



# **GOLDEN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Mission Statement**

To provide courteous and ethical high quality police and public safety services to all by practicing professionalism and community-policing while protecting life and preventing crime.

### **Vision**

To be an internationally recognized example in the delivery of professional, community-policing based law enforcement services that are courteous and ensuring the highest levels of performance and community satisfaction.



## **Values**

We value honesty, ethics, courtesy, respect and community-policing in all aspects with our residents, our fellow Town employees, visitors, and all others with whom we interact; we exist to serve the residents and will demonstrate this in every possible way; we assist every employee in every way to reach their maximum potential; we operate as a team in a friendly, helpful, and informal working environment while maintaining our professionalism as a law enforcement agency.

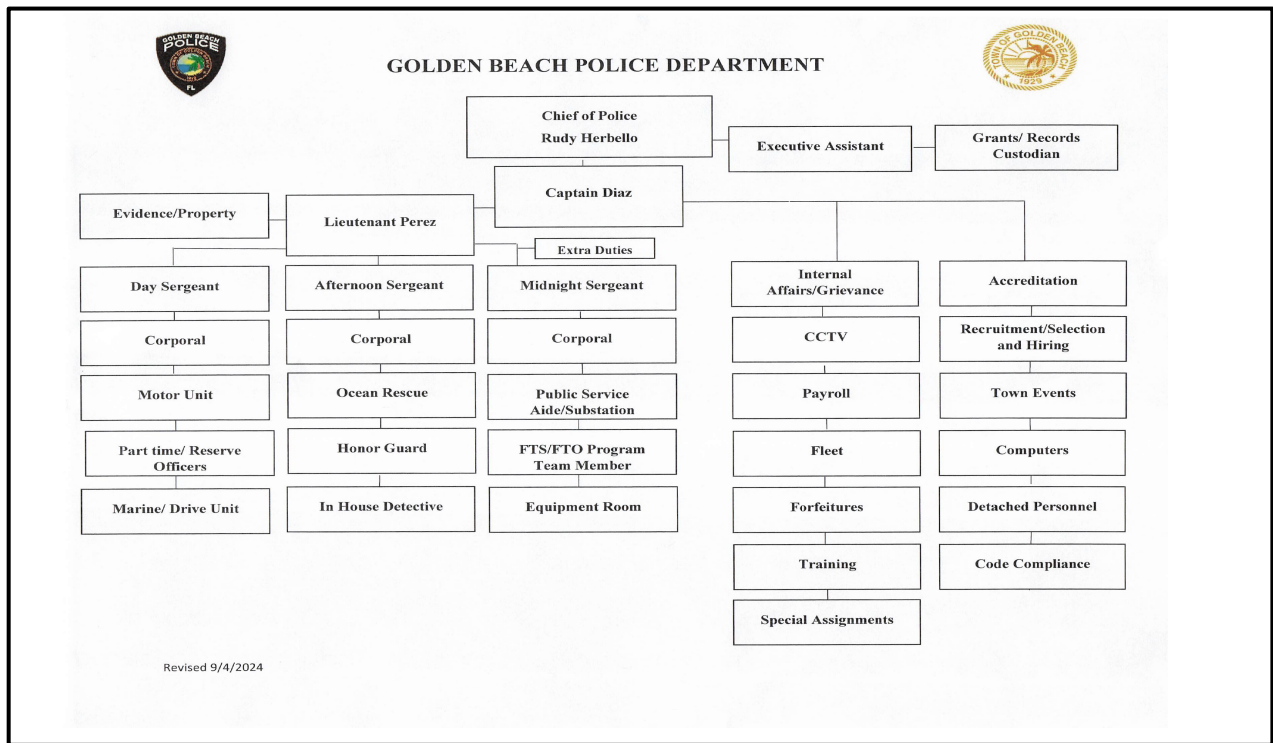
## **Chief's Message**

I am very pleased to present the Town of Golden Beach Police Department's 2023 Annual Report. Lowering the crime trend can certainly be attributed to the men and women of this department, both sworn and civilian, who have worked tirelessly to make the Town of Golden Beach a safe place to live. Our high visibility details and other proactive approach has enabled us to keep criminals at bay, which has even lowered our "Part II" total arrests making our town one of the safest municipalities in south Florida.

## **Introduction**

The police department responds to requests for police services, quality of life calls, along with providing service to code enforcement concerns. When needed, the department also assists the police departments of neighboring municipalities through mutual aid agreements. The Town's Community Policing services include a dedicated Community Policing Officer, in addition to various specialized unit services, along with local programs established for the prevention of crime. These units are involved in conducting preliminary and follow up investigations, conducting traffic enforcement activities and operations, and maintaining internal controls and policies to ensure the delivery of professional services that are fair, efficient and effective.





## Personnel

- As of January 01, 2023, the Town of Golden Beach employs twenty-four (24) full time police officers, six (6) part-time police officers, three (3) reserve police officers, one (1) Administrative Assistant, one (1) Contractual Accreditation Manager, and five (5) public service aides.

## Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Section conducts preliminary, follow-up and special investigations. The objective of investigations is to establish an information base of criminal activity which leads to the identification and apprehension of offenders. The Golden Beach Police Department also have a total of three police officers respectively detached to different State or Federal Task Forces such as the Homeland Security Investigations (HIS), the South Florida Money Laundering Task Force and the Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S) Task Force.



## **Administration**

The Administration Section is responsible for overseeing the services unit, and ensuring professional compliance with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and state mandates. In addition, the administration section's office manages and houses all Administrative Files, Internal Affairs Files, Training Files, Personnel Files, Code Enforcement, and the CFA Accreditation. The Executive Assistant to the Chief is the custodian of all police files and oversees the administrative function of the Chief's Office.

- **Code Enforcement**

The Code Enforcement detail is dedicated to enhance the quality of life in our community. It ensures that the residents are in compliance with the Town's most up to date codes and Ordinances.

- **CFA Accreditation**

The CFA Accreditation is the certification process by which a Police Department meets the specific requirements and prescribed standards set forth by an independent reviewing authority that is premier state law enforcement accreditation program in the United States. The Golden Beach Police Department was initially accredited in 2013 and continued to consecutively maintain the reaccreditation status by going through a in depth assessment in 2016, 2019 and once again in 2022.



## **Training**

Training is an important responsibility of any law enforcement department. Effective training prepares members to act decisively and correctly in a broad spectrum of situations, and reduces the department's exposure to liability. In establishing guidelines for the development, organization, and administration of the department's training, it is not enough to just provide training as mandated by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission. Training must also encompass the department's philosophy in administering applicable Florida laws, Federal laws, local ordinances and department policy. Training should, and will, prepare members of this department to interact with the public and with fellow employees, in a fair and equitable manner consistent with the intent and letter of the law.



## **Operations**

The Operations section is the largest and most visible component of the police department. It serves as the frontline of crime prevention within the Town. The section is comprised of four assigned patrol units per shift, and also includes Motorcycle officers, and the Marine Patrol. Additionally, the Beach attendants, Lifeguards and the Substation/Communications personnel also fall under the Operations Section. Responsible for all police service calls; emergency and non-emergency, protection of life and property, preservation of public peace, prevention and suppression of crime, arrest of violators of the laws, proper enforcement of federal and state laws, county and city ordinances, preventing crimes and apprehending criminals.

## **Equipment**

- (27) Police Cruisers
- (9) Unmarked vehicles
- (2) Motorcycle
- (1) Command Post Vehicle
- (6) Bicycles
- (2) Segway's
- (2) UTV/ATV for beach patrol
- (1) Marine Vessel

# **Significant Statistics**

<b><u>Patrol Categories</u></b>	<b><u>F/Y 2023</u></b>	
Calls for Service	1,601	
Accident Reports	44	
Incident Reports	124	
Resident/Citizen Contacts	4,561	
Watch Orders	3,403	
Field Subject Interviews	8	
Traffic Citations	1585	
Traffic Warnings	987	
Traffic Arrests	130	
Misdemeanor Arrests	21	
Felony Arrests	13	

<b><u>Marine Patrol</u></b>	<b><u>F/Y 2023</u></b>	
Inspections/Vessels	83	
Citations	74	
Warnings	376	

<b><u>Code Compliance</u></b>	<b><u>F/Y 2023</u></b>	
Code Citations	289	
Code Warnings	82	

