

# **Broward Sheriff's Office Oakland Park District**



**Sheriff Gregory Tony**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Crime Report**

### **July – September 2021**

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# From the Desk of Captain Tammy McNeal

During the third quarter of 2021, the BSO Oakland Park District remained focused on our annual goals: Reduce Crime, Ensure Roadway and Railway Safety, Promote Employee Career Development and Career Pathing, and Youth Guidance.

During the third quarter of 2021, the Broward Sheriff's Office Oakland Park District continued to experience crime reductions, compounding successes from previous quarters. Year to date, our City has experienced a Part One Crime reduction of approximately 23% as compared to 2020. This downward trend is being led by reductions in vehicle burglaries, residential burglaries, thefts and robberies.

BSO Deputies have continued to be steadfast with traffic education and enforcement, issuing almost 3,000 citations this quarter. BSO has had ongoing participation in homeowners, business group and community group meetings, in conjunction with other stakeholders from the City and County, to address some of the longer-standing traffic and roadway concerns.

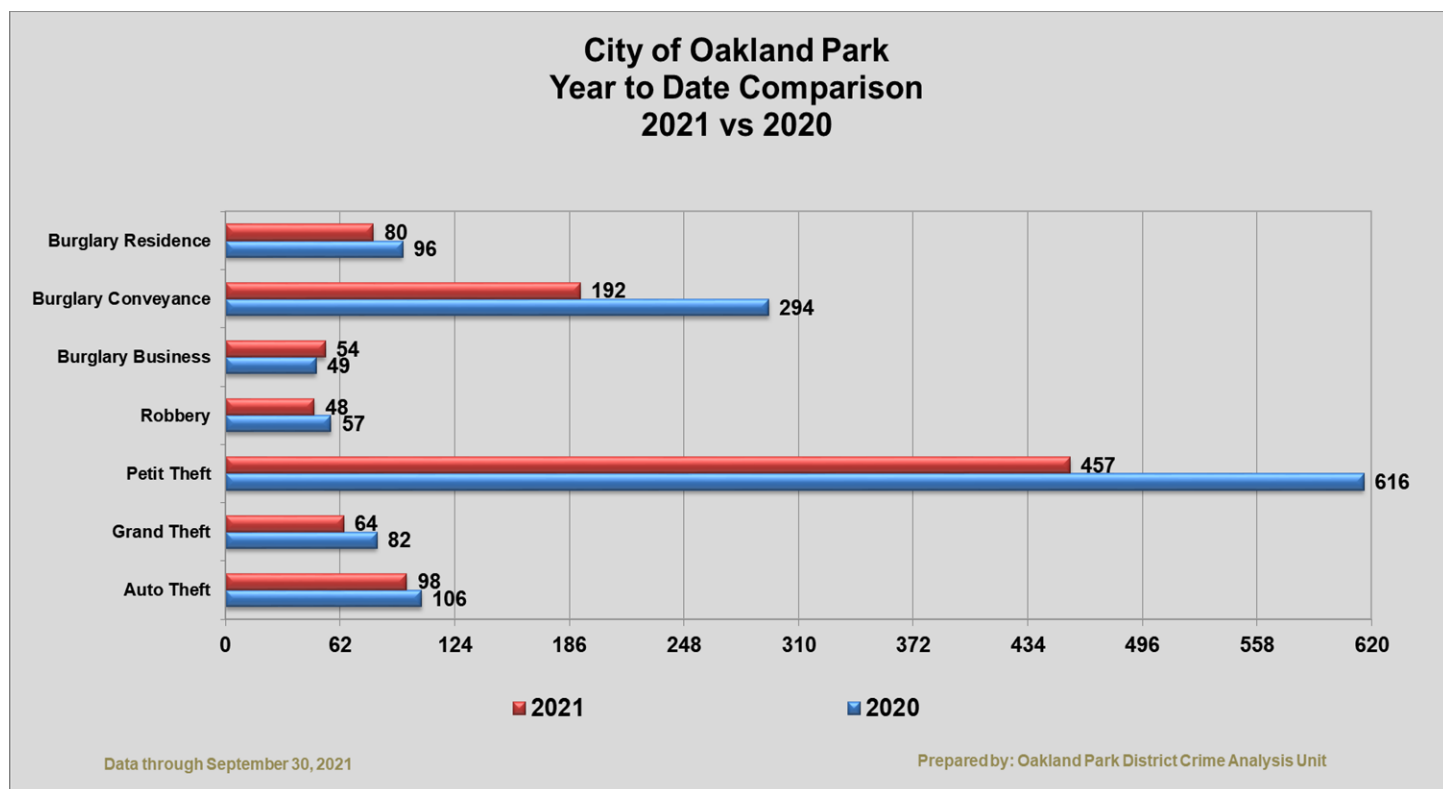
Our District's commitment to employee career development and career pathing is evident in the promotions and selection of staff for specialty units (as noted on page 16). I have no doubt those deputies who were cultivated here in Oakland Park will return to lead the District in the future, just as Melissa Erdelyi, who was assigned to the Oakland Park District from 2000 to 2005 as a deputy/detective, returned to the District this quarter, now serving as a sergeant.

The third quarter of 2021 also marked the start of the 2021/2022 school year, with students retuning to "on campus" learning. They were welcomed back by our School Resource Deputies, who missed the in-person interaction with the students. Although our staff was creative with initiatives to maintain interaction with the youth of Oakland Park throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, nothing can replace the daily face-to-face interaction between the SROs and the students.

As we approach the end of the year, the BSO Oakland Park District has made substantial progress towards fulfilling our 2021 Goals and Objectives. With the ongoing cooperation and involvement of our residents, business owners, City staff and officials, I have little doubt that we will achieve success. Additionally, the Broward Sheriff's Office Oakland Park District staff want to thank the City officials, residents, and business owners for their continued support, and wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

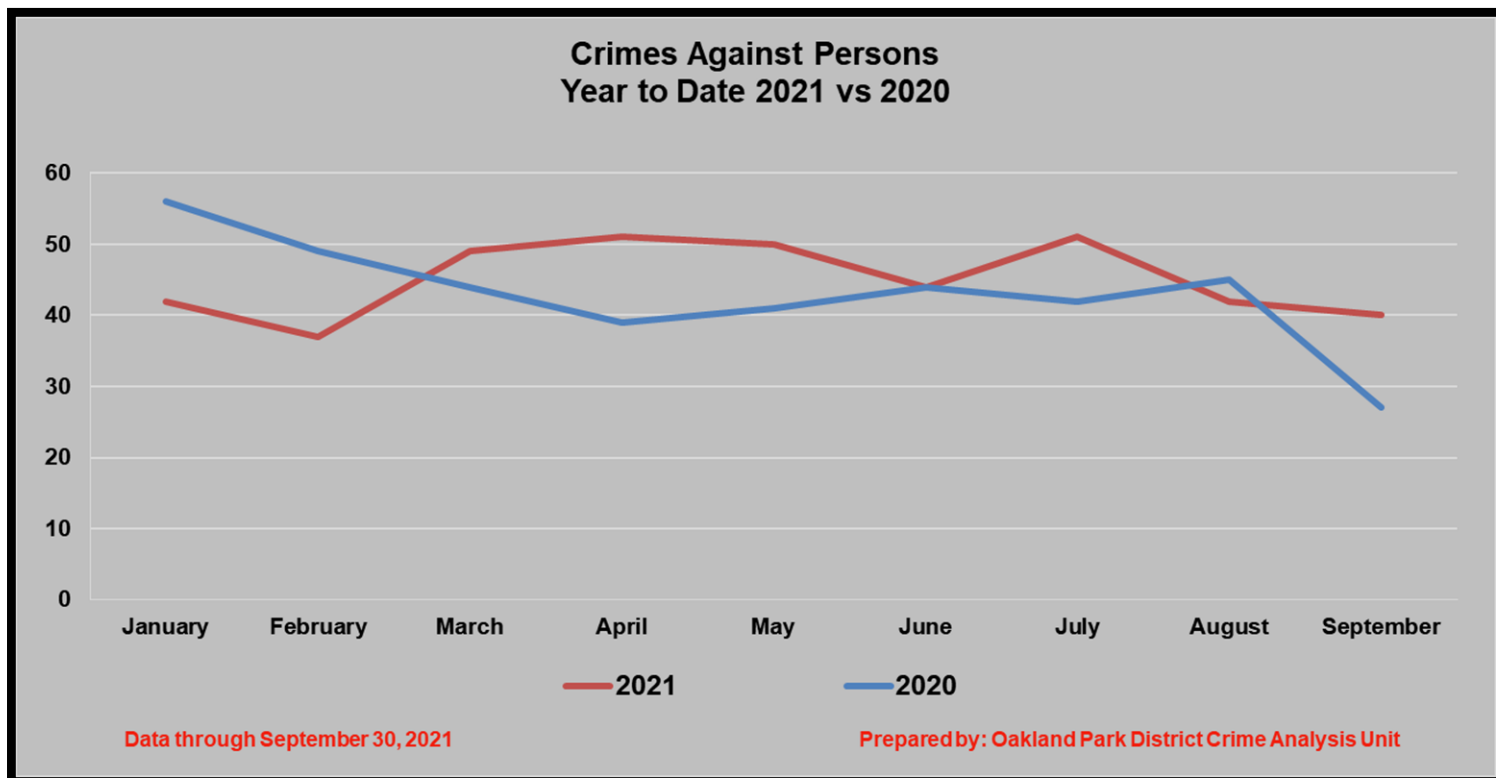
# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Year to Date Comparison 2021 vs 2020

| Incident Type                    | YTD<br>2021  | YTD<br>2020  | Actual<br>Change | Percent<br>Change |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Theft              | 98           | 106          | -8               | -7.5 %            |
| Burglary – Commercial            | 54           | 49           | 5                | 10.2%             |
| Burglary – Conveyance            | 192          | 294          | -102             | -34.7 %           |
| Burglary – Residential           | 80           | 96           | -16              | -16.7%            |
| Sex Crime                        | 24           | 18           | 6                | 33.3%             |
| Homicide                         | 4            | 0            | 4                | 0.0%              |
| Negligent Manslaughter (Traffic) | 0            | 1            | -1               | -                 |
| Robbery                          | 48           | 57           | -9               | -15.8%            |
| Theft – Grand                    | 64           | 82           | -18              | -22.0%            |
| Theft – Petit                    | 457          | 616          | -159             | -25.8%            |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>1,021</b> | <b>1,319</b> | <b>-298</b>      | <b>-22.6%</b>     |

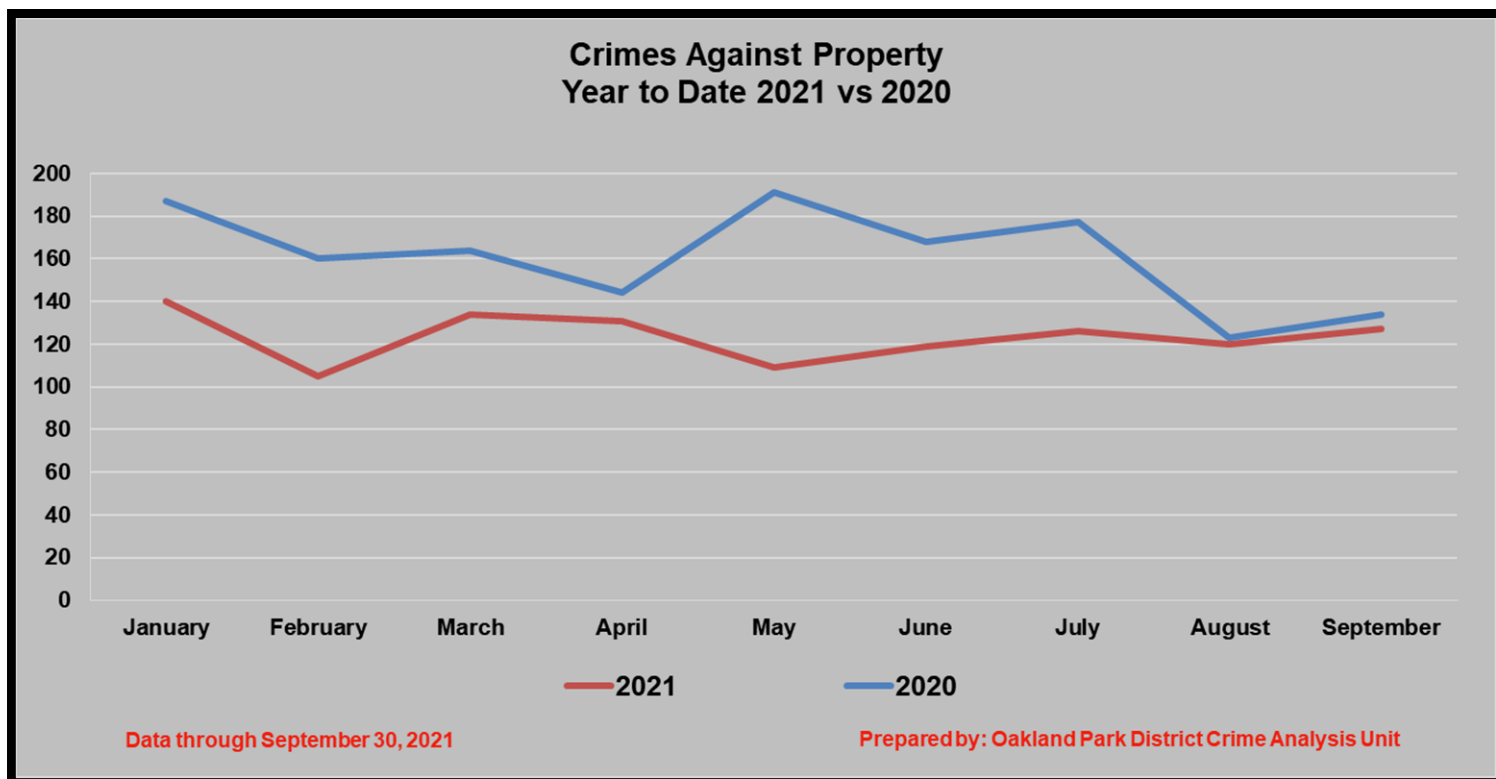


# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Year to Date Comparison, cont'd

## Examples of Crimes Against Persons: Assault, Stalking, Homicide, and Sex Offenses

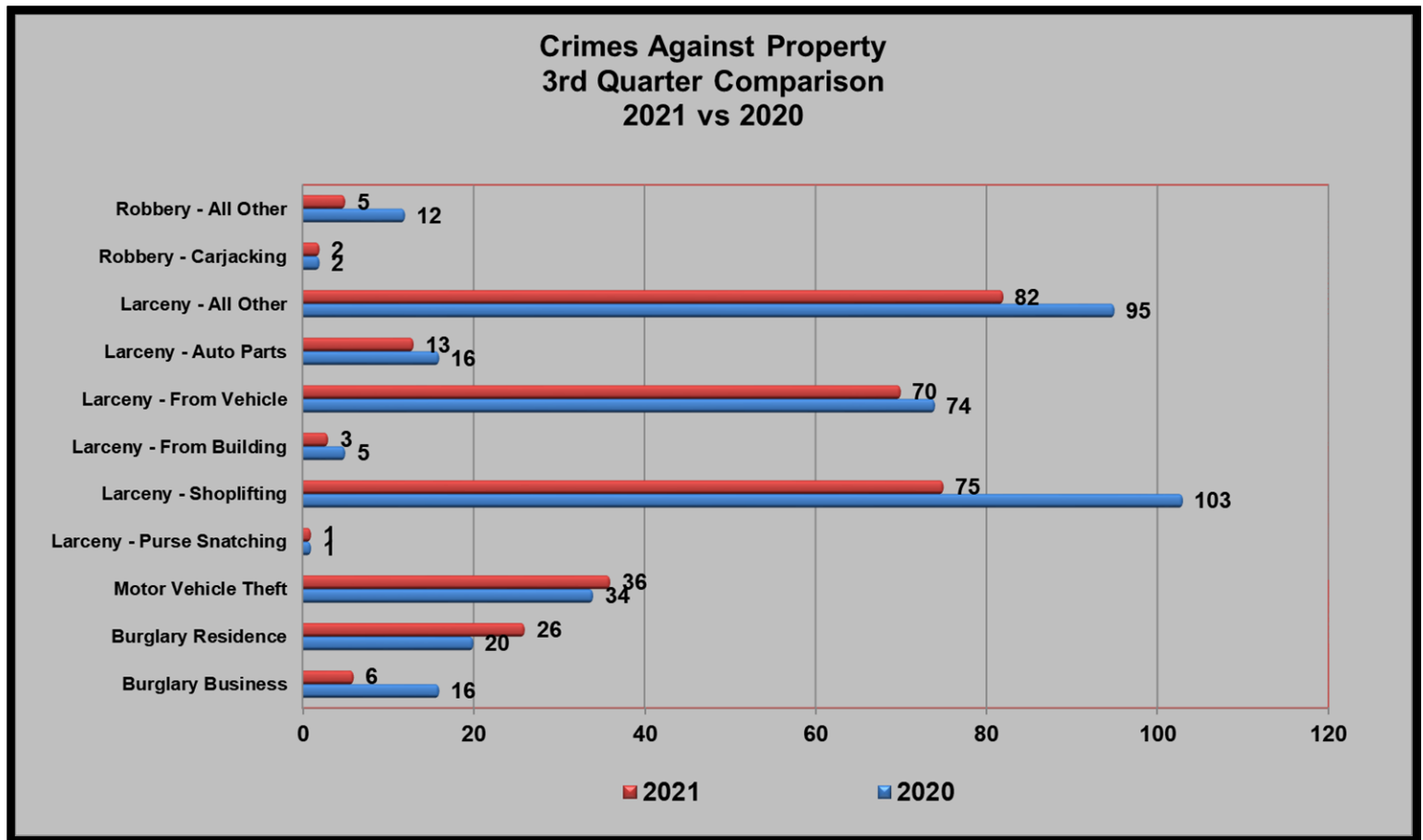


## Examples of Crimes Against Property: Arson, Burglary (Business, Conveyance or Residence), Criminal Mischief/Vandalism, Shoplifting, Motor Vehicle Theft, Robbery



# 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2021, Crimes Against Property had an overall 16.1% decrease, with 317 offenses reported, compared to 378 offenses reported in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2020.



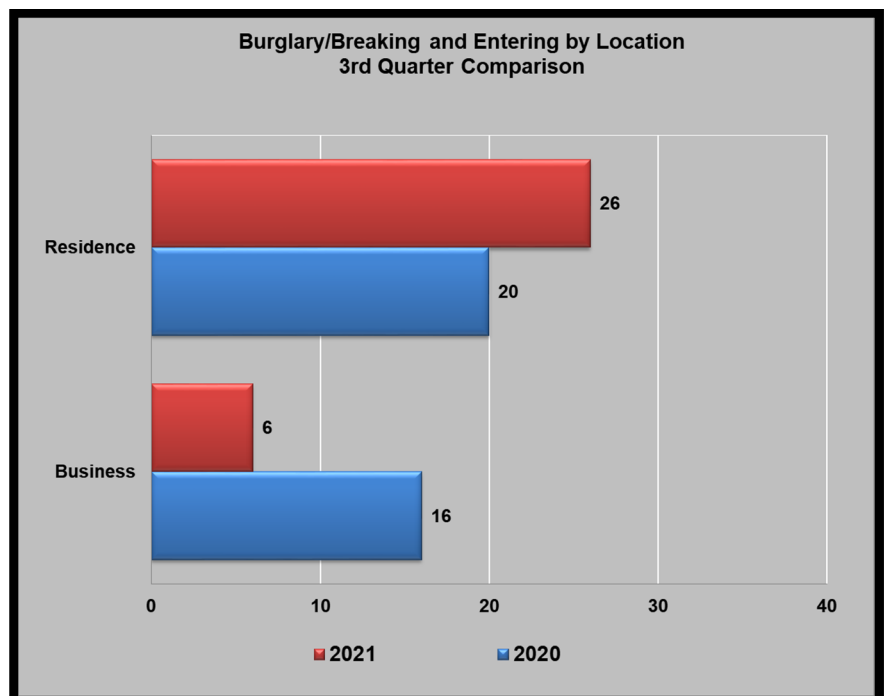
## Burglary/Breaking and Entering



**Burglary/Breaking and Entering offenses of residential homes increased by 6 incidents**



**Burglary/Breaking and Entering offenses of businesses decreased by 10 incidents**



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Larceny/Theft Offenses 2020 vs 2021

The total number of reported Larceny/Theft offenses decreased 16.9%, from 296 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2020, compared to 246 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2021.



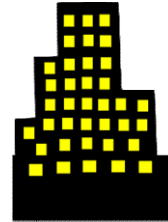
**Purse-Snatching**  
for the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Quarter of both  
2020 and 2021  
was 1 offense.



**Shoplifting**  
decreased from  
103 to 75  
offenses.



**Theft from Motor  
Vehicle** decreased  
from 74 to 70  
offenses.



**Theft from  
Building**  
decreased from  
5 to 3 offenses.



**Theft of Motor  
Vehicle Parts**  
decreased from 16  
to 13 offenses.



**All Other Larceny**  
decreased from  
95 to 82 offenses.

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## Robbery

Robbery offenses decreased  
by 38% when comparing 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Quarter 2021 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
2020.



**2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Robbery  
Reported Incidents**

**8**

**2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Robbery  
Reported Incidents**

**13**

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## Arrests

No change in percentage of  
Juvenile arrests, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
2021 compared to 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Quarter 2020.

Adult arrests increased by  
13.1%, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021  
compared to 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
2020.

**10 Juvenile & 294 Adult Arrests  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021**

**10 Juvenile & 260 Adult Arrests  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020**

# Notable Events

## Multiple-Burglary Business Arrest

Between 7/3/21 and 7/30/21, three warehouse units at the 4200 block of NE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue were burglarized. Through investigation, a primary subject was identified as the perpetrator in all three incidents. On 8/5/21, detectives took the subject into custody. A search warrant was conducted on the subject's vehicle, and property stolen during the burglaries was located within. The subject was charged with three counts of Burglary Business and Grand Theft, and transported to the BSO Main Jail.

## Multiple-Burglary Conveyance Arrest

On 7/8/21, deputies responded to the 5100 block of NE 1<sup>st</sup> Terrace in reference to a report of three delayed conveyance burglaries and an auto theft. Soon after the report, the stolen vehicle was located and recovered in the City of Wilton Manors. Deputies recovered latent prints from the vehicles, which were submitted for analysis. On 8/5/21, a positive identification was obtained from the latent prints, and it was discovered that the subject was in the BSO Main Jail on unrelated charges. On 8/16/21, the subject was interviewed and charged with four counts of Burglary Conveyance and one count of Auto Theft.

## Multiple-Burglary Conveyance Arrest

Between 7/1/21 and 8/15/21, several Conveyance Burglaries occurred on the East side of Oakland Park. Through investigation, a primary subject was identified. The subject was located in Fort Lauderdale, and taken into custody on 8/18/21. A search warrant was executed on the subject's residence, and several items stolen during the burglaries – including two loaded firearms – were recovered. The subject was interviewed and charged with four counts of Burglary Conveyance, one count of Armed Burglary Conveyance, one count of Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon, one count of Grand Theft of Firearm, two counts of Petit Theft, and one count of Violation of Probation. The subject was transported to the BSO Main Jail.

## Armed Carjacking Arrest

On 9/13/21, deputies responded to 3339 N Federal Highway in reference to an Armed Carjacking call. The victim advised that three subjects armed with handguns demanded and entered the victim's vehicle, driving away. On 9/15/21, the victim's vehicle was located in Hollywood, occupied by two subjects. The occupants fled in the vehicle, and after a brief pursuit, the subjects were taken into custody in Miami Gardens. Both subjects were transported to BSO Main Jail.

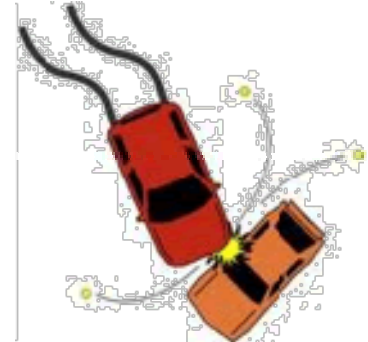


# Traffic Crash Analysis

The District utilizes CrimeView Dashboard to analyze all traffic crashes and issued traffic citations. This technology allows the District to evaluate the location, days of week, and times that traffic crashes occur. This same technology allows the District to examine where and when traffic citations are issued to a violator.

The District conducted several traffic-related initiatives during this quarter:

- Weekly analysis of traffic crash hot spots
- Crash reduction
- Deployed Message Boards with educational messages
- Daily traffic enforcement in school zones
- Commercial vehicle traffic enforcement
- Community Outreach



| Traffic Crashes  |                                 |                                 |             |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Types of Crashes | 2020<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | 2021<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | Difference  |
| Crash            | 420                             | 571                             | <b>+151</b> |
| Hit and Run      | 108                             | 105                             | <b>-3</b>   |
| Total Crashes    | 528                             | 676                             | <b>+148</b> |

| Traffic Citations  |                                 |                                 |               |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Types of Citations | 2020<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | 2021<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | Difference    |
| Criminal           | 38                              | 105                             | <b>+67</b>    |
| DUI                | 16                              | 30                              | <b>+14</b>    |
| Traffic            | 669                             | 2,453                           | <b>+1,748</b> |
| Traffic Warning    | 256                             | 347                             | <b>+91</b>    |
| Parking            | 0                               | 13                              | <b>+13</b>    |
| Total Citations    | 979                             | 2,948                           | <b>+1,969</b> |

# Crashes & Citations





# Community Outreach

District deputies have attended the Crisis Intervention course training. CIT certified deputies respond to persons suffering mental health crises. The Crisis Intervention Team deputies work with the mental health system and advocacy groups to ensure persons with mental health issues receive support. A team of CIT District deputies hits the streets weekly to locate those in need of assistance. They assist with services, transportation, food, clothing and entry into substance abuse programs. These deputies educate, encourage and help these persons get off the streets and into a shelter or abuse program.

- Homeless Outreach Specialists – 1 deputies
- Crisis Intervention Team Certified – 45 deputies
- Neighborhood Response – 2 deputies

## Community Events

The District has established strong partnerships with community organizations, schools, places of worship, homeowners associations, and businesses to promote strategies in law enforcement and community relations.

During this quarter, the District participated in the following events in the City:

- Crime & Safety Presentations
- Homeowners associations monthly meetings
- Deliverance Reunited Church Food Drive
- Mt Zion Backpack Giveaway
- Text Ban flyers distribution at North Andrews Elementary



**Text ban  
flyers  
distribution  
at North  
Andrews  
Elementary**

**Back pack  
giveaway at  
Mt. Zion to  
school-  
aged  
children**



**Food drive at Deliverance Reunited Church**

# Community Outreach cont'd

## Proud Oakland Park – P.O.P.

Community appearance is an overarching theme that touches everyone who lives, works, plays and visits the City of Oakland Park. A safe, clean, attractive City is a fundamental economic driver, as well as a source of pride for those who call Oakland Park home. City staff have worked to create a comprehensive program, Proud Oakland Park (POP), that engages staff and the community in the implementation of 100 business plan activities that provide a framework to maintain, improve, and regulate the appearance of our main corridors, City facilities and properties, and private property. Some of the collaborative efforts include:

Deputies work closely with the City's Code Compliance Division on daily and complex code violations that affect the quality of life, and address the "Broken Window" theory in the City of Oakland Park.

- Collected snipe signs from the roadway and intersections throughout the City
- Open Past Midnight permits
- Abandoned vehicles – Citywide
- Curbstone vehicles – Citywide
- Nuisance / Abandoned property and vehicles (City Code Compliance complaint-based)
- Illegal auto shops / parking / zoning
- Security Surveys conducted at numerous businesses and residences
- Assisting homeless



**Lowes gives back to the community**

# Community Outreach

| Date                           | Community Group                       | Current Concerns Voiced by Community  | Statement of Recommended Actions to Address the Identified Concerns/Problems  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 7/1/21,<br>7/6/21              | Montage                               | Deputy Osbourne met with community liaison regarding concern of disruptive neighbor. Community concerns of recent burglaries.   | Recommendations and non-emergency number given. Door hangers distributed & email version sent out for wider awareness.  |
| 7/2/21                         | Community Relations                   | Deputy Osbourne met with various members of the community in reference to Hurricane Elsa, as well as dangers of fireworks over July 4 <sup>th</sup> weekend.            | Notified community of possibility of hurricane impact, steps to prepare and stay safe. July 4 <sup>th</sup> safety tips & link to Sheriff's July 4 <sup>th</sup> Podcast distributed. |
| 7/6/21;<br>8/26/21             | Harlem McBride                        | Deputy Osbourne met with community liaison to address concerns & NST intro; Presentation on crime stats & crime prevention;   | Distributed flyers & brochures, conducted Park Walk & Talk; Distributed Operation Medicine Cabinet flyers   |
| 7/6/21                         | 4050 NE 15 <sup>th</sup> Ter          | Deputy Osbourne resident regarding community concerns of resident in need of basic necessities.   | Gave family 4 food donation boxes & info on other resources.  |
| 7/13/21                        | Top Shottas Guns & Police Supply      | Deputy Osbourne attended the business' Oakland Park Grand Opening.  | Presented intro on NST & NST goals, distributed flyers & brochures.   |
| 7/14/21;<br>9/1/21;<br>9/15/21 | Kiwanis                               | Deputy Osbourne met with liaison and members regarding concerns for safety at yard sale. Community concern of possible illegal halfway house. Crime stats presentation. | Road Patrol follow-up requested. No halfway house being operated in OP; gave residents info on OP community. Distributed info on upcoming community events & answered questions.      |
| 7/18/21                        | Lake Pointe / Oak Tree                | Deputies Osbourne, Howard & Walker met with liaison regarding concerns of deputies unable to access entrance gates in a timely manner.                                  | Property Managers working to resolve issue. Follow-up to be conducted.  |
| 7/19/21                        | Career Source Broward                 | Deputy Osbourne met with assistant branch manager regarding concerns of police contact with homeless, veterans & unemployed.  | Received Career Source brochures & handouts for deputies to share with individuals needing assistance.  |
| 7/20/21                        | 2100 Blk OPB                          | Deputy Osbourne met with business owners & managers, re: NST.   | NST & other BSO flyers and brochures distributed.   |
| 7/22/21                        | City Parks                            | Deputy Osbourne conducted Park, Walk & Talk & discussed community concerns with residents.  | Distributed brochures.  |
| 7/27/21;<br>9/28/21            | COPNA                                 | Deputy Howard attended HOA meeting. Deputy Osbourne attended HOA meeting.   | Presentation on crime stats & prevention, community events. Distributed printed resources.  |
| 8/3/21                         | Lloyd Estates                         | Deputies Osbourne & Howard met with attendees regarding concerns of increase in recent burglaries.  | Distributed ALERT flyers, Burglary Prevention flyers. Conducted Park, Walk & Talk, educating residents on burglary prevention.  |
| 8/10/21                        | Prospect Plaza                        | Deputy Osbourne met with business managers to address concerns over disturbances & suspicious activities.   | Conducted PWT, distributed flyers, discussed crime prevention measures.   |
| 8/11/21;<br>9/16/21            | Interfaith leaders                    | Deputy Osbourne met with various religious leaders to discuss community concerns.   | Conducted PWT, distributed flyers.  |
| 8/14/21                        | Mt. Zion Church                       | Deputy Osbourne assisted with the church's backpack giveaway to school-aged OP children.  | Backpack giveaway   |
| 8/17/21;<br>9/21/21            | Isles at OP Condo; Lake Emerald Condo | Deputy Osbourne met with members for monthly HOA meetings, presented crime stats & crime prevention measures.   | Distributed BSO flyers and brochures.   |
| 8/19/21                        | 3490 NE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Av            | Deputy Osbourne conducted PWT in the area regarding concerns of increase in burglaries.   | Distributed ALERT flyers, Burglary Prevention flyers.   |
| 8/25/21                        | SE FL Crime Prevention Association    | Deputies Osbourne, Howard & Apollo attended, participated in forum discussion on crime prevention ideas to increase community safety.                                   | Discussed upcoming community events.  |
| 8/26/21                        | The Justice Project                   | Deputy Osbourne met with attendees to discuss how to better improve relations between police & youth.   | Answered questions.   |
| 8/30/21                        | Pine Crest Apts                       | Deputy Osbourne met with property manager to address community concerns over increase in burglaries.  | Distributed Burglary Prevention & NST flyers.   |
| 8/31/21                        | North Andrews Elementary              | Deputies Osbourne & Campbell met with principal & parents re: community concerns of parents texting while driving in school zones.                                      | Distributed Texting Ban flyers to parents picking up their children from school.  |
| 9/10/21                        | Walgreens stores in OP                | Deputy Osbourne met with stores' managers regarding concerns over increase in retail thefts.  | Discussed crime prevention efforts & distributed printed resources.   |
| 9/18/21                        | Deliverance Reunited Church of God    | Deputy Osbourne assisted with food donation.  | Food Drive community outreach.  |
| 9/22/21                        | Oakland Park Elementary               | Deputy Osbourne attended Open House, educated parents & students on texting ban & wearing seat belts.   | Distributed Texting Ban flyers.   |
| 9/30/21                        | Oak Tree Estates                      | Deputy Osbourne met with residents regarding concern of broken gate due to possible burglaries. Conducted PTW.  | Distributed printed resources and educated residents on burglary prevention.  |



# Community Outreach 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 Activity

| Neighborhood Response Team         |           |              |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Miscellaneous Service              | Quarterly | Year to Date |
| Bike Buster Registration / Locks   | 0         | 0            |
| Citizen Observer Patrol (hours)    | 0         | 0            |
| Homeowners Associations            | 7         | 33           |
| Open and Empty Program             | 10        | 31           |
| Preschool Reading Program          | 5         | 7            |
| Security Survey - Business         | 32        | 75           |
| Security Survey - Residential      | 10        | 30           |
| Presentations                      | 3         | 9            |
| Trespass Business Affidavit Issued | 154       | 350          |
| Secured & Safe                     | 0         | 0            |
|                                    |           |              |
| Code Compliance                    |           |              |
| Miscellaneous Service              | Quarterly | Year to Date |
| Case Generated                     | 46        | 110          |
| Violation Issued                   | 3         | 12           |
| Warning Issued                     | 4         | 14           |
| Clean-ups / Sweeps                 | 10        | 22           |
| CPTED Reviews                      | 6         | 18           |
| Special Master Cases               | 68        | 128          |
| Vehicles Tagged                    | 42        | 133          |
| Vehicles Towed                     | 26        | 43           |
| Signs Removed                      | 136       | 357          |
|                                    |           |              |
| School Resource Deputy             |           |              |
| Miscellaneous Service              | Quarterly | Year to Date |
| Event Reports                      | 15        | 36           |
| Supplements Investigated           | 0         | 8            |
| Counseling - Students              | 22        | 61           |
| Parent Conferences                 | 12        | 23           |
| Classroom Presentations            | 3         | 10           |
| Truants Picked Up                  | 0         | 0            |
| Faculty / PTA / Student Meetings   | 17        | 54           |
| Arrest                             | 0         | 2            |
| Citations                          | 0         | 2            |

# Top Ten Locations Calls for Service

| INCIDENT ADDRESS                           | LOCATION                                 | CALL SOURCE  | TOTALS     |
|--|--|--------------|------------|
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 96         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 62         |
| <b>5757 N DIXIE HWY Total</b>              | <b>FORT LAUDERDALE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</b> |              | <b>158</b> |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 23         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 56         |
|  |  | PRO-ACTIVE   | 63         |
| <b>5399 N DIXIE HWY Total</b>              | <b>*OAKLAND PARK DISTRICT OFFICE</b>     |              | <b>142</b> |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 61         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 28         |
|  |  | PRO-ACTIVE   | 6          |
| <b>4900 NW 9TH AV Total</b>                | <b>THE GRAND HOTEL / EL PALACIO</b>      |              | <b>95</b>  |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 42         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 28         |
|  |  | PRO-ACTIVE   | 9          |
| <b>1701 W OAKLAND PARK BLVD Total</b>      | <b>THE HOME DEPOT</b>                    |              | <b>79</b>  |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 45         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 15         |
| <b>1595 W OAKLAND PARK BLVD Total</b>      | <b>DAYS INN</b>                          |              | <b>60</b>  |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 42         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 13         |
|  |  | PRO-ACTIVE   | 5          |
| <b>3161 W OAKLAND PARK BLVD Total</b>      | <b>OAKLAND PARK FLEA MARKET</b>          |              | <b>60</b>  |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 38         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 6          |
|  |  | PRO-ACTIVE   | 6          |
| <b>3800 N ANDREWS AV Total</b>             | <b>7-11</b>                              |              | <b>50</b>  |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 33         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 15         |
|  |  | PRO-ACTIVE   | 1          |
| <b>E COMMERCIAL BLVD/N DIXIE HWY Total</b> | <b>INTERSECTION</b>                      |              | <b>49</b>  |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 23         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 5          |
|  |  | PRO-ACTIVE   | 16         |
| <b>1001 W OAKLAND PARK BLVD Total</b>      | <b>LOWES HOME IMPROVEMENT</b>            |              | <b>44</b>  |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 27         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 6          |
|  |  | PRO-ACTIVE   | 3          |
| <b>2104 W OAKLAND PARK BLVD Total</b>      | <b>WALGREENS</b>                         |              | <b>36</b>  |
|  |  | 911 CALL     | 21         |
|  |  | NON 911 CALL | 13         |
| <b>1003 E COMMERCIAL BLVD Total</b>        | <b>NORTH RIDGE SHOPPING PLAZA</b>        |              | <b>34</b>  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                         |  |              | <b>807</b> |

**\*BSO Oakland Park District Office (5399 N Dixie Hwy) is the second highest service location with 142 calls for service this quarter, as this address is utilized when dispatching units to handle citizen contacts in the lobby, as well as telephone reports.**

# District Staffing

| Contractually | Currently | Position  |
|---------------|-----------|---|
| 1             | 1         | District Chief                                      |
| 2             | 2         | Executive Officer / Lieutenant                      |
| 7             | 7         | Patrol Shift Supervisors / Deputy Sheriff Sergeants |
| 62            | 60        | Uniformed Patrol Officers / Deputy Sheriffs         |
| 1             | 1         | Investigative Supervisor / Deputy Sheriff Sergeant  |
| 7             | 7         | District Detectives / Deputy Sheriffs               |
| 2             | 1         | Traffic / Motor / Deputy Sheriffs                   |
| 2             | 2         | CST Deputy Sheriffs                                 |
| 1             | 2         | Neighborhood Response Deputy Sheriff                |
| 2             | 2         | School Resource Deputy Sheriffs                     |
| 1             | 1         | Code Enforcement / Deputy Sheriff                   |
| 8             | 8         | Community Service Aides                             |
| 2             | 2         | Administrative Support                              |
| 1             | 1         | Crime Analyst                                       |
| <b>99</b>     | <b>97</b> | <b>Total Employees</b>                              |

## District News

### FAREWELL



Detective Latefah Lysius (top left) was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Cooper City District. Deputy Kimberly Walker (top right) transferred to Crime Scene. Deputy Jonathan Zinglo (bottom right) transferred to the K9 Unit at Central Broward/Lauderdale Lakes. Deputy Sandra Shofner transferred to the Aviation Unit at the Airport.

We wish them all good fortune in their future endeavors!



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Deputy Joseph Melfi, on 25 years with BSO!



### WELCOME

We welcome Sergeant Melissa Erdelyi back to the Oakland Park District family!





# Employees of the Month

## July 2021 – Deputies Karl Poehl & Charles Howard



On July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021, at approximately 4:01 pm, units were dispatched to a shooting with one victim struck at 4903 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Upon arrival, deputies found the victim, who had sustained a gunshot wound to the torso. Life-saving measures were performed by deputies on scene, and the victim was transported to Broward Health to undergo emergency surgery. The victim succumbed to his injuries following surgery.

A perimeter was established and search for the killer was underway with the assistance of K-9, TITAN, and SWAT. As witnesses were located and debriefed, Deputy Howard was alerted by a witness and neighborhood dogs to a possible suspect hiding behind a fence in the yard of a local business. Deputy Howard approached the area, causing the subject to flee. Deputy Howard coordinated apprehension efforts with Deputy Poehl over the radio. Deputy Poehl then observed the subject hiding behind the Tire Kingdom wearing black shorts, shirtless, and carrying a backpack. The suspect appeared to be looking for a way to breach the perimeter. Deputy Poehl immediately requested backup and detained the individual until Deputy Howard arrived. The suspect was identified by witnesses as the shooter and individual responsible for the homicide. The suspect made spontaneous statements to Deputy Poehl about the crime, and later gave Detectives a full confession to the murder. A search of the suspect's backpack revealed the shirt described as being worn by the shooter, and the firearm used.

Deputies Howard and Poehl's dedication to service and safety, attention to detail, and keen observation led to locating and apprehending a violent criminal who had taken a human life and was attempting to get away with it. The Broward Sheriff's Office is lucky to have some of the most talented Law Enforcement personnel. For these reasons and more, Deputy Charles Howard and Deputy Karl Poehl are the Oakland Park Employees of the Month for July 2021.

## August 2021 – CSA Kyle Rybinski



During July and August 2021, the Oakland Park District Office underwent a series of building improvements that included the installation of a new generator, new hurricane impact windows, and updates to the building elevator system. This multifaceted project caused a disruption to the normal operations of the District offices. Seeing that this project needed a manager, and knowing that the District was short on supervisory coverage, CSA Rybinski went above and beyond what was expected of him, volunteering to monitor the project and act as the liaison between the construction foreman and the Command staff.

In addition to his daily assigned tasks, CSA Rybinski coordinated the construction project, ensuring the impact on the Oakland Park staff was as minimal as possible, and that the work crews had access to the building as needed. He even made on-the-spot corrections when he observed a lack in the quality of work being done. CSA Rybinski took on a difficult challenge without being asked, requiring little to no supervision in ensuring that the construction project was accomplished.

CSA Rybinski is commended on a job well done, and has earned respect and thanks from this Command. His actions demonstrate his selflessness, professionalism, and dedication to duty that reflect greatly on him, the Oakland Park District, the City of Oakland Park, and the Broward County Sheriff's Office. For all of these reasons, CSA Kyle Rybinski is the Oakland Park District Employee of the Month for August 2021.

## September 2021 – Deputy Dustin Sisson



On September 8, 2021, Deputy Dustin Sisson, assigned as the School Resource Deputy at Northeast High School, overheard one of the security specialists ask an administrator if the school had received any threats or had any problems that morning. The school administrator replied that there were no known issues. Deputy Sisson took it upon himself to ensure the safety of students and faculty, and verify that there was no active threat.

Deputy Sisson's investigation revealed that on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Broward County School Board received an email stating, "THE BOMB HAS BEEN PLANTED," by a named 8<sup>th</sup> grader. When school was back in session on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, the School Board's Area Security Manager saw the email, and contacted the school's security to ask if there were any problems at the school that morning. When the school's security monitor responded that there were no known problems, the manager closed the case without further investigation. Neither the school's administration, the School Resource Officer, School Board Detectives, nor local law enforcement were advised of this threat.

Deputy Sisson further learned that the named alleged bomber did, in fact, attend the Northeast High School campus as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader in Rickards Middle School. Sisson became aware that the intent of the threat was to scare the school and have it evacuated to get the named student in trouble. The Threat Management Unit and the School Board's Investigative Unit oversaw the investigation based on the seriousness of the threat. The investigation ultimately revealed that the threat was a hoax. Because of Deputy Sisson's attentiveness, a potentially tragic event was averted, and it has led to changes within the School Board's receiving and reporting procedures, so a failure like this will not occur again.

Deputy Sisson is commended for his dedication to his position as the School Resource Deputy at Northeast High School, and to its students and faculty. He is an asset to the Oakland Park District, the City of Oakland Park, and the Broward County Sheriff's Office. For these reasons, Deputy Dustin Sisson is the Oakland Park District Employee of the Month for September 2021.

# Goals & Objectives 2021

## **REDUCE CRIME**

***The Oakland Park District will continue to strive to reduce top tier crime to include Burglary Residence, Burglary Business, Robbery and Auto related crimes.***

*Reducing crime and increasing the sense of security will always remain the primary focus of the Oakland Park District. In 2020, the District saw a decrease in Part One Crimes. The Oakland Park District will focus on these categories to maintain a low level of occurrence and seek reductions. As is always stated, these reductions are not the product of policing alone, but more so achieved through the partnership of police, community, city staff, and elected officials working together here in Oakland Park.*

- District resources will be allocated to educate residents and business owners about crime prevention and current trends to achieve the goal of crime reduction.
- Maintain an emphasis on information sharing between the residents and employees of the District.
- Patrol tactics will continue to be evaluated and improved in an effort to increase apprehensions and deterrence.
- Units will continually be monitored for effectiveness and proper resource allocation.
- Maintain the working relationship with Probation and Parole in identifying juveniles who enter and/or complete probation as a way to reduce recidivism. Further expand the partnership with the Juvenile Division of the State Attorney's Office to have an impact on juveniles who reoffend.
- Utilize new technology when and where available to make better cases and present stronger evidence.

## **ENSURE ROADWAY AND RAILWAY SAFETY**

***The Oakland Park District will seek to increase the safety of our residents and visitors by addressing safety concerns in regards to our roadways, sidewalks, and rail corridors.***

*The City of Oakland Park is making great strides towards making the City friendly for pedestrians, bicyclist and drivers. These efforts include sidewalks, bike lanes, improved roadways with larger swales, and greenspace. The City of Oakland Park is also trifurcated by two dual rail corridors that have numerous rail crossings throughout the City. The Oakland Park District will focus on education and enforcement to increase safety for all these transportation modes.*

- Coordinate with rail service providers in providing education opportunities and enforcement campaigns.
- Ensure proper signage on City roadways informing drivers of needed information.
- Educate and promote safe driving habits within the City of Oakland Park.
- Specifically task our deputies to provide youths with information on how to stay safe on the roadways of Oakland Park, to include the dangers of driving while texting or drinking.
- Seek positive interactions to foster better communication and improve perceptions of traffic enforcement. It is important to stress to the public the reality, that traffic enforcement is an educational effort as well as enforcement.
- Reduce the number of serious injury traffic crashes within the City.
- Assign resources to increase enforcement and promote safety.
- Seek additional funding where available to support this initiative.

## **PROMOTE EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER PATHING**

***The Oakland Park District will participate in advising, guiding, and enacting a global approach to develop the careers of Broward Sheriff's Office employees. The district will evaluate the career desires of the employee as they fit within the goals of the agency.***

With the talented and skilled group of employees in the Oakland Park District, it is expected that many will want to grow and advance their career. Additionally, some employees who have spent significant time in Oakland Park have become dependable and reliable resources. When those employees move on to other opportunities, it leaves a void that will need to be seamlessly filled.

- Looking to empower its employees, the District will utilize formal and informal training to assist employees with creating personal career development paths.
- Through the employee performance evaluation process, supervisors will identify employee strengths and potential training opportunities.
- The District will make tangible and intangible resources available to its employees, specifically enhancing career development.
- The District will offer a voluntary survey, as an instrument to help establish a focus on retention of key employees and advancement of those desiring promotion.
- The District will use the above tools and processes to design personalized succession plans, in anticipation of employee movement and/or retirement.

## **YOUTH GUIDANCE**

***The Oakland Park District will continue to build and improve a multi-prong effort to curtail youth crime and provide opportunities for growth and foster positive interactions with the youth of Oakland Park.***

- Resources will be dedicated to creating positive circumstances where youth may interact with law enforcement officers in a non-confrontational and collegial manner.
- Create positive interactions with at risk youth within the City of Oakland Park. Leverage programs to reengage youth and serve as a positive example that may be missing in their lives.
- Highlight the Explorer Post program that provides today's youth who may be interested in a career in law enforcement with a comprehensive program of training, competition, service and practical experiences. Character development, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism are integral components of the overall program.
- The School Resource Officers and Neighborhood Support Team Deputies are tasked to focus on juvenile offenders who are believed to be capable of turning around their criminal behavior and getting back on the right track to becoming positive and productive citizens. Partnerships with the Broward County School Board, Juvenile Justice, Juvenile SOA, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Judges and BSO Juvenile Services are all fundamentals to ensuring successful compliance and program outcomes.
- District Resources are assigned to monitor those juveniles and adults who have committed multiple criminal offenses and due to their past and present criminal behavior have been placed on conditional release/probation or house arrest and must be closely monitored to ensure compliance with court-mandated sanctions. If not, it is our belief that they will reoffend. These deputies meet routinely with the juveniles and their parents to discuss the juvenile's curfews, conditional release and probation. Partnerships with the Juvenile SOA and Juvenile Probation are all fundamentals to ensuring successful compliance and program outcomes.
- Embrace diversion programs in lieu of criminal prosecution, when applicable, to dissuade youths from reoffending and being introduced into the criminal justice system
- Closely work together with the City of Oakland Park, Broward County School Board, community leaders and the faith-based community through the numerous public programs, activities and presentations that target youth to improve their quality of life in their neighborhoods, community and schools.
- Summer break from school is an opportunity for the City's youth to enjoy time away from school and spend summer vacation with their families and in the community. Many youths enroll in a summer recreation program with the City's Parks and Leisure Department. Deputies will engage the children attending these summer programs as co-participants in a non-police environment.

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