



Bradenton Police Department

2015 Annual Report

This report is an account of the Agency's activity for the 2015 calendar year. As such, positions are reflective as they were December 31, 2015.

The mission of the Bradenton Police Department is to eliminate crime and the fear of crime, to enhance the quality of life for our stakeholders, and to hold ourselves to the highest professional standards of performance and ethics. The Bradenton Police Department is a professional driven organization that will partner with the community to make the City of Bradenton a better place to live, work, visit or conduct business.

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Message from the Mayor and Police Commissioner



As Mayor and Police Commissioner of the City of Bradenton, I would like to congratulate the men and women of the City of Bradenton Police Department for their success in reducing crime in the City of Bradenton by 6% over the past 5 year period. The work and dedication of our police officers, professional support staff, and community partners ensured that the City of Bradenton remained a remarkably safe community to live, visit, and conduct business in.

2015 brought the inaugural Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta to the downtown areas in the City of Bradenton and the City of Palmetto. A multi-jurisdictional Incident Command team met for months in advance to plan the successful event, paving the way for nearly 100,000 spectators from here and abroad to pack Bradenton's recently rebuilt waterfront. Spectators and visitors enjoyed a day of Formula 2 Powerboats skimming the blue waters of the Manatee River during high-speed races, all-day live music and a spectacular fireworks display at nightfall. The event received glowing reviews from local business owners, many who reaped the benefits of an expanded customer base during the Regatta weekend.

With the huge success of the family friendly Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta, and many other events such as the Bradenton Blues Festival and Main Street Live, the City of Bradenton will continue to attract visitors from the Tampa Bay area, Florida, and the U.S., as well as foreign tourists.

In closing, I wish to thank the citizens of the City of Bradenton for the privilege of continuing to serve as your Mayor and Police Commissioner. The strong partnership between our citizens and the Police Department is what exemplifies the City of Bradenton as a wonderful destination for people to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely,

Wayne H. Poston

Mayor, City of Bradenton

City of Bradenton City Council



Councilman Gene Gallo
Ward 1



Vice-Mayor/Councilman Gene Brown
Ward 2



Councilman Patrick Roff
Ward 3



Councilman Bemis Smith
Ward 4



Councilman Harold Byrd, Jr.
Ward 5

Message from the Chief of Police



On behalf of the Bradenton Police Department, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2015. The mission of the Bradenton Police Department is to eliminate crime and the fear of crime, to enhance the quality of life for our stakeholders and to hold ourselves to the highest professional standards of performance and ethics. The Bradenton Police Department is a professional driven organization that will partner with the community to make the City of Bradenton a better place to live, work, visit or conduct business. I would also like to recognize the efforts of former Chief Michael Radzilowski (Ret.) and commend him on his stewardship, leadership, and 13 years of excellent service to this Department.

The Bradenton Police Department's 2015 Annual Report provides a summary of the organizational roles, responsibilities, and achievements of the divisions within the Department. As you review this report, you will see that our organization is dynamic and continually seeking improvement in order to provide excellent police services for our community, and I consider it a privilege to now be leading this department.

The Bradenton Police Department continues its commitment to Community Policing by remaining active and engaged in our community. To that end we recognize that the future of policing in our City must involve collaborative partnerships, innovative technology, and a continuation of the established community policing framework with a new accompaniment of community-infused data driven policing. We will approach these challenges from a strength-based capacity building approach that helps members of our agency collaborate, explore, and discover new and better ways of doing things. Only as a community, working together, will we experience all the benefits that Community Policing offers.

As you will see when you review our crime stats for 2015, we had a slight increase of about 1% in our Part I and Part 2 crimes in 2015. This increase is counter-balanced by an overall five year decrease in crime of 6%. We recognize that our crime reduction over the past five years would not have been possible without the support of our community and the hard work of the men and women of the Bradenton Police Department.

In closing, I want to assure the citizens of "The Friendly City" that the Bradenton Police Department is committed to continuing our efforts to make our city safer and reward the public's confidence with the highest quality law enforcement which is both compassionate and professional. The men and women of this agency will continue to distinguish themselves by routinely demonstrating the highest levels of professionalism and resourcefulness as we move forward, providing outstanding service to our citizens.

Sincerely,

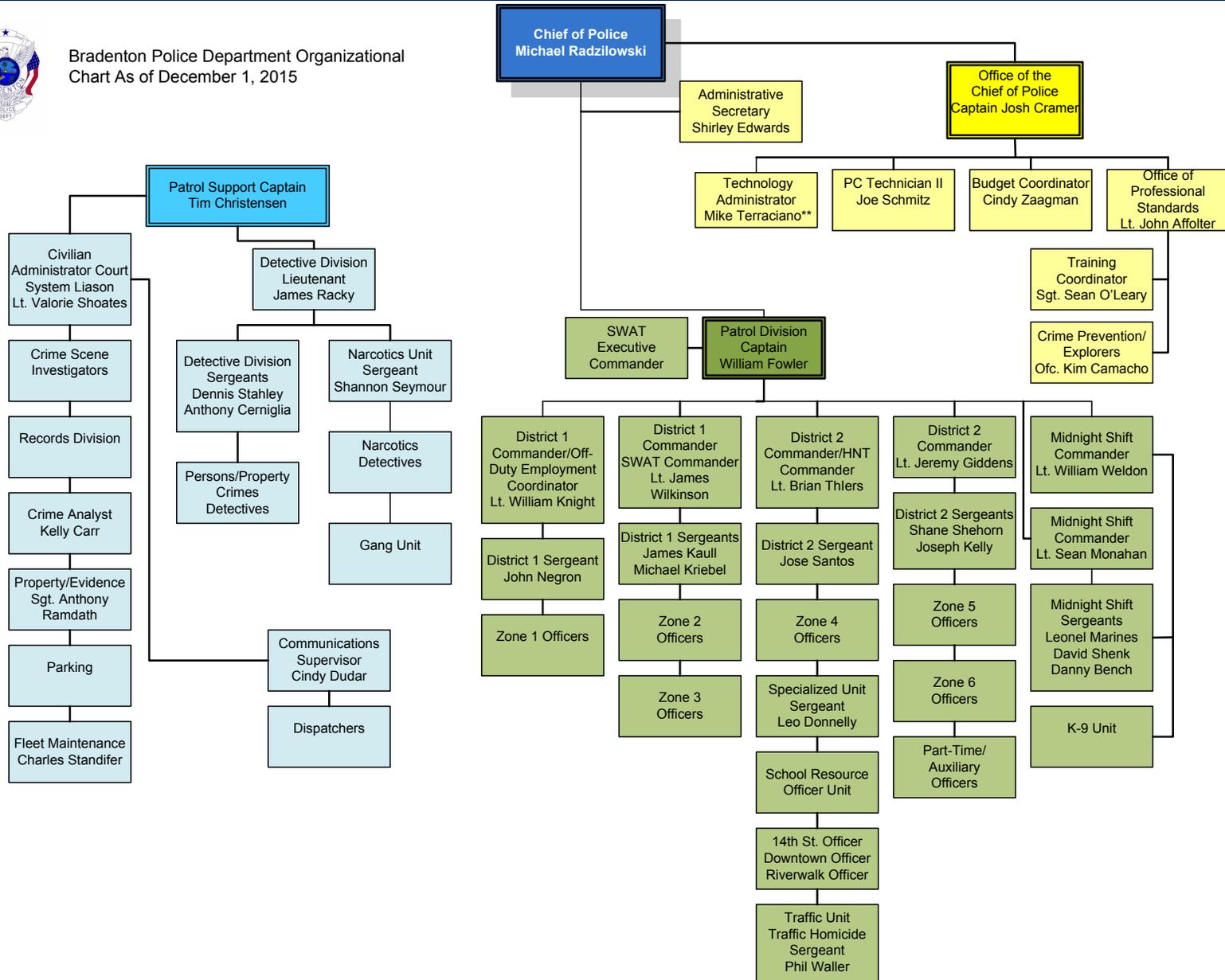
Melanie Bevan

Melanie Bevan, Ed.D.
Chief of Police

Organizational Chart



Bradenton Police Department Organizational Chart As of December 1, 2015



Command Staff



Captain
Josh Cramer
Office of the
Chief of Police



Captain
William Fowler
Patrol Division
Commander



Captain
Tim Christensen
Patrol Support
Commander



Lieutenant
James Racky
Detective
Division
Commander



Lieutenant
John Affolter
Professional
Standards



Lieutenant
Valorie Shoates
Records
Division
Commander

Patrol Division Commanders



Lieutenant
William Knight



Lieutenant
James Wilkinson



Lieutenant
Sean Monahan



Lieutenant
William Weldon



Lieutenant
Brian Thiers



Lieutenant
Jeremy Giddens

Police Department Overview

Authorized Staffing

The Bradenton Police Department maintains the highest standard of professionalism when considering the hiring of Police Officers. The budgeted authorized staffing of full-time Police Officers employed by the City of Bradenton is presently 120 Officers.

2015 BUDGETED AUTHORIZED STAFFING (FULL-TIME)					Filled (As of February 2016)
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sworn Officers	119	118	120	120	117
Civilians	29	29	27	31	28
Total	148	147	147	151	145
Officers Per 1,000 Residents	2.18	2.18	2.16	2.26	2.26

Police Department Overview

The Bradenton Police Department serves the City in a Law Enforcement, First Responder, and Emergency Management capacity. We operate from Police Headquarters and two District Sub-Stations, with a total of 117 Sworn Police Officers which are divided by three divisions: Office of the Chief of Police, Patrol Division, and Patrol Support. There are 28 Civilian Personnel that are divided into the following units: Communications 13, Records 4, Property/Evidence/Parking 4, and Administration/Support 7.

Police Department Overview

2015 EMPLOYEE DEMOGRAPHICS			
SWORN - Career			
	Male	Female	Total
White	85	9	94
Hispanic	10	3	13
Asian	0	0	0
African American	8	2	10
Filipino	0	0	0
Native American	0	0	0
Total	103	14	117

2015 EMPLOYEE DEMOGRAPHICS			
CIVILIAN – Career and Non-Career			
	Male	Female	Total
White	6	16	22
Hispanic	0	1	1
Asian	0	0	0
African American	1	4	5
Filipino	0	0	0
Native American	0	0	0
Total	7	21	28

2015 EMPLOYEE DEMOGRAPHICS			
SWORN - Career			
	Male	Female	Total
White	78.3%	7.5%	85.8%
Hispanic	8.3%	2.5%	10.8%
Asian	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
African American	1.7%	1.7%	3.4%
Filipino	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Native American	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total	88.3%	11.7%	100%

2015 EMPLOYEE DEMOGRAPHICS			
CIVILIAN – Career and Non-Career			
	Male	Female	Total
White	29.6%	37.0%	66.6%
Hispanic	0.00%	7.4%	7.4%
Asian	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
African American	3.7%	22.3%	26%
Filipino	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Native American	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total	33.3%	66.7%	100%

Employee Demographics

Race and gender demographics that are balanced and representative of the City of Bradenton will continue to coincide with the hiring process of the Bradenton Police Department. According to the City of Bradenton Police Department’s Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for 2015, “The Bradenton Police Department is committed to working towards making its workforce profiles more closely reflect the labor force in the community”. The Bradenton Police Department will continue to focus its recruitment efforts on minority males and females for both law enforcement and civilian positions.

Police Department Overview



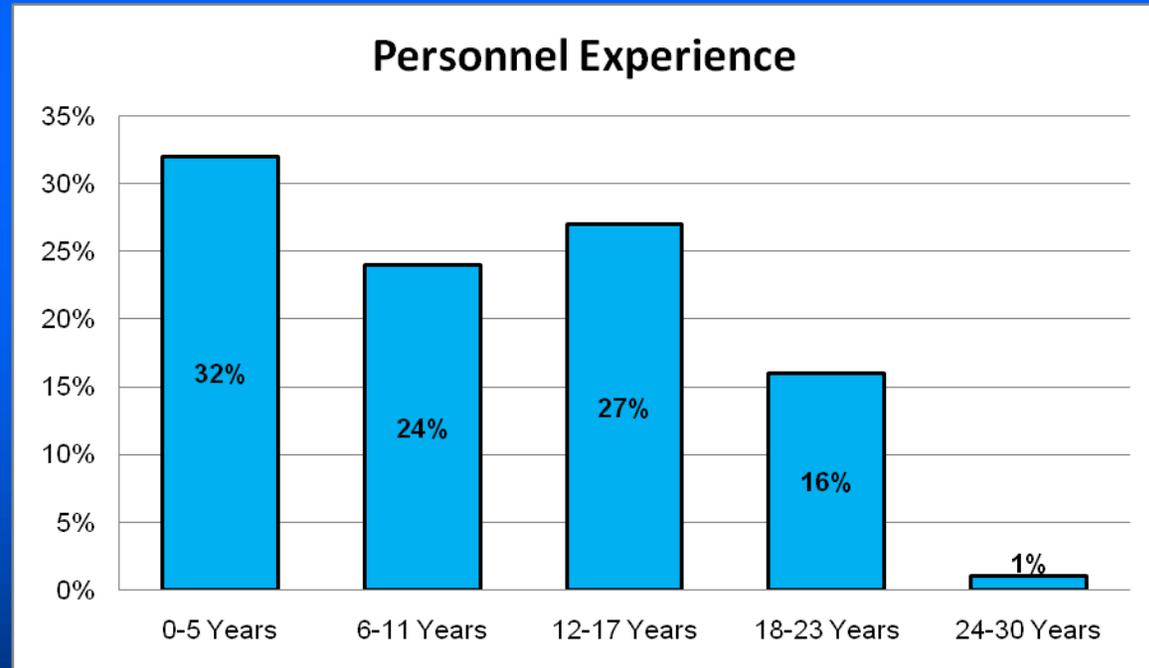
From Left to Right: Officers Tyler Mathews, Juan Vaquera-Torres, Courtney Cruz, and Ronald Peterson.



New officers being sworn in by the Mayor and Police Commissioner, the Honorable Wayne Poston.

Personnel Experience

The Bradenton Police Department is showing its largest category being the personnel with 0 to 5 years of experience. Currently, 56% of the agency has a total of less than 12 years service. Over the 2015 year, we lost 19 members due to retirements, resignations and terminations from employment.



Agency Goals

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The goals of the City of Bradenton Police Department are to protect the lives and property of the citizens of this community, to preserve the peace, and to prevent crime and disorder, while constantly guarding personal liberties as prescribed by law.

To achieve our goals we must develop and provide:

- A well-trained and disciplined patrol force, capable of assessing and responding to the changing needs of the community it serves, to include delivering swift emergency response when required.
- A pro-active traffic enforcement program designed to regulate traffic movement and assure safe and expedient travel on city streets.
- A skilled and experienced investigative unit for bringing criminal offenders to swift and impartial justice.
- A community policing effort charged with: educating the public about law enforcement issues, with emphasis on the community's role and responsibilities with respect to the prevention of crime; increasing the accountability of police officers to neighborhood residents and other officers; and increasing commitment to problem solving, rather than responding repeatedly to the same problem.
- The Bradenton Police Department recognizes that we cannot fulfill our mission without community support. It is imperative that a dialogue, characterized by mutual trust and open and honest communication, is maintained between this agency and our community. It must include a willingness to continually examine and modify policies and procedures and to assure that our mission is accomplished in a manner compatible with the best interests of the community.



Office of the Chief of Police

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The Office of the Chief of Police is divided into the following sections: Budget Management, Professional Standards, Training, and Crime Prevention/Volunteers.

Budget Management

The Budget Management Office, which is staffed by a Budget Coordinator, provides professional budgetary, financial and procurement accountability to the Police Department and other City Departments. The Budget Coordinator is also responsible for administrative and supervisory work involving the financial management of the City of Bradenton Police Department. The Budget Coordinator also ensures that the expenditures of public monies are managed in accordance with generally accepted accounting policies and procedures; federal, state, and local law enforcement guidelines and city ordinances; and police department rules and regulations, policies and procedures.

Additional duties include participating in the preparation of the annual budget, analyzing expenditure trends, and evaluating budget requests. The Budget Coordinator is also responsible for forecasting financial requirements, monitoring and maintaining the annual budget reports, and supervising the procurement and supply functions of the police department. The Budget Coordinator organizes these and other functions in order to facilitate the development of a functional budget for the City of Bradenton Police Department.

As the City of Bradenton Police Department continues to move forward, it strives to provide the highest levels of professional police service to the community in which it serves.

City of Bradenton Police Department Annual Budget	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	FY 14/15
Personnel Costs	\$10,631,668	\$11,228,013	\$11,390,868	\$10,953,756
Logistics and Services	\$862,357	\$1,290,988	\$1,329,233	\$1,876,268
Grant Offsets	\$10,374	\$5,910	\$61,765	\$31,200
Total	\$11,504,399	\$12,524,911	\$12,781,866	\$12,861,224
Annual City Approved Budget	\$102,325,029	\$98,157,051	\$88,964,533	\$88,489,193
Police Department's Percentage of City Budget (not including grants)	11.2%	12.8%	14.3%	14.5%

Office of the Chief of Police

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Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards consists of a Police Lieutenant who is responsible for investigating and/or managing inquires into all complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the City of Bradenton Police Department. The Division strives to ensure that the integrity of the entire Police Department remains intact by ensuring that agency members comply with all federal and state laws, as well as city ordinances and Police Department rules and regulations, policies and procedures. Each investigation is conducted objectively, thoroughly, and without bias.

Internal Affairs Investigations

Statistical Data Total for 2015:

Internal Affairs Investigations: 15
Total Allegations: 26

Total Complainants by Gender:

Male: 7
Female: 10
Bradenton Police Department: 9

Total Complainants by Race:

White: 6
African-American: 9
Hispanic: 2
Asian: 0

Total Accused Department Employees by Gender:

Male: 12
Female: 4

Total Accused Department Employees by Division:

Uniformed Patrol: 13
Patrol Support: 4
Outside Agency: 0
Administration: 0

Charges for Employees By Division:

Patrol: 18
Patrol Support: 8
Outside Agency Assistance: 0
Administration: 1

Classification and Number of Allegations, which were filed:

Commission of a Crime: 1
Conduct Which Creates Doubt Regarding Honesty: 01
Distraction of Agency Members: 1
Excessive Use of Force: 1
False Report: 12
Harassment/Discrimination: 1
Human Relations: 7
Illegal Detention: 1
Insubordination: 1
Neglect of Job Duties: 2
Playing of Pranks: 1
Public Criticism of Department Employees: 1
Treatment of Detainees: 1
Untruthfulness in an Official Proceeding: 2
Untruthfulness Not in an Official Proceeding: 1
Use of Force: 2

Investigative Results Data:

Sustained Allegations: 11
Not Sustained Allegations: 7
Unfounded Allegations: 1
Exonerated Allegations: 7
Police Failure: 0
Complainant Waiver: 0
Allegations Still Under Investigation: 0

Office of the Chief of Police

Use of Force Annual Analysis

The City of Bradenton Police Department mandates that when force is used in the line of duty the Officer is required to document his/her actions on a Use of Force Form. Use of Force should not be viewed as synonymous with excessive force. Force is an occasional and unfortunate outcome of the work that we ask the men and women of the City of Bradenton Police Department to perform on a daily basis. The Professional Standards Division is responsible for collecting the data and conducting an annual analysis. It is the goal of the City of Bradenton Police Department that all members be capable of using effective and reasonable force when appropriate to protect the public, subjects, and officers. It is also the goal of the Bradenton Police Department that, when force is appropriate, members apply those effective and reasonable force options that carry lower risks of injury to subjects and officers. Many of the recommendations contained in the report are oriented toward continuing to develop best practices in how we manage force as an organization, our use of force policy, how we train our members, how we supervise force issues, and how we investigate and review allegations of excessive force. The statistical data for 2015 indicates that Bradenton Police Officers had to apply force in less than 2% of all calls for service and 9% of total arrests.

Statistical Data: Total Use of Force (Lethal/Non-Lethal): 2015

Classification:

Use of Force: 127
Animal Destruction: 0
Misfire/Ineffective: 1

Rank of Officer:

Officer: 111
Sergeant: 15
Lieutenant: 2

Race of Officer:

Caucasian: 86
African American: 16
Hispanic: 26
Asian: 0

Gender of Officer:

Male: 122
Female: 6

Officers Injured:

Yes: 5
No: 58

Age of Officer:

19-30 years of age: 61
31-40 years of age: 51
41-51 years of age: 16
50 plus years of age: 0

Years of Service:

Less than 1 year: 7
1-3 years: 34
4-6 years: 16
6-10 years: 34
11 plus years: 37

Area of Assignment:

Patrol: 106
Patrol Support: 20
Administration: 2

Duty Shift:

Day: 29
Afternoon: 41
Midnight: 12

Type of Force Used by Officer:

Hands/Feet/Fist (Includes Verbal Directions, Soft Hand Techniques and Hard/empty Hand Techniques): 44
OC Spray: 3
Baton/ASP: 0
Threat of Lethal Force: 15
Lethal Force: 2
Handcuffs: 38
Canine Usage: 5
Leg Restraints: 0
TASER Total Usage: 20
TASER Displayed: 3
TASER Deployed: 16
TASER Drive Stunned: 1

Classifications of Arrestee:

Total of 66 suspects, 128 Applications of Force

Race of Arrestee:

Caucasian: 33
African American: 30
Hispanic: 3
Other: 0
Armed Unidentified Individuals: 0

Gender of Arrestee:

Male: 56
Female: 10
Unidentified Individuals: 0

Age of Arrestee:

Juvenile: 7
19-30 years of age: 26
31-40 years of age: 15
41-50 years of age: 11
51 plus years of age: 7
Unidentified Individuals: 0

Arrestee Injured:

Yes: 44
No: 119

Justified Use of Force:

Yes: 81
No: 0

Influence Factors:

Drugs: 36
Alcohol: 6

Nature of Initial Complaint:

Aggravated Assault/Battery: 16
Assault/Battery: 11
Assault/Battery on Law Enforcement Officer/Firefighter: 13
Attempted Murder: 0
Burglary: 7
Carrying Concealed Weapon: 0
Child Abuse: 2
Criminal Mischief: 0
Depriving an Officer of a Weapon: 0
Disorderly Intoxication: 3
Domestic Battery: 17
Escaped Prisoner: 0
False Imprisonment: 1
Fleeing to Elude: 2
Loitering & Prowling: 2
Mental Illness: 3
Narcotics: 6
Resisting With or W/out Violence: 32
Theft (Retail Theft Included): 4
Robbery/Carjacking: 1
Tampering With Evidence: 1
Traffic Offenses: 4
Trespassing: 3

Office of the Chief of Police

Remarks

1. In a review of 128 instances of Use of Force, it indicated that 8 of the subjects were under the influence of narcotics, 22 subjects were under the influence of alcohol, and 5 subjects were under the influence of both narcotics and alcohol.
2. There were 3 instances of Use of Force used in restraining mentally-ill subjects.
3. The oldest subject which required Use of Force was 73 years of age. There were 7 instances where Use of Force was applied to juvenile subjects with the youngest being 13 years of age. There were 26 instances of Use of Force which involved subjects between 19 - 30 years of age.
4. There were 10 instances of Use of Force that involved Female subjects. There were 56 instances of Use of Force that involved male subjects. There was 1 Use of Force that involved a canine.
5. The Afternoon Shift (4:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.) had the most instances of Use of Force at 41, followed by the Day Shift (6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) with 29 instances, and the Midnight Shift (9:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.) had 12 instances.

Training Unit

The Bradenton Police Department's Training Unit is responsible for the training, certification, and re-certification of all sworn and civilian police personnel. For Fiscal Year 2015, the Bradenton Police Department budgeted \$20,000.00 for training. The budgeted money was used to pay for all registration, travel expenses, and other charges (range rental, equipment replacement, etc.). During 2015, 9 officers successfully completed the department's Field Training and Evaluation Program. The agency as a whole was successfully recertified through mandatory retraining in the following disciplines: Electro-Muscular Disruption Device (TASER) Re-certification; Unusual Occurrence Training; Blood-Borne Pathogen Training; Firearms Qualification; and Use of Force. In 2015, 26 Officers were re-certified and are in compliance with the mandatory training standards set forth by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission. The Department's personnel received approximately 4,000 hours of training, either provided internally or through external training institutions. Lastly, 115 Officers successfully completed the Department's mandated Physical Abilities Test.

Office of the Chief of Police

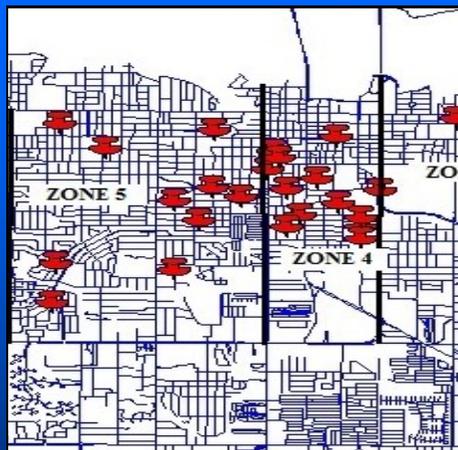
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Crime Analysis Unit

The Bradenton Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit consists of 1 Crime Analyst under the direction of the Chief of Police. The Crime Analyst's responsibilities are to use a set of systematic, analytical processes directed at providing timely and pertinent information, relative to crime patterns and trend correlations; to assist operational and administrative personnel in planning the deployment of resources for the prevention and suppression of criminal activities; and to aid the investigative process, thereby increasing the number of apprehensions and the clearance of criminal cases. Within this context, crime analysis supports a number of departmental functions including patrol deployment, special operations and tactical units, investigations, planning and research, crime prevention, and administrative services (budget and program planning).

Tactical Crime Analysis: Focus on immediate criminal offenses to promote quick response. It provides information to assist operational personnel in the identification of specific crime trends and in the arrest of criminal offenders. The primary goal is to identify crime trends and patterns/series. Tactical information links offender and modus operandi information from a number of offenses in an attempt to provide investigative leads, help solve crimes, and clear cases after apprehension and arrests.

Strategic: Concerned with operational strategies and seeking solutions to on-going problems. It provides information for resource allocation purposes, including patrol scheduling and beat configuration. Its purpose is to identify unusual crime activities over certain levels or at different seasonal times, identify unusual community conditions, provide police service more effectively and efficiently match demands for service with service delivery, reduce and/or eliminate recurring problems, and assist in community policing or problem-oriented policing.

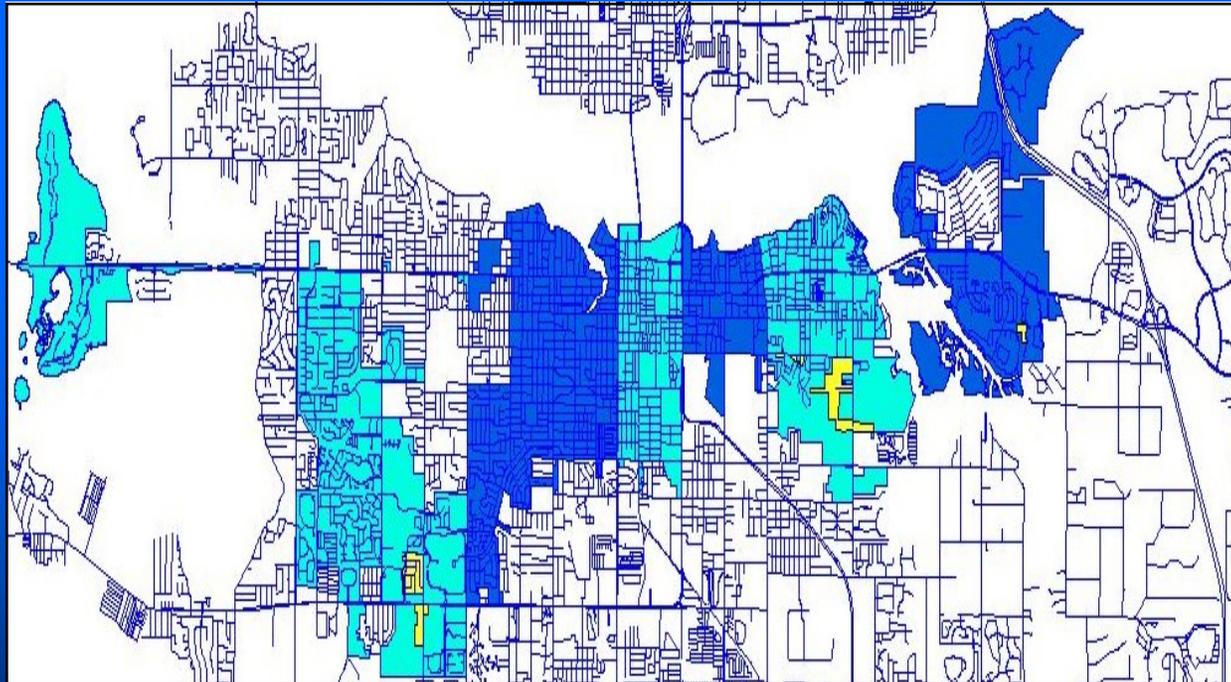


Patrol Operations Division

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The Bradenton Police Department's Patrol Operations Division provides a 24-hour response to requests for law enforcement service for the City of Bradenton. Law enforcement response to emergencies is continuously available within the agency's jurisdiction. Patrol Operations is the largest division within the Police Department. The vast majority of incident reports and investigations begin with Patrol Operations Officers (Patrol Officers). The City of Bradenton is divided into two geographic Patrol Districts with each District having three Patrol Zones. The Patrol Operations Division is commanded by Captain William Fowler. Each District is commanded by two District Commanders (Lieutenants). A minimum of one Sergeant is assigned to each zone as well as a Master Patrol Officer. Patrol Operations Lieutenants, Sergeants, Master Patrol Officers, and Officers are permanently assigned to Districts and Zones. This permanent assignment ensures accountability and the ability to establish a partnership with the community.

District Two Zone 6 43rd Street West to the 11000 Block Man- atee Avenue West (Perico Island)	District Two Zone 5 14th Street West to 43rd Street West	District Two Zone 4 1st Street West To 14th Street West	District One Zone 3 1st Street East to 15th Street East	District One Zone 2 15th Street East to 27th Street East	District One Zone 1 27th Street East to I-75
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Patrol Operations Division

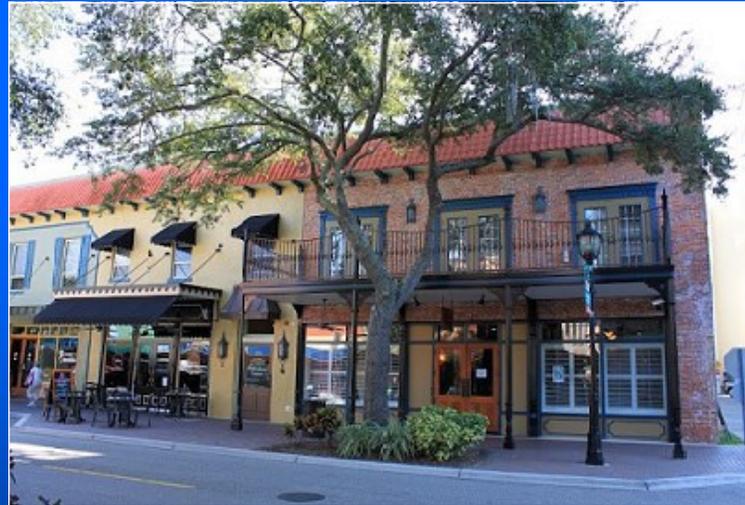
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Tamiami Trail Business Beat Officer

The Tamiami Trail Business Beat Officer is stationed at the Bradenton Police Department's Sub-Station located in the Tamiami Trail section of the City. The Officer is responsible for all law enforcement related activity involving the businesses located on the Tamiami Trail. The Business Beat Officer is primarily a foot patrol assignment which allows the officer to interact with merchants, customers, and visitors. The Business Beat Officer also utilizes a Police bicycle or the T-3 Mobile Vehicle. The merchants have direct contact with the Business Beat Officer via cellular telephone. The Business Beat Officer also helps transient persons who may be seeking the assistance of a local service provider.

DDA Downtown and Riverwalk Beat Officer

The City of Bradenton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) sponsors 1 Police Officer who concentrates his or her policing efforts within the City of Bradenton's revitalized business district and Riverwalk venue. Similar to the Tamiami Trail Business Beat Officer, the Downtown and Riverwalk Beat Officer acts as a resource for business owners and visitors to contact directly. The Downtown and Riverwalk Beat Officer is often seen patrolling his area of responsibility on a police bicycle, Segway, or T-3 Mobile Vehicle.



Patrol Operations Division

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School Resource Officer Unit

The City of Bradenton Police Department's School Resource Officer Unit is charged with providing liaison services to community schools. The unit is made up of 4 School Resource Officers (SROs), and is part of the Patrol Division. The unit is funded through a cooperative agreement between the Bradenton Police Department and the Manatee County School District. The SRO program is based on a philosophy that the SRO is an educator in safety and a law-related counselor, a resource to the school administration, and of course, a law enforcement officer. The SRO is an active, high profile officer who focuses his or her efforts on detecting or preventing any unruly, delinquent, or criminal activity within the school and the surrounding campus area. If a crime does occur on school property, the SRO will take the initial report and conduct the follow-up investigation.



School Resource Officer Phillip Ajello (L) and Master Patrol Officer Randy Moore (R)

Master Patrol Officer Randy Moore and School Resource Officer Phillip Ajello are based out of Manatee High School, which is the largest and oldest high school in Manatee County. School Resource Officer Mark Hashem is assigned to W.D. Sugg Middle School. Officer K.B. Magown provides services to the 7 elementary schools located in the City of Bradenton. All 4 SROs are also involved in a variety of after-school functions aimed at the prevention of violence and crime, on and off campus.



School Resource Officer Mark Hashem



School Resource Officer K.B. Magown



Manatee High School
2015 Student Population: 2,409

Specialized Units

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Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team

The Bradenton Police Department S.W.A.T. Team consists of 16 Officers who are selected for the Team under the leadership of the S.W.A.T. Commander. The S.W.A.T. Team is a specialized unit which is trained to perform dangerous operations. These can include serving high-risk arrest warrants, performing hostage rescue and/or armed intervention, preventing terrorist attacks, and engaging heavily-armed criminals. The S.W.A.T. Team is equipped with specialized firearms including sub-machine guns, shotguns, carbines, tear gas, stun grenades, and high-powered rifles for marksmen (snipers). The S.W.A.T. Team also has the following specialized equipment including heavy body armor, entry tools, and night vision optics. The S.W.A.T. Team is available on a 24 Hour/7 Day a week, on-call basis. The S.W.A.T. Team trains on a monthly basis which equates to approximately 200 hours a year. In 2015, the Bradenton Police Department S.W.A.T. Team was activated 16 times.

Hostage Negotiation Team

The Bradenton Police Department Hostage Negotiation Team consists of 6 members who are selected for the Team under the leadership of the H.N.T. Commander. The H.N.T. is available on a 24 Hour/7 Day a week, on-call basis. The H.N.T. responds to incidents that involve barricaded subjects, with or without hostages, and suicidal subjects. Using highly skilled and trained negotiators, the team strives to resolve incidents as peacefully as possible, thereby reducing the risk of injury or loss of life for citizens and officers alike. The team works closely with the Department's S.W.A.T. Team, Patrol Division personnel, and elements of the mental health community. In 2015, the H.N.T. was activated 2 times.



Specialized Units

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Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit consists of 2 Officers and 1 Sergeant. Unit personnel specialize in the enforcement of all traffic laws and traffic crash investigations. The officers have special training and certifications in the area of Traffic Crash Reconstruction, Traffic Homicide Investigation, and D.U.I. Enforcement. The Traffic Unit members utilize unmarked vehicles and marked motorcycles. These officers engage in enforcement details which are directed at areas within the City of Bradenton that have been determined to be problematic traffic areas. The Traffic Unit identifies dangerous roads and intersections by citizen complaints, officers' observations, and statistical data obtained from crash reports. Traffic officers are deployed to these problem areas in an attempt to curb traffic violations and prevent major vehicle crashes from occurring. In 2015, the Traffic Unit was also responsible for processing over 7,796 Red Light Camera violations, which has significantly reduced traffic crashes at the monitored intersections. In 2015, the Traffic Unit issued 931 Uniform Traffic Citations and the Patrol and Patrol Support Division personnel issued an additional 2,967 Uniform Traffic Citations for an overall total of 3,898 Uniform Traffic Citations.

Any citizens with traffic complaints can report problems to the Traffic Unit at 941-932-9300, Ext. 318.



Specialized Units

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Top 20 Traffic Crash Locations within the City of Bradenton in 2015		
Ranking	Intersection	Number of Traffic Crashes
1	State Road 55 (1 st Street) / 11 th Avenue (East and West)	22
2	State Road 45 (9 th Street West) / State Road 64 (6 th Avenue West)	18
3	State Road 55 (1 st Street) / State Road 64 (6 th Avenue East and West)	12
4	State Road 64 (Manatee Avenue East) / 2 nd Street East	12
5	State Road 55 (1 st Street) / State Road 64 (Manatee Avenue East and West)	11
6	State Road 64 (Manatee Avenue West) / 26 th Street West	10
7	State Road 45 (14 th Street West) / 17 th Avenue West	9
8	State Road 45 (9 th Street West) / 3 rd Avenue West	8
9	State Road 45 (14 th Street West) / Martin Luther King Ave (9 th Avenue West)	8
10	26 th Street West / 9 th Avenue West	8
11	State Road 55 (1 st Street) / Martin Luther King Avenue (9 th Avenue East and West)	7
12	9 th Street West / Martin Luther King Avenue West (9 th Avenue West)	7
13	State Road 684 (Cortez Road West) / 43 rd Street West	7
14	State Road 64 (6 th Avenue East) / 3 rd Street East	6
15	State Road 64 (6 th Avenue West) / 3 rd Street West	6
16	26 th Street West / 7 th Avenue West	6
17	26 th Street West / 17 th Avenue West	6
18	26 th Street West / 21 st Avenue West	5
19	59 th Street West / 21 st Avenue West	5
20	State Road 64 (Manatee Ave W) / 7 th Street West	5

Specialized Units

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Canine Unit

The Bradenton Police Department's Canine Unit is staffed by Officer Mathew Palmer with K-9 Riggs, and Officer Jason Taulbee with K-9 Mac. The canine (K-9) handler and service dog must complete over 400 hours of rigorous specialized training prior to being placed on patrol duty. The K-9 teams maintain their certification by conducting weekly training in the area of narcotics detection, building and area searches, and the tracking and apprehension of subjects. As an invaluable asset to both the Patrol and Patrol Support Divisions, the K-9 Unit conducted 30 tracks, 119 vehicle sniffs, 35 building and area searches, and 24 arrests.



Honor Guard

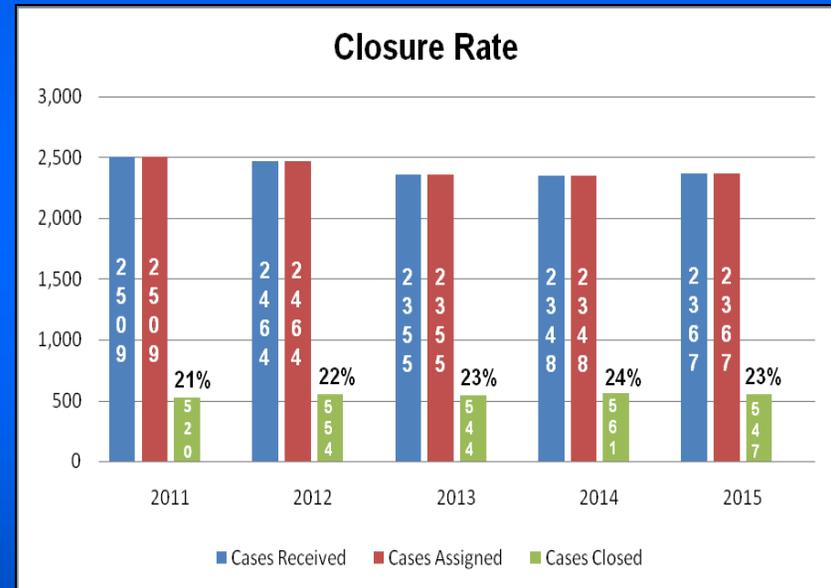
The Bradenton Police Department's Honor Guard consists of 8 officers who are specifically selected for the unit under the leadership of a Sergeant. The Police Department's Honor Guard has been active for over 27 years. The Honor Guard participates annually in a number of events and parades, to include: the Florida Heritage Festival Parade, September 11th Anniversary Ceremonies, Tallahassee Annual State Law Enforcement Officer Ceremony, and Police Academy graduations. Honor Guard members attend funerals for fallen law enforcement officers within the State of Florida and assist other Honor Guards as needed. Services are also provided for retired Departmental personnel and City officials, as requested. The Honor Guard presents the colors at various hosting events, such as baseball games and special events.

Patrol Support Division

The Bradenton Police Department Patrol Support Division’s primary mission is to provide support services to the Patrol Division in the following capacities: Detective Division, Narcotics Unit, Communications Center, Property/Evidence Unit, Parking Unit, Records Unit, Fleet Maintenance, and a Law Enforcement Technology Specialist. The Patrol Support Division is commanded by Captain Tim Christensen.

Detective Division

The Bradenton Police Department’s Detective Division is made up of 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, 4 Detectives (First Grade), 5 detectives, 5 Officers, and 3 civilian Crime Scene Investigators. The Detective Division’s primary responsibility is to serve as an investigative support component to the Patrol Division. There are 10 Detectives and Officers assigned to specific Districts and Zones within the City of Bradenton whom investigate a variety of crimes from larcenies to aggravated assaults. There is one Detective who is specifically assigned to investigate claims of child abuse and child neglect, in conjunction with the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office Child Protective Services Unit. Additionally, 1 Detective is assigned to the F.B.I.’s Violent Crime Task Force, and 1 Detective is assigned to the F.B.I.’s Child Exploitation Task Force, which investigates cyber-based crimes. We also have 1 Detective dedicated to the Manatee County Homicide Investigative Unit, which is a team that investigates all homicides that occur within Manatee County. Additionally, with the rise of identify theft and internet scams occurring world-wide, there are 2 Detectives who are assigned solely to investigate economic crimes.



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Narcotics Unit

The Narcotics Unit's primary responsibility is to serve as a pro-active investigative unit that focuses on significantly impacting the flow, sale, and purchasing of illegal narcotics/contraband within the jurisdiction of the City of Bradenton. In 2015, through the skilled investigation, apprehension, and conviction of narcotics traffickers, the Narcotics Unit excelled in confiscating illegal narcotics, and seized the proceeds earned via the offender's criminal activity. The Narcotics Unit has a Detective assigned to the Federal D.E.A. Task Force who serves as a liaison when there is a Federal investigation conducted within the City of Bradenton.

Narcotics Unit Assigned Cases & Arrests for 2010—2014						
Years	Cases Assigned	Arrests	Criminal Charges			
			Narcotics	Prostitution	Warrants	Other
2011	126	206	218	35	47	0
2012	170	204	192	17	141	39
2013	159	192	28	28	75	0
2014	145	99	99	2	39	0
2015	105	38	31	7	22	1



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Narcotics Unit Seizure Statistics for 2011—2015

Years	Narcotics Seized					Cash Seized	Guns Seized
	Meth	Marijuana	Cocaine	Pills	Heroin		
2011	2,230gr.	1,405 gr.	10,127 gr.	516 gr.	2,852 gr.	\$228,223.00	51
2012	2,189gr.	496 gr.	5,153 gr.	208 gr.	82 gr.	\$352,487.00	37
2013	103 gr.	26,601 gr.	10,474 gr.	148 gr.	11 gr.	\$681,018.20	14
2014	99.7 gr.	6,796.7 gr.	69.8 gr.	95.4 gr.	88 gr.	\$193,013.00	13
2015	6,003 gr.	120.2 gr.	4 gr.	11.9 gr.	20.4 gr.	\$27,059.00	4

Beginning in January 2015, the Bradenton Police Department's Narcotics Unit, with the assistance of the D.E.A., and in conjunction with Manatee and Sarasota County Sheriff's Offices, conducted a year long wire-tap operation. The operation resulted in multiple arrests and the seizure of money, vehicles and illegal narcotics.

2015 Joint Wire Tap Operation Seizure Statistics

Heroin	Cocaine	Rock Cocaine	Marijuana	Pills	Phyntenol	Guns	Vehicles	Arrests	Cash Seized
4 kg.	3 kg.	45.9 gr.	38.8 gr.	15 gr.	250 gr.	28	3	16	\$306,000

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Gang Unit

The Bradenton Police Department's Gang Unit consists of 1 specially trained Detective and 1 Officer. Their primary responsibility is to focus on areas within the City of Bradenton which may have an increase in criminal gang activity. The Detective and Officer focus on identifying, monitoring, and communicating with new and current gang members and new gangs.

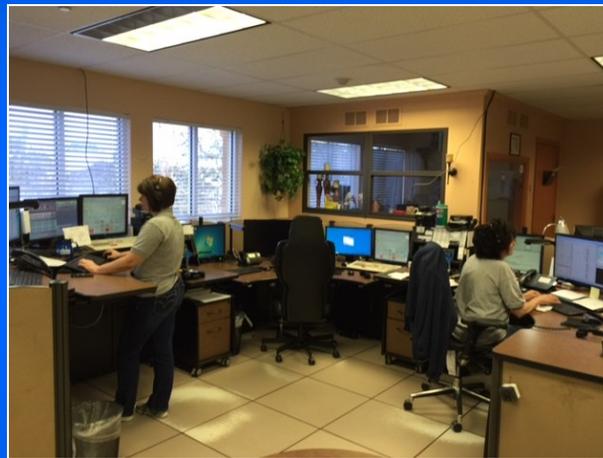
Gang Unit						
Assigned Cases & Arrests for 2011 - 2015						
Years	Cases	Arrests	Criminal Charges			
			Narcotics	Prostitution	Warrants	Other
2011	72	349	185	15	76	73
2012	43	476	318	28	58	60
2013	24	375	250	19	29	68
2014	68	136	78	16	24	18
2015	90	75	41	7	5	44

Gang Unit							
Seizures for 2011-2015							
Years	Narcotics Seized					Cash Seized	Guns Seized / Recovered
	Meth.	Marijuana	Cocaine	Pills	Heroin		
2011	0.0 g.	695 g.	84.5 g.	164.5 g.	0.0 g.	\$6,945.35	16
2012	0.2 g.	1,539.4 g.	377 g.	589.5 g.	8 g.	\$61,350.00	19
2013	22.6 g.	3,479.4 g.	208.2 g.	423 g.	339.01 g.	\$65,864.31	22
2014	0	387.3 gr.	54.4 gr.	40.7 gr.	50.1 gr.	\$15,148.65	1
2015	0	543.8 gr.	13 gr.	77 gr.	1.9 gr.	\$8,035.71	3

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Communications Center

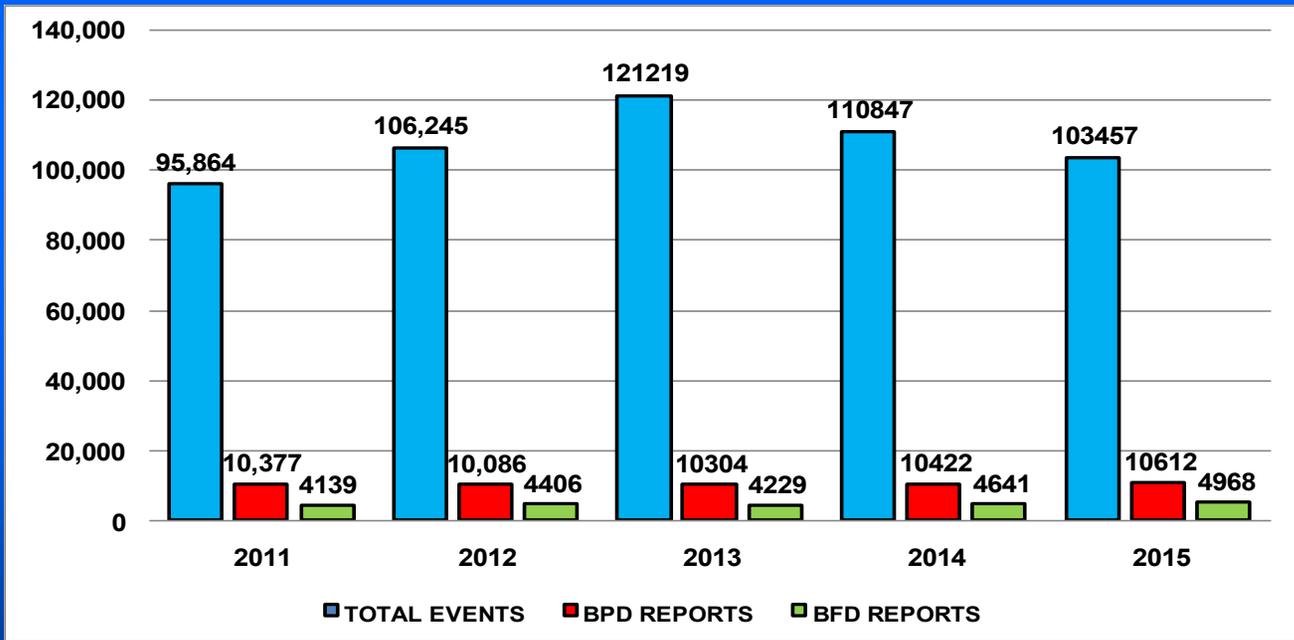
The mission of the City of Bradenton Police Department's Communications Center is to provide quality service to the Police and Fire Department, thus enabling officers to perform their duties effectively and efficiently, and to provide requested services to citizens and other departments in a courteous, helpful, and timely manner by maintaining high standards of professionalism.



The City of Bradenton Police Department's Communications Center is under the direction of the Communications Center Supervisor, who reports directly to the Patrol Support Captain. There is 1 Assistant Communications Center Supervisor, and 11 Tele-Communicators. The Communications Center is a 24 hour/7 day a week operation. There are 3 shifts of varying hours (8 and 10 hour shifts). The Communications Center not only services the Police Department, but also dispatches for the City of Bradenton Fire Department, in addition to answering a 9-1-1 emergency telephone line.

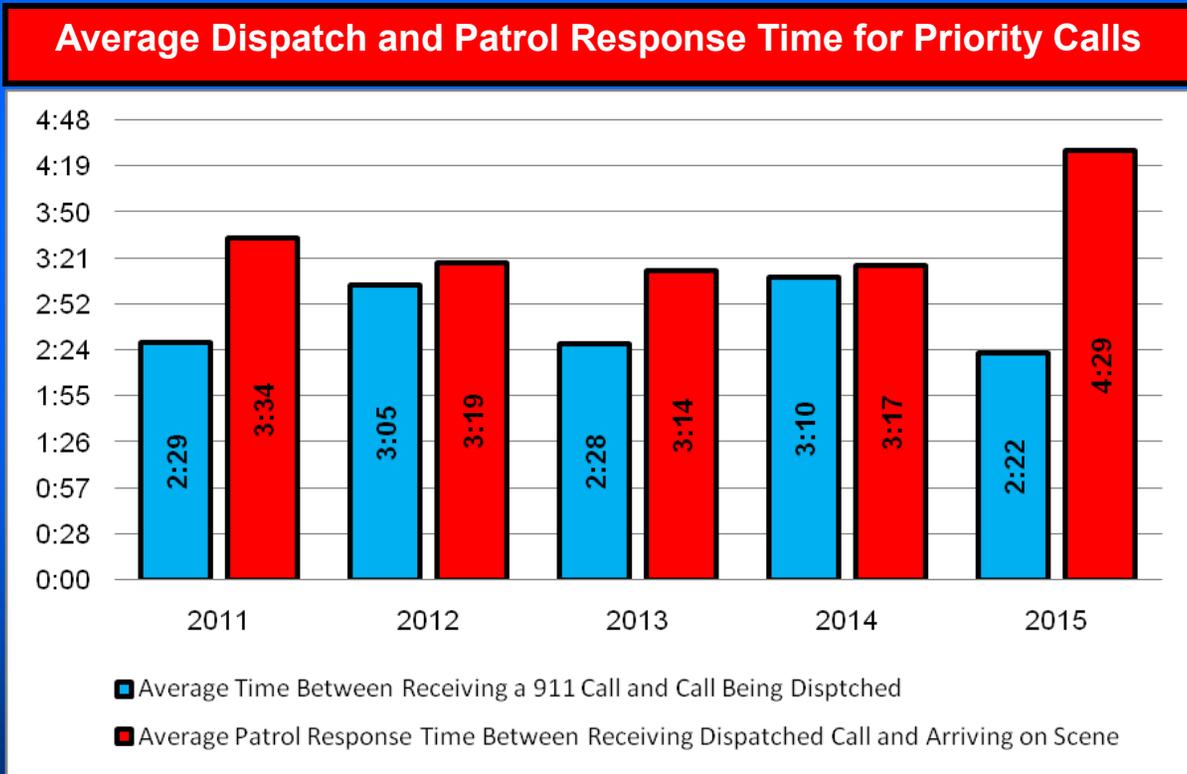
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Bradenton Police Department Communications Center 5-Year Comparison					
Calls for Service (CFS) and Reports	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Calls for Service (CFS)	95,864	106,245	121,219	110,847	103,457
Bradenton Police Department Reports Pulled	10,377	10,086	10,304	10,422	10,612
Bradenton Fire Department Reports Pulled	4,139	4,406	4,229	4,641	4,968



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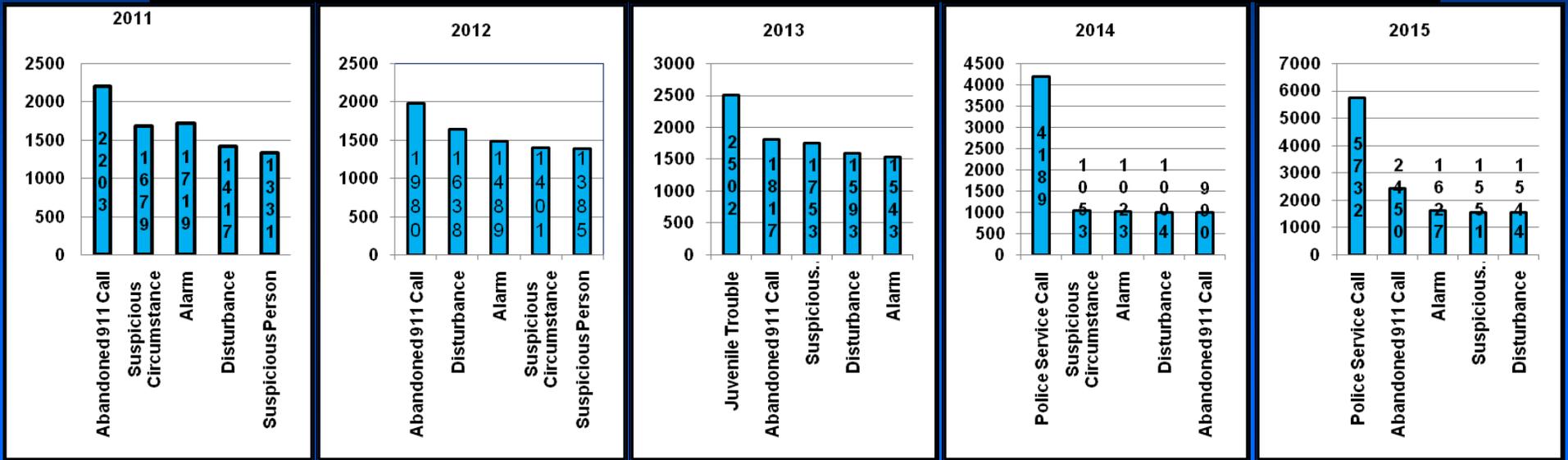
Bradenton Police Department Communications Center 5-Year Comparison					
Incoming Telephone Calls	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Emergency 9-1-1 Landline and Wireless Telephone Calls	19,226	22,877	27,924	28,352	19,689
Non-Emergency Calls, Alarm and Front Desk Telephone Calls	15,845	19,452	22,916	21,906	21,543
All other Calls for Service and Officer Initiated Calls	41,182	42,322	37,654	71,038	62,237
Average 9-1-1 Call Answer Time	5 Seconds	5 Seconds	5 Seconds	6 Seconds	5 Seconds



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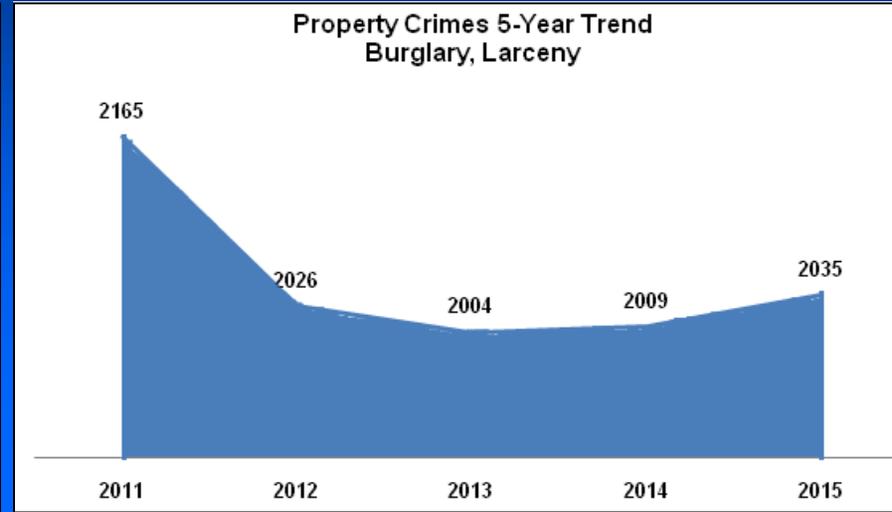
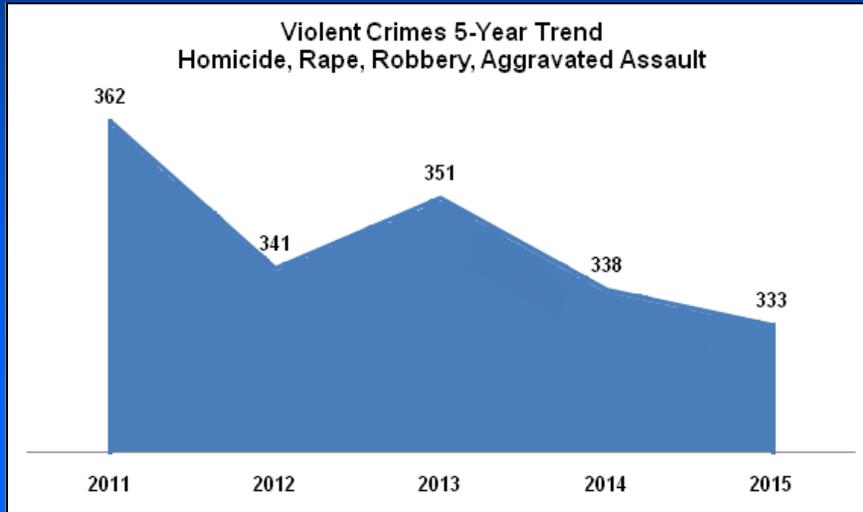
Top Five Calls for Service per Year



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Five Year Comparison of Part 1 Crimes

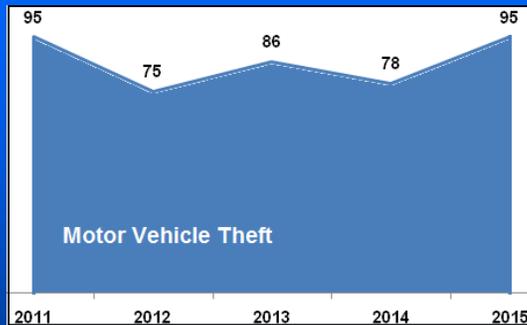
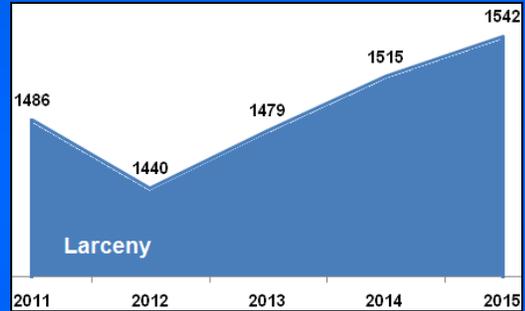
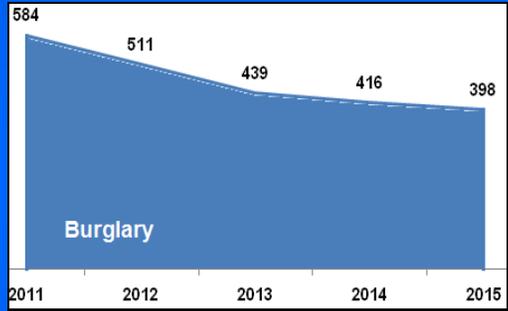
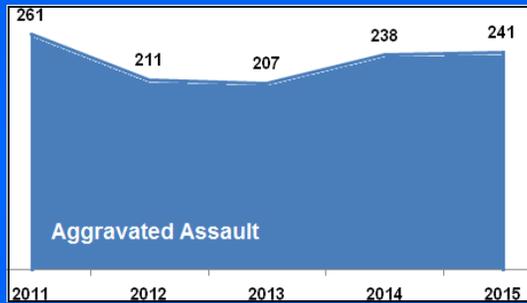
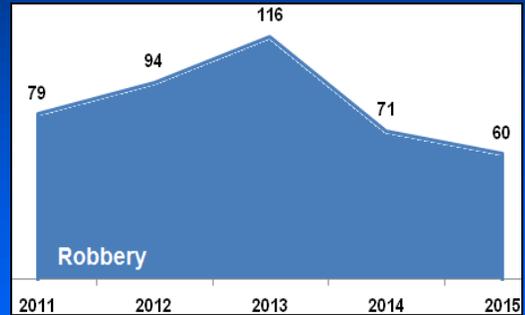
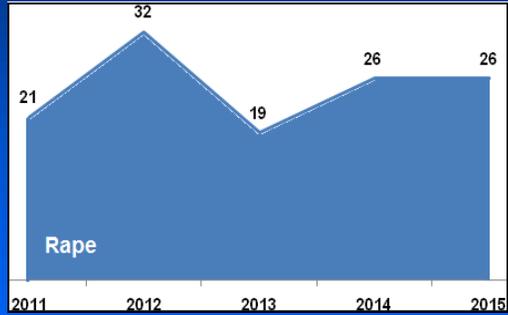
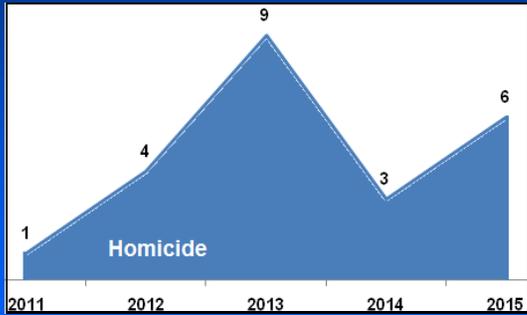


CRIME	Percent Change			Percent Change			Percent Change			Percent Change		
	2011	2012	Change	2012	2013	Change	2013	2014	Change	2014	2015	Change
Homicide	1	4	300.0%	4	9	125.0%	9	3	-66.7%	3	6	100.0%
Rape	21	32	52.4%	32	19	-40.6%	19	26	36.8%	26	26	0.0%
Robbery	79	94	19.0%	94	116	23.4%	116	71	-38.8%	71	60	-15.5%
Aggravated Assault	261	211	-19.2%	211	207	-1.9%	207	238	15.0%	238	241	1.3%
Burglary	584	511	-12.5%	511	439	-14.1%	439	416	-5.2%	416	398	-4.3%
Larceny	1486	1440	-3.1%	1440	1479	2.7%	1479	1515	2.4%	1515	1542	1.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	95	75	-21.1%	75	86	14.7%	86	78	-9.3%	78	95	21.8%
Yearly Total	2527	2367	-6.3%	2367	2355	-0.5%	2355	2347	-0.3%	2347	2368	0.9%

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Five Year Comparison of Part 1 Crimes Continued

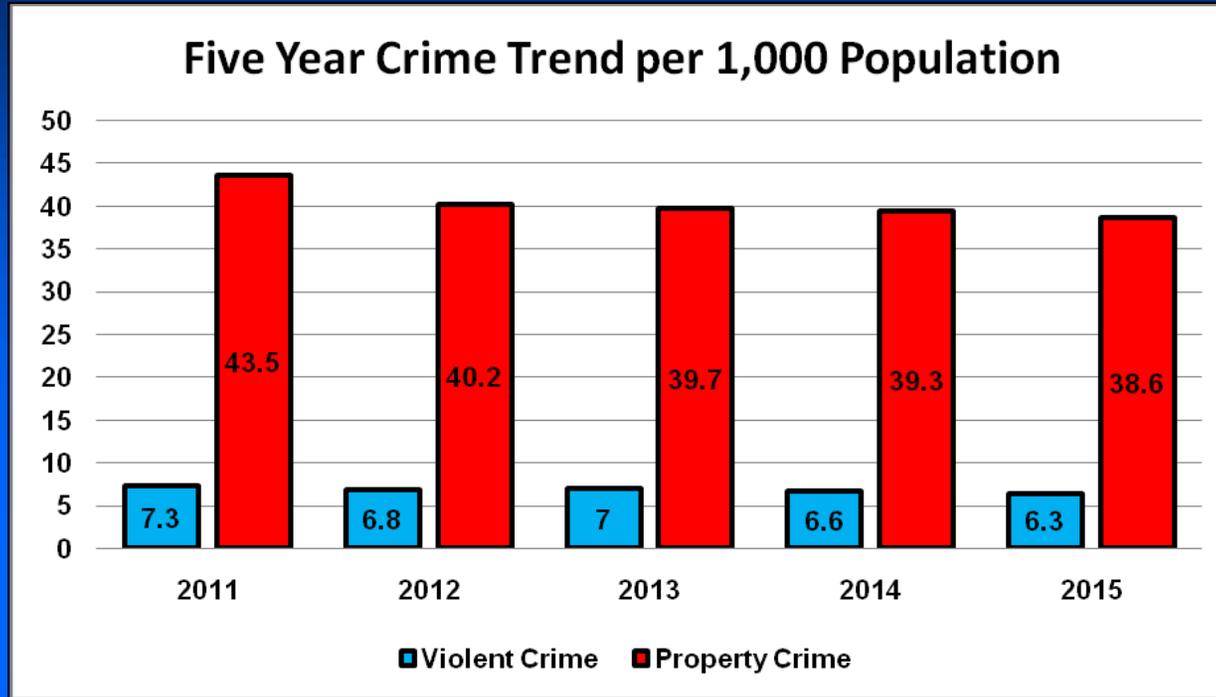


The Bradenton Police Department received 41,232 citizen calls for service in 2015, which is 1,413 more than what the Police Department received in 2014. There were 2,368 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part I crimes reported to the Bradenton Police Department in 2015. This is a .09% increase compared to 2014.

Since 2011 The City of Bradenton has experienced an 8% reduction in violent crime and a 6% reduction in property crimes.

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Year	Accident Reports	Officer Reports	Arrests Processed	Percentage Change in Arrests
2011	1,291	8,853	2,264	-13.8% From 2010
2012	1,375	8,934	2,239	-1.1% from 2011
2013	1,319	8,704	2,360	+5.4% From 2012
2014	1,458	8,692	2,379	+8% From 2013
2015	1,553	8,901	2,990	+25% From 2014

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Parking Enforcement Unit

The Bradenton Police Department's Parking Enforcement Unit is staffed by 1 Parking Enforcement Official (civilian) who enforces local ordinances and state laws within the City of Bradenton's time-regulated parking areas and posted handicap spots located throughout the City of Bradenton. In 2015, the Parking Enforcement Unit issued 4,172 parking tickets, which resulted in \$82,001 in revenue. The Parking Permit Income for the 4 city parking lots resulted in an income of \$57,590 and the collection from the Parking Meters throughout the City of Bradenton resulted in an income of \$83,039.79. The total revenue collected by the Parking Enforcement Unit was \$203,110.45. In 2015, the City of Bradenton installed 2 Electronic Pay Stations in the City Parking Garage. Both Electronic Pay Stations accept credit cards.

Records Unit

The Bradenton Police Department Records Unit is staffed by 4 Records Clerks and a Records Supervisor. The Records Unit is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., during which time citizens may request copies of police or traffic crash reports for a minimal charge in accordance with the State of Florida's fee schedule. The Records Unit clerks are responsible for editing all reports and entering the corrected information into the Department's Records Management System, so it may be accessed by other departmental personnel. The Records Supervisor is responsible for providing Semi-Annual and Annual Uniform Crime Reports (U.C.R.) to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

In 2015, the Records Unit processed over 17,000 documents through the Records Management System



Promotions, Retirements, Recognition, and New Employees

Promotions in 2015

Captain Josh Cramer
Lieutenant Valorie Shoates
Sergeant Danny Bench
Sergeant Jose Santos

Officer of the Month in 2015

January - Detective Greg Price
February - Sergeant Danny Bench
March - Officer Jason Taulbee
April - Officer Joshua Small
May - Officer Mark Roberts
June - Officer Benjamin Pieper
July - Officer Emily Parsons
August -
September - Jordan Sullivan
October - Officer Adam Wollard
November - Officer Mark Roberts
December - Zachary Micluscak

Officer of the Year for 2015



Officer Kenneth Simunovic

New Employees Hired in 2015

Sworn Employees

Recruit Officer Brooke Pellegrine
Recruit Officer Matthew Caradimos
Recruit Officer Cordario Pruitt
Officer Courtney Cruz
Recruit Officer Shawn Dume
Recruit Officer Jacob Robison
Recruit Officer Jason Reaume
Recruit Officer Jordan Sullivan
Recruit Officer Joshua Sanchez
Recruit Officer Ryan Welch
Recruit Officer Samuel Mason

Civilian Employees

Sherri Reaume - Property and Evidence Clerk
Alissa Engle - Tele-Communicator
Barbara Morse - Records Clerk
Alexandra Kelley - Records Clerk

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