. I could not be more proud of these men and women who conduct themselves professionally and have really taken on the true meaning of community policing by becoming even more accessible to our residents, merchants and visitors and in doing so, embracing our agency's mission.

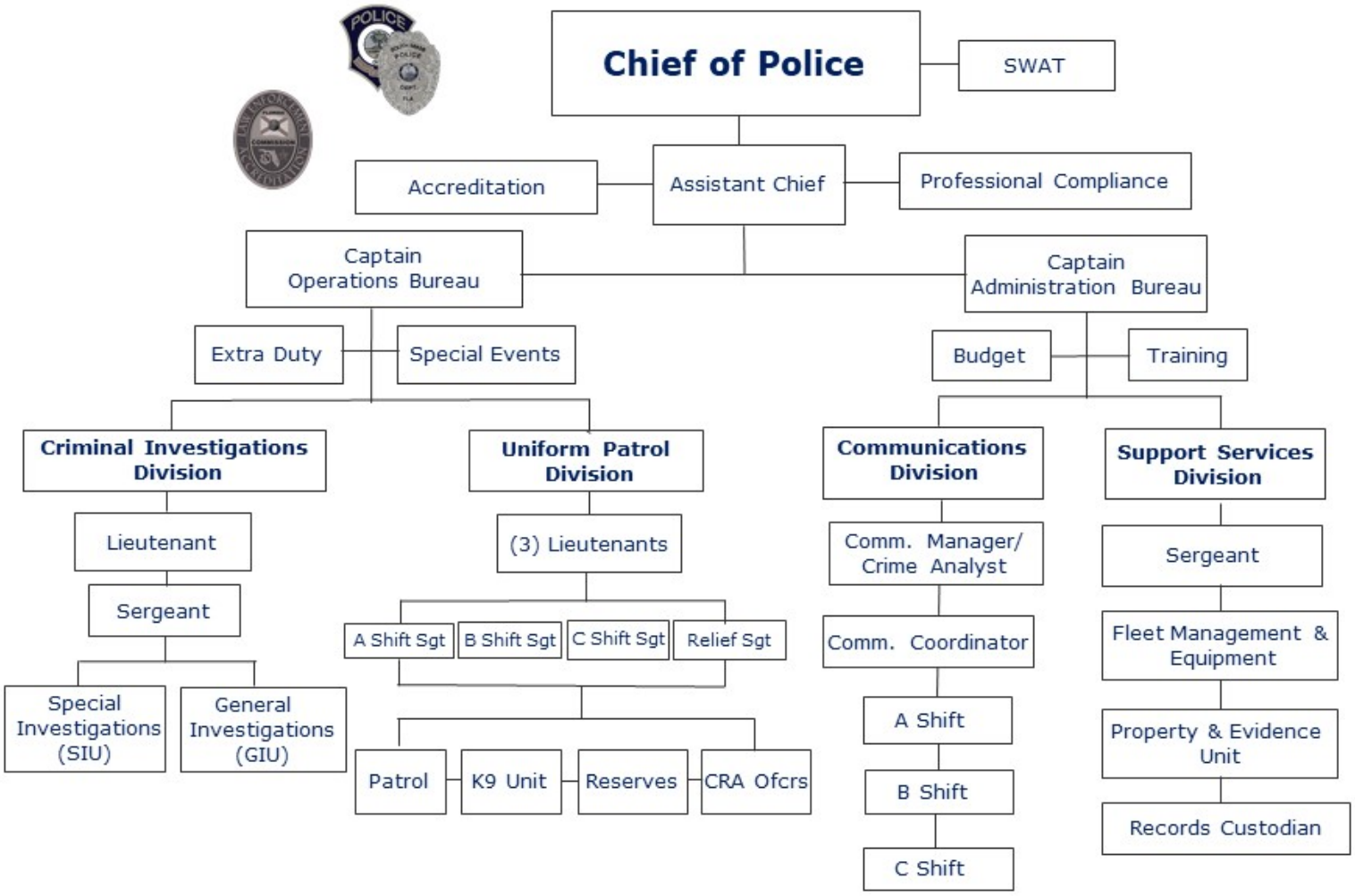
In closing, I would like to thank the fine citizens and business partners of our community, the Mayor and City Council, the City Manager and Deputy City Manager and our fellow City Departments for their continued support. Our successes are largely in part because of our partnerships.

Sincerely,

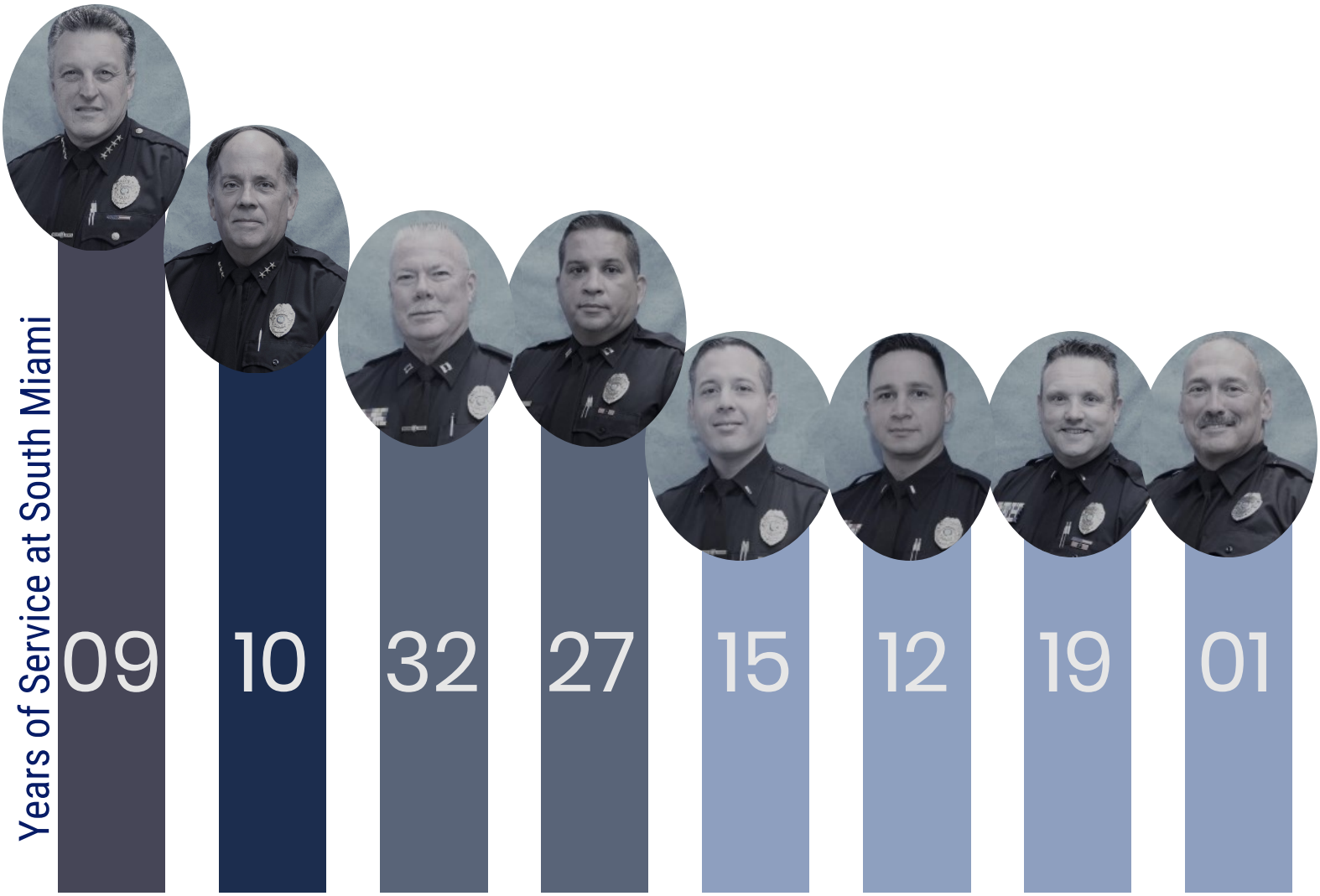


Chief René G. Landa

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

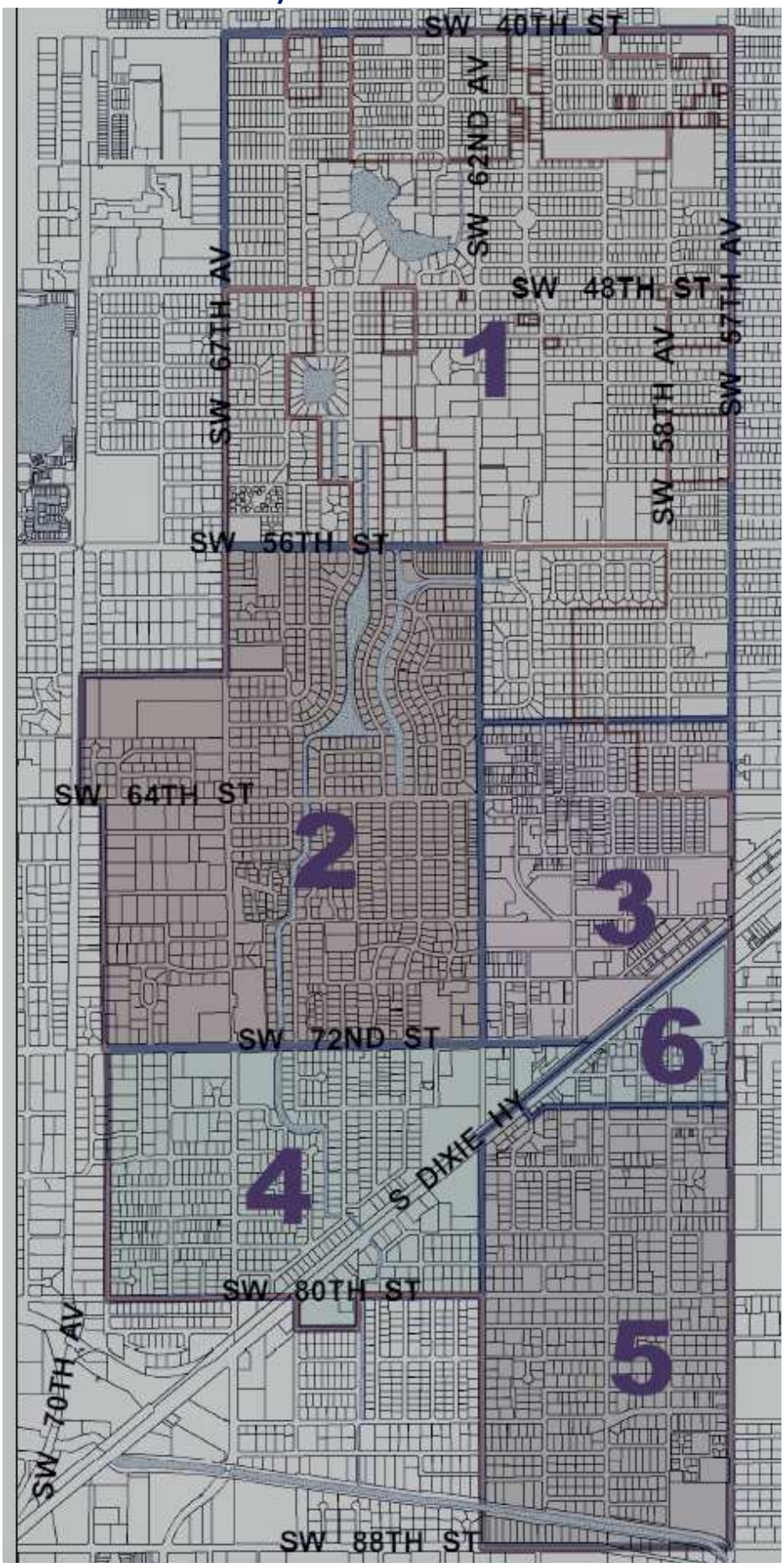


COMMAND STAFF



POLICE ZONES

City of South Miami, FL



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CRIME COMPARISON

Uniform Crime Report

CRIME IN FLORIDA ABSTRACT

South Miami Police Department

January - December 2019

(UNVERIFIED - SUBMITTED DATA FOR REVIEW)

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

The statistics presented in this release are an indication of crime and criminal activities known to, and reported by, law enforcement agencies for 2019. This report reflects data residing in the UCR database as of 1/24/2020.

Crime Volume and Rate

MEASURE	2018	2019	Percent Change
Total Index Crime	528	514	-2.7
Total Violent Crime	41	39	-4.9
Total Property Crime	487	475	-2.5
Total Crime Rate	4,169.3	3,964.5	-4.9
Violent Crime Rate	323.8	300.8	-7.1
Property Crime Rate	3,845.5	3,663.7	-4.7

Offense Totals

INDEX OFFENSES	2018	2019	Percent Change
Murder	0	1	
Firearm	0	0	
Knife/Cutting Instr.	0	0	
Hands/Fists/Feet	0	0	
Other	0	1	
Rape	3	1	-66.7
Firearm	0	0	
Knife/Cutting Instr.	0	0	
Hands/Fists/Feet	2	0	-100.0
Other	1	1	0.0
Robbery	13	10	-23.1
Firearm	5	1	-80.0
Knife/Cutting Instr.	2	0	-100.0
Hands/Fists/Feet	6	8	33.3
Other	0	1	
Aggravated Assault	25	27	8.0
Firearm	4	7	75.0
Knife/Cutting Instr.	5	1	-80.0
Hands/Fists/Feet	14	8	-42.9
Other	2	11	450.0
Burglary	91	84	-7.7
Forced Entry	29	33	13.8
No Forced Entry	51	44	-13.7
Attempted Entry	11	7	-36.4
Larceny	375	366	-2.4
Pocket Picking	11	14	27.3
Purse Snatching	1	7	600.0
Shoplifting	75	69	-8.0
From Motor Vehicle	130	131	0.8
Motor Vehicle Parts	16	17	6.3
Bicycles	13	16	23.1
From Building	7	11	57.1
From Coin Oper. Dev.	0	0	
All Other	122	101	-17.2
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	25	19.0
TOTAL INDEX OFFENSES	528	514	-2.7

Arrest Totals

ARREST TYPE	2018	2019	Percent Change
Violent Offense Arrests	23	27	17.4
Adult	22	23	4.5
Juvenile	1	4	300.0
Male	18	25	38.9
Female	5	2	-60.0
Property Offense Arrests	51	60	17.6
Adult	47	43	-8.5
Juvenile	4	17	325.0
Male	44	49	11.4
Female	7	11	57.1
Part II Offense Arrests	171	127	-25.7
Adult	167	122	-26.9
Juvenile	4	5	25.0
Male	121	91	-24.8
Female	50	36	-28.0
TOTAL ARRESTS	245	214	-12.7

Domestic Violence by Offense Type

PRIMARY OFFENSE	2018	2019	Percent Change
Murder	0	1	
Manslaughter	0	0	
Rape	0	0	
Fondling	0	0	
Aggravated Assault	8	4	-50.0
Aggravated Stalking	0	0	
Simple Assault	23	27	17.4
Threat/Intimidation	1	1	0.0
Simple Stalking	0	0	
TOTAL OFFENSES	32	33	3.1

Property Information Values

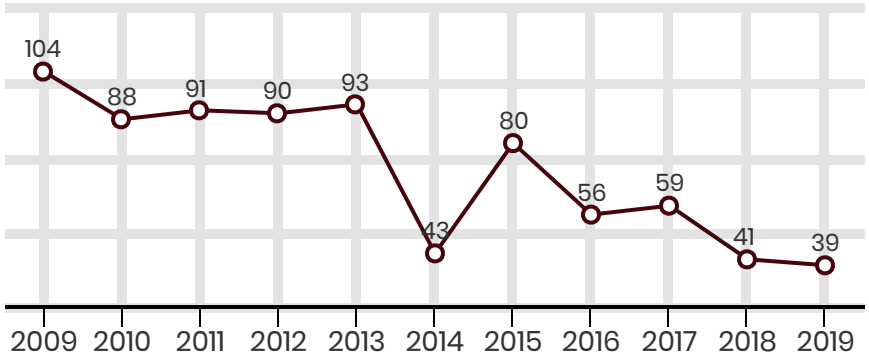
PROPERTY TYPE	STOLEN VALUE	RECOVERED VALUE
Currency, Note, Etc.	64,004	237
Jewelry, Precious Metals	132,061	0
Clothing & Furs	21,581	660
Motor Vehicles	525,400	391,175
Office Equipment	107,824	4,670
TVs, Radios, Stereos	35,508	0
Firearms	2,541	500
Household Goods	942	54
Consumable Goods	27,080	297
Livestock	0	0
Miscellaneous	897,951	15,192
TOTAL VALUES	1,814,892	412,785

SOURCE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Florida Uniform Crime Report, 2019 [Computer program]. Tallahassee, FL: FDLE, Florida Statistical Analysis Center.

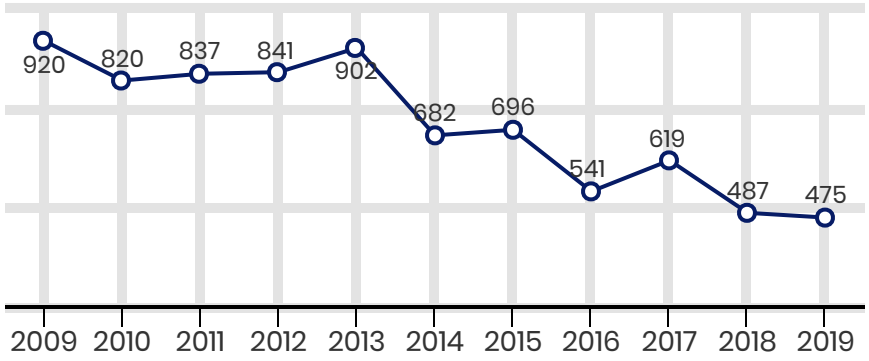
DECADE IN REVIEW

Uniform Crime Report Charts

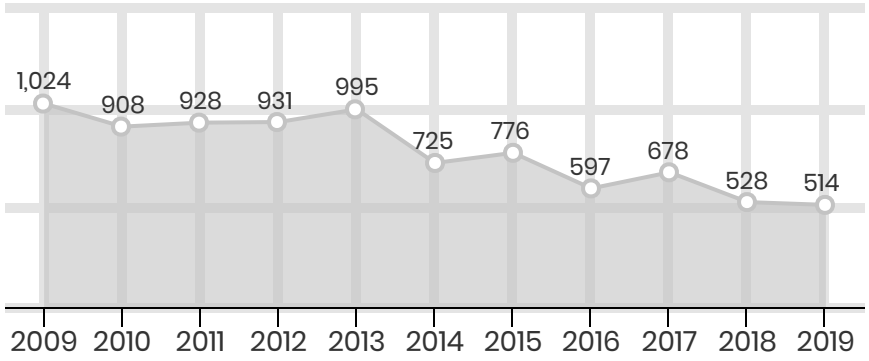
Violent Crimes



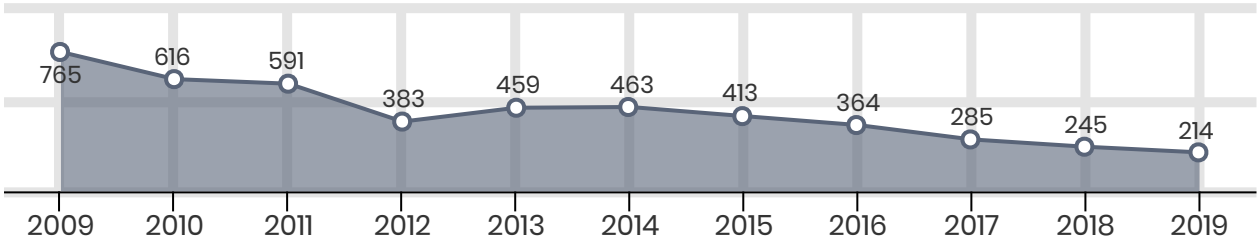
Non-Violent Crimes



Total Reported Offenses



Arrests



ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

The Administration Bureau oversees Communications, Training, Support Services and Professional Compliance for the Police Department. The Administration Bureau is responsible for Vehicle Procurement, Special Initiatives, Budget, Records Management, Product Research, Training and other ancillary services as assigned by the Chief of Police. We are tasked as the project managers for the body worn cameras, red light cameras and license plate readers. The below figures represent this bureau's productivity for the year.

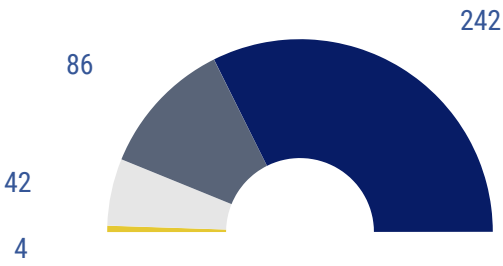


Capt. John Barzola



Sgt. Darby Wagner

Support Services

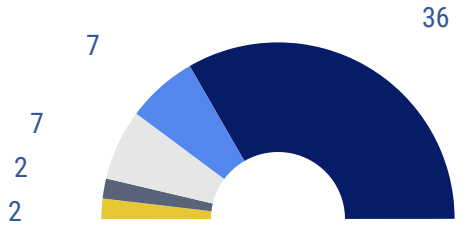


- Donated items turned over to City
- Property Items Returned to Owner
- Property Items Destroyed (no evidentiary value)
- Evidence/Property Impounded



Sgt. Lisa King

Professional Compliance

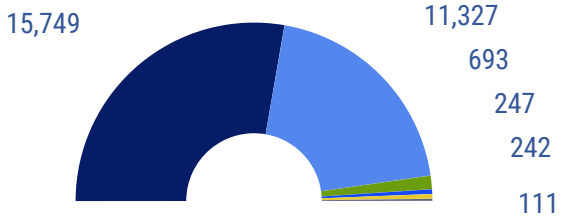


- Internal Affairs Complaints
- Personnel Complaints
- Contact Reports
- Use of Force Reports
- Backgrounds Investigations Conducted



Comm. Mgr. Lisa Corbin

Communications

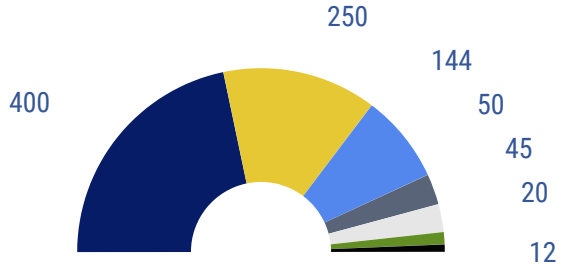


- Received Calls for Service
- Name Records Processed
- Background Checks Conducted
- Arrest Imports Processed
- Watch Orders Entered
- Repo/Tow Ins Accepted



Ofc. Alfredo Alvarez

Training



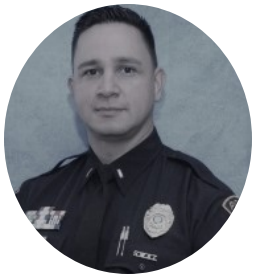
- Range Hours
- Situational Shooting Hours
- SWAT Training Hours
- Simulator Hours
- Traffic Stop Hours
- Roll Call Training Hours
- Civilian Active Shooter Hours

OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau is the largest within the agency overseeing both the Uniform Patrol and Criminal Investigations Division. **Patrol** is responsible for handling calls for service; crimes, crashes, medical emergencies and various citizen complaints. **Investigations** is divided into two units; General & Special. General focuses on follow-up investigations to criminal reports against persons and property. Special, focuses on narcotics and vice crimes. UCR reported crimes had an overall clearance rate of 19.5% and Criminal Investigations had a clearance rate of 24.54% . This includes non reportable cases to the UCR program.



Capt. Larry Corbin



Lt. Junior Vijil



Lt. Robert Bukens

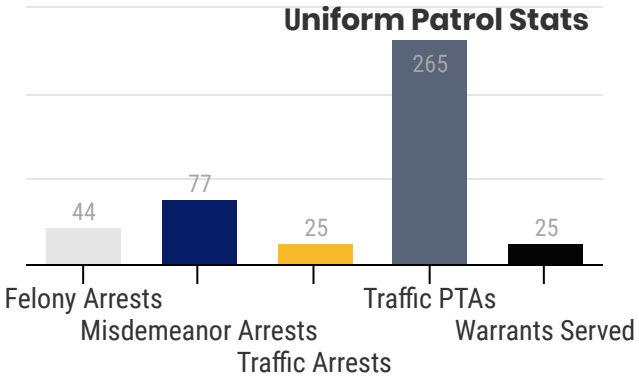


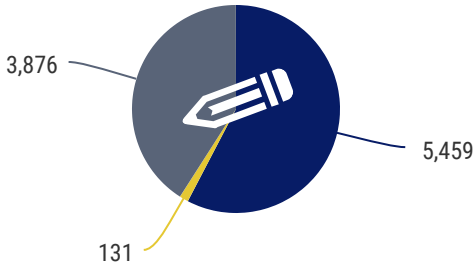
Lt. Kile Nave



Lt. Jesus Aguiar

Uniform Patrol Stats



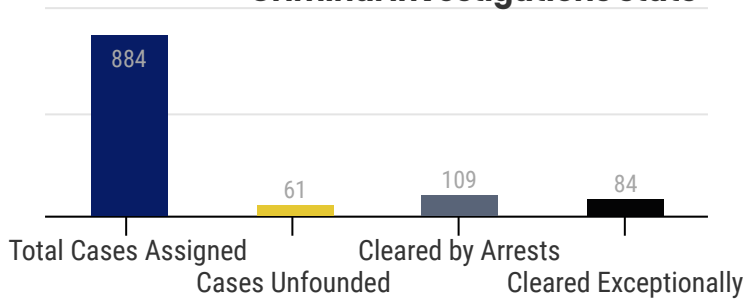


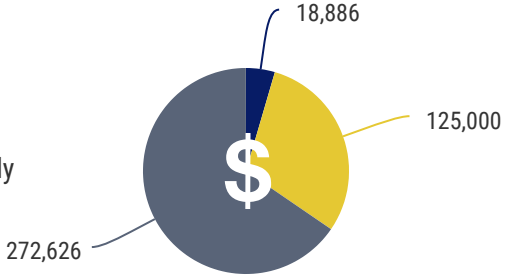
Traffic Citations Issued
Parking Citations Issued
Traffic Warnings Issued

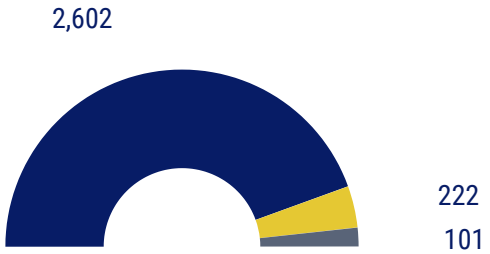


Crime Prevention Activities
Watch Orders Checked
Reports Written

Criminal Investigations Stats







Money Seized
Narcotics Value Recovered
Property Recovered

Citizens Contacted
Surveillances
Crime Scenes Processed

AWARDS

Officer of the Month



Ofc. Rodney Napier
April & November



Lt. Kile Nave
April



Ofc. Melvris Lopez
November



Ofc. Joshua Hickey
December

Unit Citation Award

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
October



Lt. Jesus Aguiar



Sgt. Edgar Bartra



Det. Matt Taylor



Det. Victor Jackson



Det. Fernando Bosch



Det. Jose Alvarez



Det. Stephanie Fernandez

Chief's Excellence Award



Asst. Chief Louis Fata
December



Lt. Jesus Aguiar
December

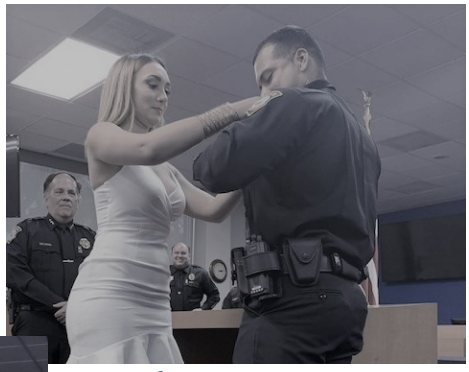


Lt. Robert Bukens
December

SWEAR-IN CEREMONIES



Ofc. Joshua Hickey
MARCH



Ofc. Jose Lezama
MAY



Ofc. Maykel Alvarez
AUGUST



Ofc. Jose Salgado
SEPTEMBER



Ofc. Robert Gonzalez
SEPTEMBER



Ofc. Jenny Sanchez
DECEMBER



Ofc. Anthony Silva
DECEMBER



Ofc. Luis Zuniga
DECEMBER



Ofc.Perla Reyes
DECEMBER

SPECIAL EVENTS



Det. Mike Vargas & Det. Fernando Bosch
LEO Award Recipients
Investigative Services



Lt. Kile Nave
Lieutenant's Promotional Ceremony



Chief Landa & staff pose with
newly appointed Lt. Nave



Assistant Chief Fata
Honored with a Proclamation



Assistant Chief Fata's Retirement Dinner at the Ritz Carlton in Key Biscayne

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The South Miami Police Department's PAL program is run by Executive Director, Ofc. Marcus Kinlaw. Ofc. Kinlaw oversees all aspects of the program with the help of eight assistant coaches and parent volunteers. This year's program had the participation of 75 kids in Track & Field along with participation in a Kids Fitness Program. Six kids began the Junior Olympic Series which took them to Orlando, FL and Rockhill, SC. Five of those advanced to Nationals which was held in Sacramento, CA and two of those track team members won the Middle School State Championship. His 12 & under tackle football team had a 10-1 season, winning the Miami Extreme Championships and the Holiday Bowl Game. Ofc. Kinlaw hopes to expand his program to include baseball, boxing and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) next year.



Ofc. Marcus Kinlaw



12 & under Football Superbowl Champs



National Jr Olympic Finals
Sacramento, CA



Jr Olympic Prelims



Extreme Football- Grey Ghosts 12 & under



FL Middle School Track Meet



Ofc. Kinlaw & Coaching Staff



Long Jump Jr Olympics



FL Middle School State Championships

SM EXPLORER POST



Sgt. Chris Johnson

The South Miami Explorer Post #256 is sponsored by the South Miami Police Department and chartered through the Learning for Life Organization. The program provides middle school and high school students with an insight into a career in law enforcement.

This year they participated in **592** hours of training and **236** hours of community service during the following events; Martin Luther King Parade, Porsche Show, Volkswagon Blast, Rotary Club Art Show, PBA Police Memorial, Footworks 5K Run, July 4th Celebration, Walk 4LYFE Cancer Walk, Miami Dade Chief's Dinner, Safe Streets Halloween and the Chamber South Art Show.

Three explorers were promoted to the rank of Sergeant and the Post began a working partnership with the Homeland Security & Investigators Explorer Program. This program will also include our advisors teaching at their Annual Explorer Academy. Additionally, we will soon be accepting explorers currently on their waiting list into our program.



Advisors Sgt. Johnson & C.O. Zarling attend a Back to Work Event with Explorers at Sunset Place



Sgt. Johnson explaining the Explorer Program to an interested student.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Throughout the year, Chief Landa and Staff participated in a myriad of Community Events; "Coffee with a Cop" sponsored by McDonald's, Starbucks & State Farm , Holiday Toy Drives, Beanies for Babies with South Miami Hospital & the Miami Dade Police Dispatchers, Mental Health Awareness, School Career Days, Safe Streets Halloween, Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser and the Miami Kids Magazine's Back to School Event.



FALLEN HEROES



Sgt. Joseph O. Kephart

In memory of Fallen Officer Joseph Kephart...

Sergeant Kephart died in the line of duty after being hit head-on in a vehicle collision while driving home from work after his tour of duty. Sergeant Kephart succumbed to his injuries on January 18, 1970.



In memory of Fallen Officer L. Daniel Schulz...

Officer Schulz died in the line of duty after being stabbed while working an off duty job. On October 15, 1987 Officer Schulz attempted to arrest a juvenile gang member who had been causing problems at the Bakery Centre movie theater. As he was taking the subject into custody, he was stabbed four times by the other members of the gang.
Officer Schulz succumbed to his injuries on November 27, 1987.



Ofc. L. Daniel Schulz