



**"In Honor We Serve"**

# **Fort Pierce Police Department Update**

**Chief Diane Hobley-Burney**

**June 13, 2022**



**It is Our Duty  
and Commitment  
to our Citizens to  
Keep them Safe.**

# Shooting Activity

January 1st through June 5th for the calendar years 2018 to 2022.

<b>Fort Pierce Police Department Shooting Incident Data <i>January 1st - June 5th</i></b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Verified</b>	34	33	37	36	40
<b>Unverified</b>	<i>not tracked</i>	<i>not tracked</i>	70	85	55
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>95</b>

The chart includes verified and unverified shooting data.

It should be noted that during 2018 and 2019, we did not track shooting activity where there was no physical evidence identified, i.e., property damage, casing located, etc.



## The Community Policing Bureau

is the largest Division of the Fort Pierce Police Department. It is under the command of Deputy Chief Kenny Norris. The responsibilities include responding to emergency and non-emergency calls for service, conducting preliminary and traffic investigations, traffic enforcement, community involvement, and other special assignments. The Bureau is comprised of uniformed Patrol Officers, Crime Suppression Unit, Community Service Officers, and Civilian personnel. It is divided into District 1 and District 2 and is concentrated into ten Zones. On average, the Patrol Division handles **approximately 1,500 calls per week.**



# Crime Suppression Unit (CSU)

CSU has been a crucial element in our fight against violent criminal activity, gangs, drugs, and habitual felony offender investigations.

## Since January 2022:

Arrested over 80 felony/habitual offenders.



## Seized:



34 firearms,



551 grams of cocaine,



100 pounds of marijuana,



More than \$68,000 in U.S. currency.





# Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)



In October of 2021 we received a Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant from the United States Department of Justice.



Its purpose is designed to **create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime.**



The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies engaged in a unified approach led by the US Attorney's office in each district.

# **Our Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Partners**



**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE)**



**Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**



**Homeland Security Investigations (HIS)**



**Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**



**Assistant United States Attorney Office (AUSA),**



**Office of the State Attorney (SA), 19th Judicial Circuit**



**Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)**



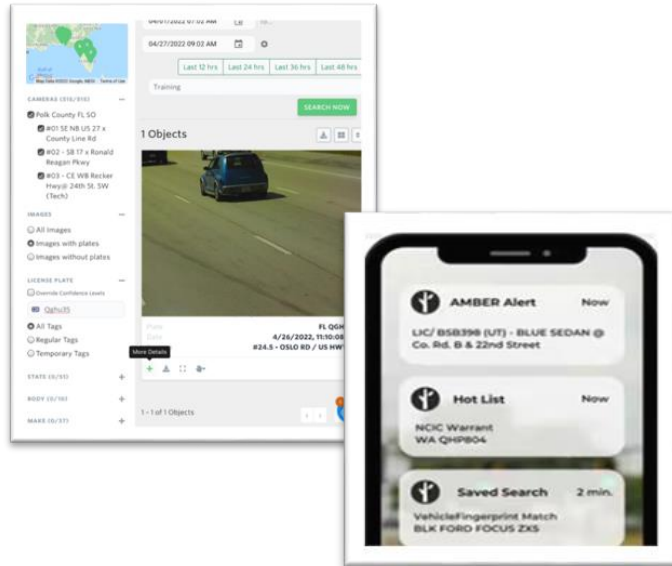
**St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office**

# Flock Safety

**Thanks to our Mayor, Commissioners, and City Manager** the Department entered into a two (2) year agreement with Flock Safety to provide and service 26 Automatic License Plate Readers (LPR) at a total cost of \$146,100.

LPR Cameras capture vehicle details and allow Officers to search by vehicle make, color, type, license plate, state of the license plate, missing plate, covered plate, paper plate, and unique vehicle details such as sunroofs, roof racks, and bumper stickers.

Officers will receive real time alerts, to their browser and cell phone, for Amber Alerts, wanted fugitives, crime vehicles and stolen vehicles that pass a camera. Alerts will contain the location, vehicle picture and reason for the alert.



## Success Story

During the initial testing, using the Flock System, Detectives was able to locate the suspect and vehicle from an armed, home invasion, robbery in approximately 30 minutes.



# Present Officer Staffing



**141 - Funded Sworn Officers**



**127 - General Fund**



**3 - School Resource Officers – taken from the  
Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)**



**10 - Grant (COP) Officers**



**1 - Indian River State College (IRSC) Officer  
Recruiting**



**17 – Vacancies**



As we hire new Officers, we found that we have equipment shortages due to age, and increased number of Officers. Without the inclusion of patrol vehicles, below is our present needs:

### **Equipment Needs for New Hires**

15 radios and ancillary equipment	\$69,086.00
25 cell phones and service plans	\$13,150.00
10 laptop computers	\$23,000.00
25 Mifi's and service plans	\$13,150.00
25 Net Motion and Security licenses	\$3,345.25
20 Glock 21 handguns + magazines	\$10,000.00
20 ASP	\$2,700.00
25 OC spray	\$400.00
25 badges	\$2,500.00
25 Ballistic Vests (after 50% grant match)	\$8,750.00
25 Duty belts with gear	\$12,500.00

**Total: \$158,581.25**

**Technological and other Specialized Equipment to Assist in our Crime Reduction Efforts:**

**\$450.000**



# 10 Remaining COP Grant Slots

- The Department was awarded \$1,250,000 from the FY 2021 Cops Hiring Program (CHP), which will cover up to 75 percent of the entry-level salary and fringe benefits to hire 20 Officers. Presently, 10 Officer was approved and hired. 10 Officer Positions are still available. Their focus area under the grant is violent crime and gun violence. We have 5 years to spend the fund.
- The award period for the grant is: 10/1/21 – 9/30/26.
- There is a 25 percent local cash match (cost share) requirement from funds not previously budgeted for law enforcement purposes and must be paid during the award period.
- The maximum federal share per Officer position is \$125,000 over the three-year period.
- Any additional costs for higher than entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the recipient agency.
- The Department must retain each CHP-funded position for 12 months following the three years of funding for that position.
- The additional grant funded positions should be added to the Department's law enforcement budget over and above the number of locally funded officer positions.

## **What is ShotSpotter?**

ShotSpotter is a surveillance system that blankets select neighborhoods with microphones and is supposed to detect the sound and location of gunfire. ShotSpotter sends alerts of supposed gunfire directly to local police.

## **Research Showed**

**Chicago Police Department is one of ShotSpotter's largest clients at a cost of \$33 million for a three year contract.**

**The Associated Press, January 01, 2022, 2:43 PM, reported that according to the Chicago Police Department, 2021 ended with 797 homicides**

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## MacArthur Justice Center

MacArthur Justice Center at Northwestern University School of Law conducted a study on ShotSpotter accuracy from July 1, 2019 through April 14, 2021

- ShotSpotter creates thousands of dead-end police deployments that find no evidence of actual gunfire
- The overwhelming majority of ShotSpotter alerts turn up nothing.
- **89%** of ShotSpotter deployments in Chicago turned up no gun-related crime
- **86%** led to no report of any crime at all
- During the 21.5 months studied, there were more than **40,000** dead-end ShotSpotter deployments
- On an average day in Chicago, there are more than **61** ShotSpotter-initiated police deployments that turn up no evidence of any crime, let alone gun crime



# **CITY OF CHICAGO OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG)**

- OIG concluded from its analysis that CPD responses to ShotSpotter alerts rarely produce documented evidence of a gun-related crime, investigatory stop, or recovery of a firearm.
- There has also been a number of lawsuits regarding the technology.

# We Appreciate Your Support!!!

