



The Blotter

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Message From Chief Williams



I am excited about the launch of the RBPB's newsletter – The Blotter. It will provide firsthand information from the Department on a routine basis.

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The Blotter will be published every other month. It will be available in print, on the RBPB website and by email, upon request. If you would like to be on The Blotter's email list, send your request to police@rivierabch.com.

I am counting down the days to the opening of our new police station in the first quarter of 2015. The new facilities are essential to meeting the changing needs of crime fighting. Modern law enforcement simply requires much more than what our current 40-year-old facilities can handle. I look forward to celebrating the grand opening with you.

Be safe! Remember, if you see something, say something.

Riviera Beach Crime Down 49% Over Last Six Years

Community Partnerships, RBPB Customer Focus and Technology Paving the Way

Over the last six years, crime has gone down 49 percent. Both business operators and citizens have commented on the noticeable difference on the streets. This success story is due to the Riviera Beach Police Department's blend of traditional law enforcement methods with the latest technology.

RBPB uses Technology Oriented Policing (TOP™), which combines both new and old crime-fighting strategies. TOP™ uses the advantages of Community Oriented Policing (COP) along with the latest technology, allowing the department to keep pace with the expanding role of law enforcement. Grants for technology, totaling \$1.625 million, have helped the Department create a cost-effective, master plan for tackling crime.

Customer Service Focus

Clarence D. Williams, III became Chief of the Riviera Beach Police Department in February of 2002. From the first day on the job, Chief Williams emphasized to all on his staff that first and foremost they are public servants. As a daily reminder, Chief Williams added the theme "Service is Job One" into the Department's mission statement and

placed this phrase on the rear bumper of every official police vehicle.

"In the days of neighborhood foot patrols, police officers had daily face-to-face contact with people in the community," Chief Williams said. "Too often today, we move through communities in our 'boxes' (police cars), which makes it almost impossible to establish positive relationships with people in the community. That makes it hard for officers to remember that the average person they meet are law abiding citizens who deserve to be treated the way they themselves would like to be treated."

"When they're sitting in their 'boxes', officers tend to lose the smile, the neighborly wave, the friendly hello and the cordial demeanor that I remember when I was growing up," the Chief said. "The result is poor community relations, lack of trust and eroding community involvement."

According to Chief Williams, traditional police training hasn't helped the situation. "Approximately 90 percent of police training covers what officers do 10 percent of the time – dealing with crime; only 10 percent of that training covers what they do 90 percent of the time – interacting with decent, law abiding citizens."

If you've called the Riviera Beach Police Department within the last four years, you've heard, regardless of who answers the phone, "Good morning/afternoon/evening, Riviera Beach Police Department, how may I provide you with outstanding service?"

"I believe that our customer service focus is sinking in with our police personnel," said Chief Williams. "This, combined with opportunities presented by our district concept, implemented five years ago, has made a big difference in our community relations and the effectiveness of our police work."

Chief Williams, personally, makes himself available to members of the community by participating in as many community activities as possible. He also has initiated two outreach programs to personally meet with individuals and groups. One of these programs, "Chief's Night In," is held every Tuesday from 5 to 7 pm, when the Chief and members of his executive team are available to meet individually with all who attend.

The other program is "Chief on the Move." Chief Williams takes the Mobile Command Center for preannounced visits to many of the City's communities. Residents are able to meet with the Chief during these visits and can also tour the Mobile Command Center and learn about the crime-fighting technology used by the RBPD.

Technology

"For TOP™ to work, strong police / community relations must be in place," said Chief Williams. "You have to have the confidence and support of your community. Also, police technology has to meet the needs of the communities it serves. Some of our department's technology requires the participation of our community partners, both businesses and residents."



Congressman
Patrick E. Murphy

At the Palm Beach County League of Cities meeting held on August 29 of this year, Congressman Murphy commended Riviera Beach for its successful use of hi-tech crime fighting equipment.

Awards of \$1.625 million in grants in 2011/12 helped RBPD purchase new technology, enabling the Department to use cutting edge crime fighting / deterring equipment. Partnering with the community, including over 50 community organizations of Riviera Beach, the department keeps the community informed about new technology. When possible, members of the community are given demonstrations and details on the benefits of new equipment.

Creative / Cost Effective Technology

Strong community relations have been key in helping RBPD establish its real-time, crime intelligence unit. The system uses both city and privately-owned cameras, deployed throughout Riviera Beach, in a network – manned daily by Riviera Beach police officers. This approach to real-time, crime intelligence has proven to be cost-effective and very successful in helping to solve crimes. It is the only real-time intelligence system in Palm Beach County.

Another example of RBPD's creative / cost effective use of technology came through a public/private partnership between the Riviera Beach Police Department and Brinks Inc. Periodically, Brinks has a surplus of equipment that they make available to law enforcement agencies.

RBPD received an armored vehicle from Brinks, and converted it into a surveillance vehicle, nicknamed "The Eye."

Primarily used for nuisance surveillance, any resident or business owner can call the Riviera Beach Police Department Administrative Offices and request to have "The Eye" deployed to an area of concern.

SmartWater CSI is the latest technology addition for the RBPD. SmartWater CSI is a patented forensic-coding, theft-deterrent technology to help law enforcement identify and capture criminals and identify the outlets that purchase stolen property.

In many instances, RBPD is the first agency in the county to deploy new, cutting-edge technology. In addition to SmartWater CSI, some of RBPD's latest technology includes:

- Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL)
- Automated License Plate Readers
- Shot Spotter, which will identify and locate gunfire in the City

Results

There are many success stories in RBPD's crime-fighting efforts. One of these stories is the private/public partnerships between Riviera Beach Police Department and three Home Owner Associations within the city. These communities, which house at least 500 families each, were once considered high-crime areas. The partnership, which RBPD often refers to as customized policing (giving police greater access to the property), has resulted in crime becoming virtually nonexistent at these properties. Home values are up as a result.

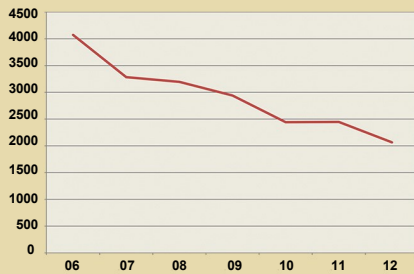


Riviera Beach Crime Reduction Outpaced the State

Crime is down significantly, in terms of both numbers and how the streets look and feel. The reduction of crime in Riviera Beach has outpaced the rate of reduction at the state level. From 2006 to 2012, crime in Riviera Beach has dropped 49.1 percent, an average decrease of 10.3 percent per year.

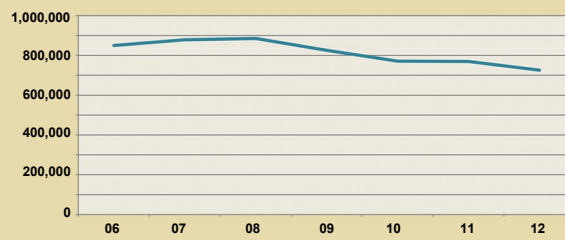
During the same period, from 2006 to 2012, crime for the State of Florida dropped 14.6 percent, an average decrease of 2.5 percent per year. The Riviera Beach and state crime statistics are shown on the charts below.

Riviera Beach Index Crime



Year	Total Offenses
2006	4052
2007	3279
2008	3187
2009	2925
2010	2435
2011	2446
2012	2064

State of Florida Index Crime



Year	Total Offenses
2006	849,879
2007	878,227
2008	885,199
2009	825,551
2010	771,004
2011	769,399
2012	725,940

New Police Station to Address 21st Century Demands



The current Riviera Beach police station was built 40 years ago, before personal computers, fax machines, videos, cell phones and photocopiers were commonplace. Back then, the world did not seem to extend much beyond our own back yards.

Just as technological advances have enhanced our lifestyles, they have also paved the way for many new types of crime, and new ways of committing old crimes. To tackle and deter these offenses, sophisticated

technology and methodology have been developed for 21st century law enforcement.

Having the appropriate law enforcement facilities to accommodate the new technology, communications, training, methodology and modern day-to-day police activities is vital. The new Riviera Beach police station, which includes an additional 12,000 square feet, will enable the RBPB to meet the challenges and growing demands of this century.

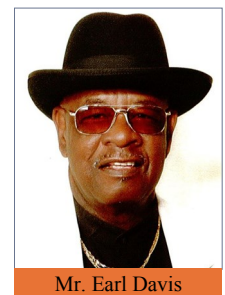
Community Partnerships Key to Success

The Riviera Beach Police Department is comprised of 120 police officers. The population of Riviera Beach is approximately 38,000 people. That's one police officer for every 317 residents. And when you consider the over 200,000 people who travel Riviera Beach roadways daily, the ratio of police to population served is unimaginable.

“It is the strength of Riviera Beach police / community partnerships that really makes the difference — in essence, increasing the size of our police force many times over,” said Chief Williams. “Residents of Riviera Beach take the slogan seriously — if you see something, say something. As they know, we know.”

Senior members of the RBPB participated in 36 community events and 110 community meetings in 2012. “It’s

not just a duty,” said Assistant Chief David Harris. “I actually look forward to being involved in community activities.”



Mr. Earl Davis

Mr. Earl Davis, a resident of Riviera Beach, said “it’s a two way street, the police listen to us and we listen to them. We’re a team with a common goal — safe communities.”

Commission On Social Justice Initiatives Underway

Formed late last year with the purpose of developing long-term solutions for the street violence problem in Riviera Beach, the Commission on Social Justice (COSJ) is moving forward. It has a full slate of planned activities.

So far this year, the COSJ has sponsored a successful “Business Day” program with 24 local businesses participating. The event provided businesses with information about applying for employee training grants, plus special funding and tax incentives for hiring people with troubled pasts.

Four different COSJ activities will take place this fall, which will include:

- A “Help Job Seekers” job fair
- Formation of an “Affordable Health Care” event
- A “teen room” created in the library – decorated to appeal to teens
- Establishment of a “Youth City Government”

COSJ is working closely with Riviera Beach officials, local schools

and various youth organizations to form the “Youth City Government.” When formed, this youth group will mirror many governmental positions in Riviera Beach, including mayor, city council, city manager, police chief, fire chief, city attorney and city clerk.

The teens selected for the positions will learn firsthand about the functions of these jobs. They will also become a voice for other young people in Riviera Beach.

“Dr. Drayton and I are highly encouraged over the possibilities of what the Commission on Social Justice can help the City achieve. It represents the City coming together, with all of its God-given gifts and talents to make a difference,” said Mike Sloser. “And, we’re just getting started.”

COSJ Co-Chairs



Rev. Dr. Tony Drayton



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