



# The Blotter

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## Message From Chief Williams



The Commission on Social Justice (COSJ) was formed two years ago, almost to the date. Its purpose was to develop long-term solutions for street violence

problems in Riviera Beach. For such a short period of time, it is remarkable how much has been accomplished by this group, led by Dr. Tony Drayton and Mr. Michael Sloser.

Formation of the Riviera Beach Youth City Government is COSJ's latest accomplishment. The benefits of engaging our youth and having them become change agents, is exactly what we hoped for. Read the story in this edition of The Blotter.

I am so proud of this group as well as many of the other fine people of Riviera Beach. When asked, they stepped up – willing to be active participants in making a difference in our City.

As a reminder, this is the season when criminal activity is at its highest. Be careful.

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[police@rivierabch.com](mailto:police@rivierabch.com).

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

## Cybercrimes Hit Hard during This Time of the Year Safeguards Can Protect You and Your Family Year Round from Internet Fraud

The Holiday Season is here. It's the time that many of us look forward to – families spending time together, various faith-based communities celebrate and retailers make 20 to 40 percent of their annual sales over a six-week period. It's a time of year that many criminals look forward to as well. They're always ready to take advantage of every vulnerable situation they can find.

According to FBI statistics, just about every area of crime is up during this time of the year, including murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and stolen motor vehicles. Cybercrimes also increase during the holiday season.

In general, e-commerce provides us with many opportunities and conveniences, enabling us to conduct business and do much of our shopping over the internet without leaving our homes.

Hi-tech criminals are always ready to seize an opportunity to steal your money and personal information.

These cyber-criminals have devised many creative ways to remotely rob their victims. According to the FBI, scammers use

many techniques to fool potential victims, including fraudulent auction sales, reshipping merchandise purchased with a stolen credit card, sale of fraudulent or stolen gift cards through auction sites at discounted prices, and phishing e-mails advertising brand name merchandise for bargain prices or e-mails promoting the sale of brand name merchandise that is actually a counterfeit product.

There is a saying regarding specious deals that has probably been around for centuries – "if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is." This information about cybercrime isn't meant to frighten you, but to merely remind you to be careful.

Here are some tips provided by the FBI to help you avoid becoming a victim of cybercrime:

- Do not respond to unsolicited (spam) e-mails.
- Do not click on links contained within an unsolicited e-mails.
- Be cautious of any e-mail claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders. Always run a virus scan on an attachments before opening.
- Avoid filling out forms contained in e-mail messages that ask for personal information.



- Always compare the link in the e-mail to the web address link you are directed to and determine if they match.
- Log on directly to the official Web site for the business identified in the e-mail instead of “linking” to it from an unsolicited e-mail. If the e-mail appears to be from your bank, credit card issuer, or other company you deal with frequently, your statements

or official correspondence from the business will provide the proper contact information.

- Contact the actual business that supposedly sent the e-mail to verify that the e-mail is genuine.
- If you are requested to act quickly or there is an emergency, it may be a scam. Fraudsters create a sense of urgency to get you to act impulsively

For more information on how to protect you and your family from the broader list of internet crimes, visit this FBI website link [www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud/internet\\_fraud](http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud/internet_fraud). There, you will also find a link to reports on the most common internet complaints and scams, plus, a link on how you can report cybercrime. ■

## On the National Stage, Chief Williams Speaks at National League of Cities Annual Conference



Left to Right - Luke Larson, TASER; David Chipman, ShotSpotter; Councilman Scott Somers, Mesa, Arizona; Mary Doherty, Motorola Solutions; Chief Clarence Williams, RBPB

Acknowledged for Riviera Beach’s 49 percent drop in crime, and RBPB’s deployment and effective use of advanced crime-fighting technology, Chief Williams was invited to speak at the 2014 National League of Cities Conference in Austin, Texas last month.

In a session titled “Making Cities Safer by Leveraging Public Safety Technology,” Chief Williams gave a stirring presentation on Technology Oriented Policing (TOP). RBPB coined and adopted the term TOP to best describe its method of policing. Chief Williams’

presentation was followed by many questions from the audience, made up of city officials from across the country.

Chief Williams was also part of a five-person panel consisting of other distinguished speakers including: Scott Somers, Councilmember, Mesa, Arizona; Luke Larson, Chief Marketing Officer, TASER, Scottsdale, Arizona; Mary Doherty, Senior Director, LTE North America, Motorola Solutions, Framingham, Massachusetts; and David Chipman, Senior Vice President, ShotSpotter, SST Inc., Newark, California. ■

## WELCOMING NEW RBPB PERSONNEL

### Name

### Position

Victor Blackwood	Police Officer
David Evans	Police Officer
Michael Ferazzoli	Police Officer
Christopher Fisher	Police Officer
Eugenia Francis-Cowart	Office Assist., Sr. (Police Admin.)
Sean Garrick	Office Assist., Sr. (RCD Section)
Gloria James	School Crossing Guard
Shaundra King	Police Officer
Elainy Marte	Police Officer
Christopher Nickelson	Police Technician
Daniel Sackie-Mensah	Police Officer
Jewelndine Driver	Code Enforcement Technician
Latoya Wright Ambersley	Police Officer
Malcolm Scarlett	Police Officer
Malcolm Scarlett	Police Officer (In Police Acad.)
Omar Forbes	Police Officer (Attending Police Acad. Jan. 2015)



RBPB executives greet new RBPB police officers. Left to right: David Evans, Michael Ferazzoli, Victor Blackwood Jr., Shaundra King, Justin Scott, Asst. Chief Michael Madden, Chief Clarence Williams, and Asst. Chief Robert Coppin

## CONGRATULATING NEW PROMOTIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Promotion</u>
Roosevelt Lee	Sergeant
Charrin Hanson	Police Technician
Edgar Foster	Sergeant
Tanzy Vassell	Captain
Spencer Rozier	Major

## RBPD's Fight Against Breast Cancer



RBPD detectives, left to right:  
F. Augurrie, W. Saunders, R. Brau

The war against breast cancer is being fought in doctors' offices, hospital rooms and research labs daily. The weapon that we can all take up in the battle is giving our time and dollars for research.

RBPD personnel (both sworn and non-sworn) joined the battle again this year by spending hours of their personal time collecting donations at various intersection around the City. Thanks to their efforts and the generosity of our citizens, the Department raised over \$1,000 for breast cancer research during 2014. ■

## RBPD Support Staff, Behind the Scenes But on Top of the Issues

The Riviera Beach Police Department's Support Staff is usually out of sight of the public, but now we're going to shine the spotlight on them. This group is an integral part of the RBPD Team. These are the women who provide vital functions to ensure Police services operate efficiently and effectively. A summary of their duties includes: providing administrative assistance to RBPD's executive staff (Chief, Assistant Chiefs and Majors), taking care of payroll, managing Departmental finances / budgets / grants, ensuring police personnel have needed uniforms and equipment, coordinating special events, and keeping Police personnel files up-to-date.

Members of the Support Staff stay behind the scenes, doing their jobs, enabling Sworn Law Enforcement Officers on the frontlines to focus on the more pressing issues. Often, Support Staff personnel find themselves serving as Customer Service Representatives – receiving calls and resolving matters on their own, saving customers' time by avoiding the involvement of upper management.

"Though they might be asking for the Chief or one of the Assistant Chiefs, a lot of the times a caller just wants someone to listen to them," said Ms. Tanya Franklin, Office Assistant, Senior to Robert Coppin, Assistant Chief of Police. "I empathize with them and if I don't

have the answer to their concerns off the top of my head, I will get it for them. With that, the caller is usually calm, and I get a thank you."

Ms. Susan Rosen, Senior Staff Assistant to Michael Madden, Assistant Chief of Police, recalls similar experiences. Susan said, "I enjoy being able to take the pressure off of the executives whenever I can so they can concentrate on their higher priorities."

Working directly with Chief Williams as his Administrative Assistant, is Ms. Tawanna Smith. Among her duties, she likes the special assignments, which, in most instances, have her working with the community – often kids. "I love seeing the Department and the City making strides. After all, I was born and raised here."

Payroll is always an attention getter. Ms. Monica Daniels, Senior Staff Assistant, is RBPD's person responsible for processing payroll. "One of the most important aspects of my job is making sure when processing payroll that employees are in compliance with Contract Language/Policies whenever applicable," said Ms. Daniels.

Keeping the Majors (five in total) on their toes is their Administrative Assistant, Ms. April Baker, Senior Staff Assistant. "Making sure that officers get



RBPD Support Staff, left to right - Back row: Tanya Franklin, April Baker, LaVatryce Griffin - Second row: Shelia Robinson, Tawanna Smith, Eugenia Francis-Cowart, Monica Daniels - Up front, Susan Rosen

their job evaluations done in a timely manner is one of my key responsibilities," said Ms. Baker. "I also make officers aware of training opportunities, and seeing them excel makes my day."

Ms. LaVatryce Griffin, Senior Staff Assistant under Assistant Chief Michael Madden, is responsible for the Department's finances / budgets / grants. She is also responsible for seeing that officers get the uniforms, equipment, and supplies they need. "Satisfaction to me is simply, getting things done," said Ms. Griffin.

The newest member of the group, onboard for about three months, is Eugenia Francis-Cowart, Office Assistant, Senior. She assists with payroll, and has quickly become a valued member of the Support Team. ■

# Commission On Social Justice Youth City Government in Place

COSJ Co-Chairs

We are very pleased to announce the establishment of the Riviera Beach Youth City Government. At this point, 20 Riviera Beach Youth Government positions have been filled. The young adults filling these positions are students at Inlet Grove Community High School and the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy. The students voluntarily responded to COSJ requests for student participation in the new program.

Each position was filled through the process of a show of hands of those interested in the position. In cases where there were more than one person interested in a specific position, each person was required to explain why they wanted the position. The students then voted for the person they wanted.

positions for an, almost, unlimited number of students,” said Mr. Sloser. “Dr. Drayton had a flyer developed that will be circulated around the City to recruit more students. Also, public service announcements to encourage more students to join will be aired on RBTV Channel 18.”

The Youth City Council meetings will be held monthly from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Riviera Beach City Council Chambers and aired on Channel 18. The public is encouraged to attend in support of the students. The first Youth City Council meeting is set for Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Riviera Beach City Council members will provide their youth counterpart council with one agenda item. The students will be responsible for developing the balance of their agenda to talk about the things they most care about. The City Clerk’s Office will help them with formatting. The students will be required to follow a strict dress code – young men must wear a jacket and tie.

After the students have had a couple months of experience, the Youth City Council will be on City Council’s agenda, at its regular council session, to report on the results of their council meeting.



Rev. Dr. Tony Drayton



Mr. Michael Sloser

Mr. George Carter’s dream of a Youth City Government in Riviera Beach has finally come to fruition. Mr. Carter is President of the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy and an advisor for COSJ’s Youth City Government. “I believe we will begin seeing change in Riviera Beach as a result of this work, within six months,” said Mr. Carter.

The program will enable our youth to have positive interaction with community leaders and bring about change where needed. Students will also gain invaluable, on-the-job experience by shadowing their mentors – an opportunity that will help shape their future.

If you know of a student who would be interested in being a part of the Riviera Beach Youth City Government, send an email to: [Commissiononsocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:Commissiononsocialjustice@gmail.com) or leave a letter with Ms. Tawanna Smith at Riviera Beach Police Department Headquarters.

## Core Positions with Riviera Beach Youth City Government

Mayor	Dir. of Fin. & Admin. Serv.
Five Council Persons	Dir. of Purchasing
City Manager	Library Director
Deputy City Manager	Channel 18 Director
City Attorney	Dir. of Community Dev.
City Clerk	Dir. Riviera Beach Marina
Police Chief	Exec. Dir. of CRA
Two Asst. Police Chfs.	Exec. Dir. of Riviera Beach
Dir. of Parks & Rec.	Utilities Dist.
Dir. of Public Works	

“Thanks to the huge response from so many city departments to participate in the program, we will have enough

## Riviera Beach Police Department

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Chief’s Night In, every Tuesday  
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