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**Vero Beach Police Department**

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*Chief*

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# Vero Beach Police Department

*Integrity, Service, Loyalty, Education*



Dear Mr. O'Connor, Mayor Winger, City Council Members, and Citizens of Vero Beach,

2014 may best be described as bitter sweet from a law enforcement perspective here in our beautiful city along the Treasure Coast. In the span of four months, VBPD investigated four homicides after a total of one in the two previous years. The bitterness comes from senseless acts resulting in families and friends losing a loved one. The sweet comes from the hard work of the men and women of the Vero Beach Police Department resulting in the arrest of three individuals for first degree murder and one for vehicular homicide. Additionally, on November 7, 2014, Henry Jones Jr. received life in prison without parole for the November 17, 2011 murder of Vero Beach resident Brian Simpson. We continue to seek justice and be the voice for all victims.

VBPD continues to connect and partner with our community members in many different ways. This type of commitment allows us to not only enforce the laws of our City and State, but to literally be a part of our community. With your support we constantly try to adequately equip and train our police officers in an effort to provide our citizens with the service they rightfully deserve and expect.

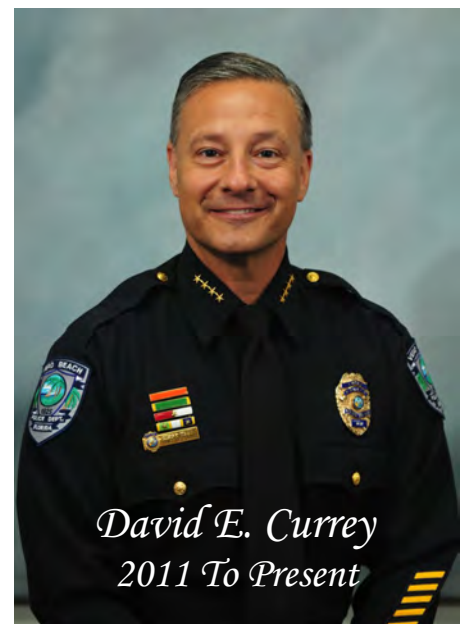
I receive numerous letters, emails, and verbal compliments about our police officers on a regular basis. This speaks volumes to the character, integrity, professionalism, and dedication our officers possess as they represent themselves and the Vero Beach Police Department. I am honored and proud to lead such a fine group of men and women.

As your Chief of Police, I am committed to providing a professional police service which promotes a great sense of safety and pride for all who reside, work, and visit Vero Beach.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David E. Currey'.

David E. Currey  
Chief of Police



*David E. Currey*  
*2011 To Present*

# COMMAND STAFF



David E. Currey  
*Chief*



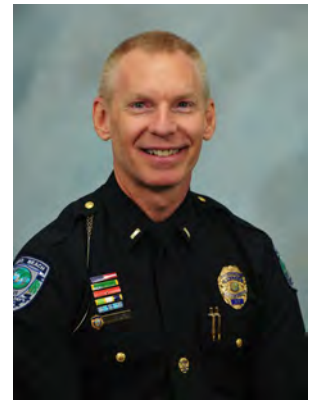
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*Police Captain*



Lt. Matthew Monaco  
*Professional Standards*



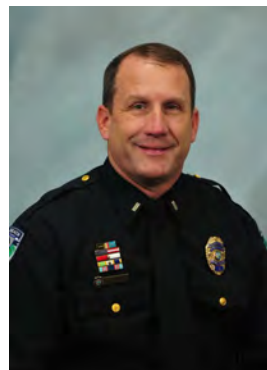
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*Detective Division*



Lt. Jerry Karchefski  
*Accreditation*



Lt. Daniel Cook  
*Patrol Lieutenant*



Lt. John Pedersen  
*Patrol Lieutenant*

# SUPERVISORY STAFF



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Sgt. Alan Hall



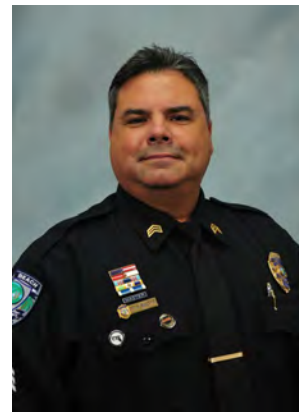
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Sgt. Terrance Nelson



Sgt. William Offutt



Sgt. David Puscher



Cpl. Chip Brock



Cpl. Oscar Dominguez



Cpl. Darrell Rivers



Cpl. Chris Roberts



# 2014 VERO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

## Sworn Officers

Chief David Currey  
Captain Kevin Martin  
Lieutenant Daniel Cook  
Lieutenant Matthew Harrelson  
Lieutenant Jerry Karchefski  
Lieutenant Matthew Monaco  
Lieutenant John Pedersen  
Sergeant Kenneth Barrett  
Sergeant Frank Adamski  
Sergeant Alan Hall  
Sergeant Phil Huddy  
Sergeant Terrance Nelson  
Sergeant Bill Offutt  
Sergeant David Puscher  
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Corporal Oscar Dominguez  
Corporal Darrell Rivers  
Corporal Chris Roberts  
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MPO Sean Toole  
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Detective Michael Gasbarrini  
Detective Jason Jones  
Detective Brian Hesse  
Detective Brian Kerensky  
Detective Bradley Kmetz  
Detective Mark Vandhuynslager  
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Officer Anna Carden  
Officer Richard Chimenti  
Officer Sean Crowley  
Officer Dennis Deacetis  
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Officer Doug Ginsburg  
Officer Joshua Harris  
Officer Shane Joerger  
Officer Nicholas Knutson  
Officer Kyle Kuehn  
Officer Jennifer Lohman  
Officer Charles McFarland  
Officer John Morrison  
Officer Casey Myers  
Officer Greg Plumb

Officer Chad Reardin  
Officer Anthony Schnur  
Officer Robert Skoglund  
Officer Randall Slattery  
Officer Craig Urbanczyk  
Officer Jeremiah Willis  
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Reserve Officer James Gabbard

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### Communications Division

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MCO II Phil Holbrook  
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Call Taker II Amber Mitchell  
Call Taker II Terry Spradling  
Call Taker II Lacy Thomas  
Call Taker I Rhianna Fincher

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## Crime Scene Unit

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CSI I Celeste Brown

Evidence Tech. Terri Dillon

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Angel Brown  
Sherri Davis  
Antha Wilson



## Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is commanded by the Captain and is the largest division in the police department. It consists of the uniform patrol division and traffic/motor, K-9, CRT, animal control, and parking enforcement units. Members of the Division are also responsible for field training operations.

A staff of two lieutenants and four sergeants provides additional command and leadership duties within the division. Staff members ensure personnel levels are maintained, daily operations are conducted, and special projects are completed. Projects include, but are not limited to directed patrols in response to specific crime problems, general patrols for overall crime deterrence, traffic watches for motor vehicle safety, and foot patrols for increased contact with the public.

### Traffic and Motorcycle Unit

The mission of the Vero Beach Police Department Traffic Unit is to provide a safe, efficient environment for travel on the streets within the city limits of Vero Beach by reducing accidents and maintaining as efficient traffic flow as possible. The Traffic Unit has demonstrated an earnest commitment to the enforcement of laws relating to driving under the influence, vehicle seatbelt and child restraint usage, and other safety-related matters.

The Traffic Unit consists of two dedicated Traffic Officers and one Parking Enforcement Officer. Traffic Officers focus on reducing the rate and severity of traffic collisions by concentrating efforts on: speed reduction, high-risk violation enforcement, impaired drivers, and the monitoring of traffic around the schools and at critical intersections.

The Traffic Unit also seeks to educate the public on traffic laws through various avenues such as: “Click it or “Ticket” Campaign, “Aggressive Driving” Campaign, “Over the Limit, Under Arrest” D.U.I. Campaign, Social Media, and usage of the radar equipped speed trailer and electronic message board.

In 2014, VBPD officers investigated 988 crashes, of which 325 were investigated by the Traffic Unit. Three fatal crashes occurred during the year, including one pedestrian and one bicyclist. An additional 12 pedestrians and 19 bicyclists were injured in crashes. Distracted driving was noted as a key factor in 47 crashes. Officers issued 330 speeding citations, 326 seat belt citations, 288 careless driving citations, 130 red light citations, and 1,173 written warnings.

### Uniform Patrol

The Uniform Patrol Division contains four patrol shifts that work in twelve-hour increments. The sergeant and corporal supervise each shift. Members of the uniform division patrol geographic zones to prevent and detect crime and respond to, or initiate calls for service. They conduct preliminary and follow up investigations, enforce traffic laws, and make arrests as necessary to protect and serve the citizens of this community.

In 2014, the Uniform Patrol Division answered 43,764 calls for service, and is credited for making 540 misdemeanor arrests, 112 felony arrests and 61 DUI arrests.





# Investigations

The Detective Division is staffed by a Lieutenant, four general crimes Detectives, one financial crimes Detective and two narcotics / vice crimes Detectives. Reports generated by the Patrol Division are forwarded to the Detective Division and assigned the following day to ensure that cases are handled according to State Statute and VBPD policy. Once the case is assigned for follow-up, investigators pursue all leads to increase the likelihood of bringing each case to a successful conclusion. This division reports directly to the Captain.

The Detective Division investigates both misdemeanor and felony crimes ranging from petit theft and trespassing to burglary and homicide.

During the 2014 calendar year the VBPD investigated a total of 3 homicide cases. The first of these began on 06/21/2014 when Detectives began investigating the report of a white female, later identified as Diana Duve, who was missing and possibly endangered. It was believed that she was last seen with her on again off again boyfriend named Michael Jones. Investigators began to retrace Duve's and Jones' steps over the past weekend and through several search warrants and cellular telephone pings, they were able to locate Duve's missing vehicle in Melbourne Florida. The vehicle appeared to be abandoned in a Publix parking lot, and after obtaining yet another search warrant, the vehicle was searched and sadly, Diana was located deceased inside the vehicle trunk.

The next few days were spent on a manhunt for the whereabouts of Michael Jones. He was located with the help of the Ft. Pierce Police Department who found his car in the parking lot of a Hampton Inn. VBPD Detectives immediately responded and Jones was found and arrested without incident inside one of the hotel rooms he had rented for the weekend. Jones would not give any statements to investigators but based on the evidence already obtained and the autopsy report showing Diana's cause of death as homicide, Jones was formerly charged with First Degree Homicide and is incarcerated awaiting trial.

The second homicide investigation began on 09/01/2014 at approximately 9:30 PM when VBPD dispatchers received a 911 call regarding a subject that had just been stabbed in the parking lot of the McDonald's and was bleeding heavily. Upon arrival Officers found Kevin Adorno lying just inside the north doors of the McDonald's in a large pool of blood. He had a large chest wound and was barely alive. While EMS units arrived, Officers learned that the assailant had run across US 1 into the Burger King. Officers converged on the Burger King and apprehended Rene Herrera Cruz without incident.

Cruz was compliant and readily admitted to stabbing Adorno. Detectives arrived on scene and began to piece together what had happened from several eye witness accounts as well as from the video surveillance footage. They then responded to the VBPD to interview Cruz and while en route, learned that Adorno had succumbed to his wounds and was deceased. Cruz began to explain that he felt Adorno was plotting against him and that he felt threatened and therefore had no choice but to attack him.

Detectives learned that Adorno had been riding his bicycle on a long road trip from Connecticut to Miami, FL. and had just arrived in Vero Beach and had stopped at the McDonalds to use the Wi-Fi and get a bite to eat before getting back on the road. Adorno did not know Cruz and had made no threats against him. There were absolutely no ties between the two and they appeared to be complete strangers. Cruz was charged with First Degree Murder and is incarcerated awaiting his trial.

The final homicide investigation began on 10/09/2014 at 10:18 AM when Officers from the Vero Beach Police Department were dispatched to 3106 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. to investigate the report of a homicide that had occurred at that address. VBPD communications Officers had received information from a third party who was reporting this information to the Indian River County Sheriff's Office. According to the reporting person, a subject named Donald Crabtree had confessed to them over the telephone that he had killed his step father named Richard Lloyd a few days prior at the address where both Crabtree and Lloyd resided (3106 13<sup>th</sup> Ave.).

Officers and Detectives arrived on scene and were unable to make contact with anyone inside the residence. Detectives then gained entry into the residence in an attempt to check on the welfare of Lloyd. Upon entry there were clear signs of a struggle and the obvious odor of decomposition. Detectives located Richard Lloyd in a back bedroom and he was clearly deceased. A search warrant for the residence was then obtained for the purposes of collecting any and all evidence related to Lloyd's death. While this search warrant was being drafted, Detectives also began to search for the whereabouts of Crabtree. Through their investigation they learned that he had recently sold his vehicle and had received a ride to his mother's house who resides in Okeechobee FL. During further investigation they learned the exact address of Crabtree's mother and with the assistance of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Department, Crabtree was located and detained for questioning.

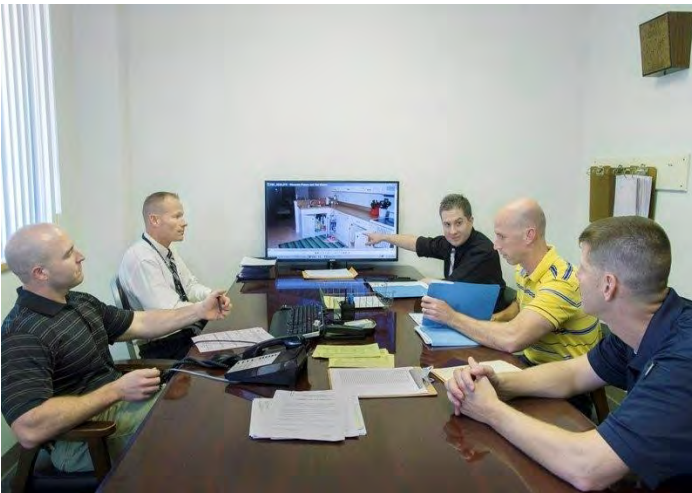
Vero Beach Police Department Detectives then responded to Okeechobee to question Crabtree while the search warrant was executed at 3106 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Crime Scene Unit from the VBPD, the Medical Examiner Investigator, along with Crime Scene Detectives from the Indian River County Sheriff's Office and VBPD Detectives observed numerous areas of blunt force trauma to Lloyd's skull.



## Investigations Cont.

Furthermore, based on Lloyd's stage of decomposition it was determined that he had been dead for several days. While the scene was being processed, Detectives arrived at the Okeechobee Sheriff's Office and made contact with Crabtree. During their interview, Crabtree admitted to getting into an argument with Lloyd on Sunday over money. Crabtree then advised that he "snapped" and struck Lloyd several times with a hammer killing him. He then advised that he dragged Lloyd's body into the back bedroom and stayed at the residence for several days before getting a ride to his Mom's house.

Based on the physical evidence at the scene which matched the statements by the original witness report as well as Crabtree's confession, he was placed under arrest for the murder of Richard Lloyd. Crabtree waived his extradition rights and was transported back to the Indian River County Jail where he is awaiting trial on his charge of First Degree Murder.



## Crime Scene Unit

The Crime Scene Unit currently consists of one Sergeant, two investigators, and one evidence custodian. The responsibilities of the Crime Scene Unit include the processing of crime scenes as well as the detection, collection, preservation, packaging, and transportation of evidence.

This is accomplished, in part, by the examination of a scene for latent fingerprints, and performing forensic photography by means of 35mm and digital systems. The investigators must prepare comprehensive written reports for each scene. They testify as expert witnesses in court and serve as the evidence custodians for the department. In each arrest made by the department, they prepare and submit current arrest fingerprint cards for the adults and juveniles, respectively.

## Crime Scene Unit

When called out to assist at a crime scene, their duties may include crime scene survey, documentation and diagramming, crime scene photography, collection and preservation of evidence, detection, recovery and examination of footwear and tire wear impression evidence, use of alternate light sources, composite sketching and latent print detection and development using various chemical and powder techniques.

The evidence custodian has a primary responsibility for receiving, logging, storing, retrieving and disposing of property and other materials collected as evidence in police investigations. The custodian assures proper packaging of evidence; preserving its integrity. Subpoenas are frequently served on this position to bring evidence to court and to testify as needed. They transport evidence to the Indian River Regional Crime laboratory and FDLE laboratory for analysis and picks up evidence after analysis is completed. Additionally, the custodian responds to inquiries from victims, suspects and attorneys regarding personal property taken in by our agency. They also arrange for the auction of abandoned or confiscated bicycles and unclaimed property after a given period of time. As needed, confiscated drugs and contraband are destroyed in accordance with well established protocols.

It is the responsibility of the Sergeant to ensure all procedural protocols, both State and agency mandated, are met. The Sergeant also acts as an investigator, performing on-call rotation with the unit. Further, they must be the evidence custodian's dual control partner in the event of the custodian's absence.

The Crime Scene Unit is also responsible for the retrieval of stored electronic evidence in certain patrol cars where digital based video systems are mounted to a fixed hard drive in the car itself. These case files must be downloaded in a forensically sound method and turned over to the evidence custodian until the respective case's disposition. Further, these digital case files must be reproduced for attorney hearings and court presentations.

In 2014, the Crime Scene Unit investigated a total of 294 separate cases for processing in one form or another. Some of these cases included: six sexual battery's, nine deceased persons, three traffic related fatalities, one robbery, six recovered stolen vehicles, one arsons, forty six burglaries ( 10 -auto, 9-business, 27-residential), and one other serious car crash. Over 1,480 items were submitted as evidence, and 9,662 evidence transactions were completed during the year. Also, more than 305 fingerprints were performed for the public on a front lobby walk-in basis for purposes ranging from job applications to child care workers. In routine processing of incoming prisoners and case suspects, over 2,677 individual latent fingerprints were classified and coded into our agency's databases.

## Critical Response Team

The Critical Response Team (C.R.T.) currently consists of eight members who receive advanced training in the use of special weapons and tactics. New members must complete an approved S.W.A.T. Basic Operators Course. C.R.T. members receive additional training in defensive tactics, firearms proficiency, less-lethal weapons, rappelling, hostage rescue, and building searches. The C.R.T. can be activated to respond to barricaded suspects, hostage situations, barricaded mentally disturbed persons, threatened suicide incidents, active shooters in buildings, sniper incidents, special investigations, service of warrants, and protection of V.I.P.'s.



## K-9 Unit

The Vero Beach Police Department Canine Program has been in existence since 1989. The Canine Unit is comprised of one Canine Team. The canine is a German Sheppard imported from Europe. The K-9 team performs training at least 4 times a month and obtain State certification annually. The K9 team may also certify at least once a year regionally and nationally in the areas of Patrol and Detector Dog for the United States Police Canine Association.

The Canine Team is a valuable resource to all the officers in the field because of their ability to search buildings and track areas more effectively for persons suspected of committing a crime. The canine is trained to use his keen sense of smell to detect narcotics in vehicles and buildings. In addition to their normal duties the canine team performs demonstrations for schools and community groups around the county.



## Field Training Program

Due to the complexities of modern policing, when the Vero Beach Police Department hires a new sworn officer after a very selective hiring process; he or she is assigned to a Corporal or Senior Officer for several months of on the job training. Field Training Officers must go through specialized training and a selection process.

The primary responsibility of a Field Training Officer (FTO) is to make every effort to make sure the new officer completes the FTO program and is qualified to work as a solo police officer. The FTO is also responsible for seeing that the new officer has the opportunity to be trained in all areas required for succeeding as a police officer.





## Recruiting

The recruiting division routinely interacts with police academies, on-line employment services, state and local law enforcement agencies, state testing sites and colleges both locally and throughout the state, to obtain the best possible qualified applicants. All applicants that qualify and meet our hiring pre-requisites are required to successfully pass a five-member oral review board, polygraph, physical and psychological assessment as well as a thorough and meticulous background investigation. The Vero Beach Police Department hires Florida State certified police officers. From January through December 2014, 5 individuals were hired to fill patrol officer vacancies. This supports the departments' roster of 52 sworn officers.



## Special Events

From January through December 2014, police officers worked an average total of almost 2,000 hours of pre-arranged overtime. Throughout the calendar year the department handled numerous special events to include sporting, dignitary protection, cultural, seasonal and private overtime assignments such as, the annual Christmas Parade, Halloween and St. Patrick's Day Parades, July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Sunset Saturday and Downtown Friday Street Parties and musical events; utilizing the officers training and expertise to provide a fun safe environment.

## Training

The training division establishes regular in-service training to all sworn officers based on the training requirements and standards of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (F.D.L.E.). Classes include, active shooter, firearms, blood borne pathogens, vehicle operations, discriminatory pro-filing, handling the mentally ill and tactical patrol procedures to name a few. All courses of instruction range from high liability to general criminal justice issues, as well as current topics instructed by other agencies and criminal justice professionals. This division also assists department personnel with locating, registering, and attending career development, incentive and college degree courses. The majority of our officers are in the process of, or have completed their Associate, Bachelor and/or Masters Degree programs.

Some Vero Beach police officer's serve as instructors at Indian River State College (I.R.S.C.) Criminal Justice Center; instructing both Basic Recruit classes, advanced and career development courses and academic classes for degree seeking students.



## Community Services Division

The Community Services Division provides training in home security, personal safety, bank robbery awareness, scams, con games, and other crime prevention and awareness topics. This endeavor is furthered by a partnership with service clubs, Neighborhood Watch groups, and special presentations for senior citizens, schools, and churches.

Community Services represents the department in many other organizations in the community, to include the Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County, United Way of Indian River County, Rotary Club, and the Samaritan Center.

The Community Services Division, in conjunction with Code Enforcement, is responsible for the enforcement of violations of the City Code of Ordinances. Many of the code enforcement violations have a direct correlation with crime prevention.

Community Services is also responsible for the **Citizen Volunteer Program**. Citizen volunteers perform “house checks” for residents while away from their homes for extended periods of time and assist with police sponsored community events.



## Social Media

The Vero Beach Police Department regularly transmits crime prevention information, crime alerts and police department related information via social media.

The following social media sites are utilized by the Vero Beach Police Department: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Media-Alert, and VBPD website [www.vbpd.org](http://www.vbpd.org).

In addition, the Vero Beach Police Department maintains an e-mail list of city residents involved in the Neighborhood Watch program and transmits regular Neighborhood Crime Alerts to the residents participating in the program.

## R.A.D. Kids Program

R.A.D. stands for Resist Aggression Defensively

The R.A.D. Kids program provides children with hope, options, and practical skills to RECOGNIZE, AVOID, and, if necessary, ESCAPE violence and abuse.

Unlike many programs that show videos or tell children what to do, radKIDS actually shares plans and strategies, while practicing realistic physical skills to escape violence.

Through radKIDS training, children become empowered, learning to replace the fear, confusion, and panic of dangerous situations with confidence, personal safety skills and self-esteem. Through this hands-on educational program the lives of children are being saved.

Nationwide over 75,000 children between the ages of 5 to 12 years old have been empowered through this program.

The Vero Beach Police Department hosts four R.A.D. Kids classes per year. Each class runs Monday through Friday for 90 minutes each day.

## R.A.D. Systems

R.A.D. Systems stands for Rape Aggression Defense System.

R.A.D. Systems is not associated with R.A.D. Kids.

R.A.D. Systems is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. Systems program is a comprehensive, women only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

R.A.D. Systems is a nationally taught program with over 7000 certified instructors. Since the program began in 1989 over 300,000 women have been trained.

R.A.D. Systems is the only existing program of its kind that is free and offers a lifetime return and practice policy.

The Vero Beach Police Department hosts two R.A.D. Systems classes per year. Each class lasts for five days, two hours each day.



## D.A.R.E.

The Vero Beach Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program continues to educate the children of Vero Beach about the effects of tobacco, alcohol, other drugs, and violence. Over 200 fifth graders in three elementary schools along with 50 seventh and eighth graders from St Helen's middle school participate in the ten week D.A.R.E. curriculum. D.A.R.E. is a police officer led series of classroom lessons that teach children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence free lives. At the culmination of the ten-week program students graduate from the D.A.R.E. program with a graduation ceremony and a pledge to remain drug, alcohol, and violence free.

In 2014 D.A.R.E. students, throughout the county, attended D.A.R.E. skate parties at The Skate Factory the first Thursday of every month. These events help raise funds for the D.A.R.E. programs graduation ceremonies.



# D.A.R.E.

## National Night Out

Every year on the first Tuesday of October the Vero Beach Police Department and the Indian River County Sheriff's Department join together to host the annual National Night Out event.

The event is held to increase awareness about police programs in the community, such as drug abuse prevention, neighborhood watch programs and other anti-crime efforts.

The event also allows residents to mingle with law enforcement personnel and examine a large amount of law enforcement equipment static displays. Free hot-dogs and drinks are also provided.

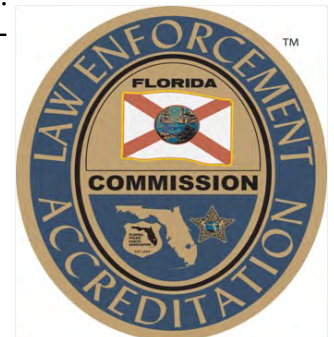


## Accreditation

An accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards.

The Vero Beach Police Department has been accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) since February of 2002. The initial accreditation is valid for three years and we have completed the reaccreditation process in 2005, 2008, 2011, and 2014.

We are scheduled for reaccreditation again in 2017.



## Communications Center

The Communications Section is under the direction of the Professional Standards Accreditation Lieutenant. The dispatch center serves as the focal point for information coordination between various operational units of police department and citizens. One supervisor and nine communications officers provide 24-hour dispatch coverage for the City of Vero Beach. Dispatchers are responsible for answering incoming telephone calls, dispatching police units where needed, receiving, relaying, and recording information to and from field units and contacting other resources which may be needed to provide service. Vero Beach operates one of three enhanced 9-1-1 communications facilities within Indian River County. In 2014, the center received 43,764 calls for service complaints.



## Records Management and Purchasing

The Records Management section consists of an Administrative Assistant and a Clerical Specialist. Traffic citations, crime reports, and crash investigations are among the many items archived and processed by the records section personnel. These documents are correlated and disseminated to various agencies and divisions throughout the department, county, state, and country.

The Vero Beach Police Department's Fiscal Specialist is responsible for all accounts payable and for obtaining and distributing equipment and supplies.





## Retirements



**Capt. Brian Conway**  
Ret. 01/31/2014

### Officers of the Quarter 2014

Jan-Mar MPO S. Toole  
Apr-June Det. B. Kmetz  
July-Sept Ofc. R. Eggers  
Oct-Dec Ofc. J. Harris

### Employees of the Quarter 2014

Jan-Mar Scott Lee  
Apr-June Laura Gregg  
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Oct-Dec Jack Dube

### Officer of the Year 2014

Bradley Kmetz



**Sgt. Ken Barrett**  
Ret. 02/19/2014



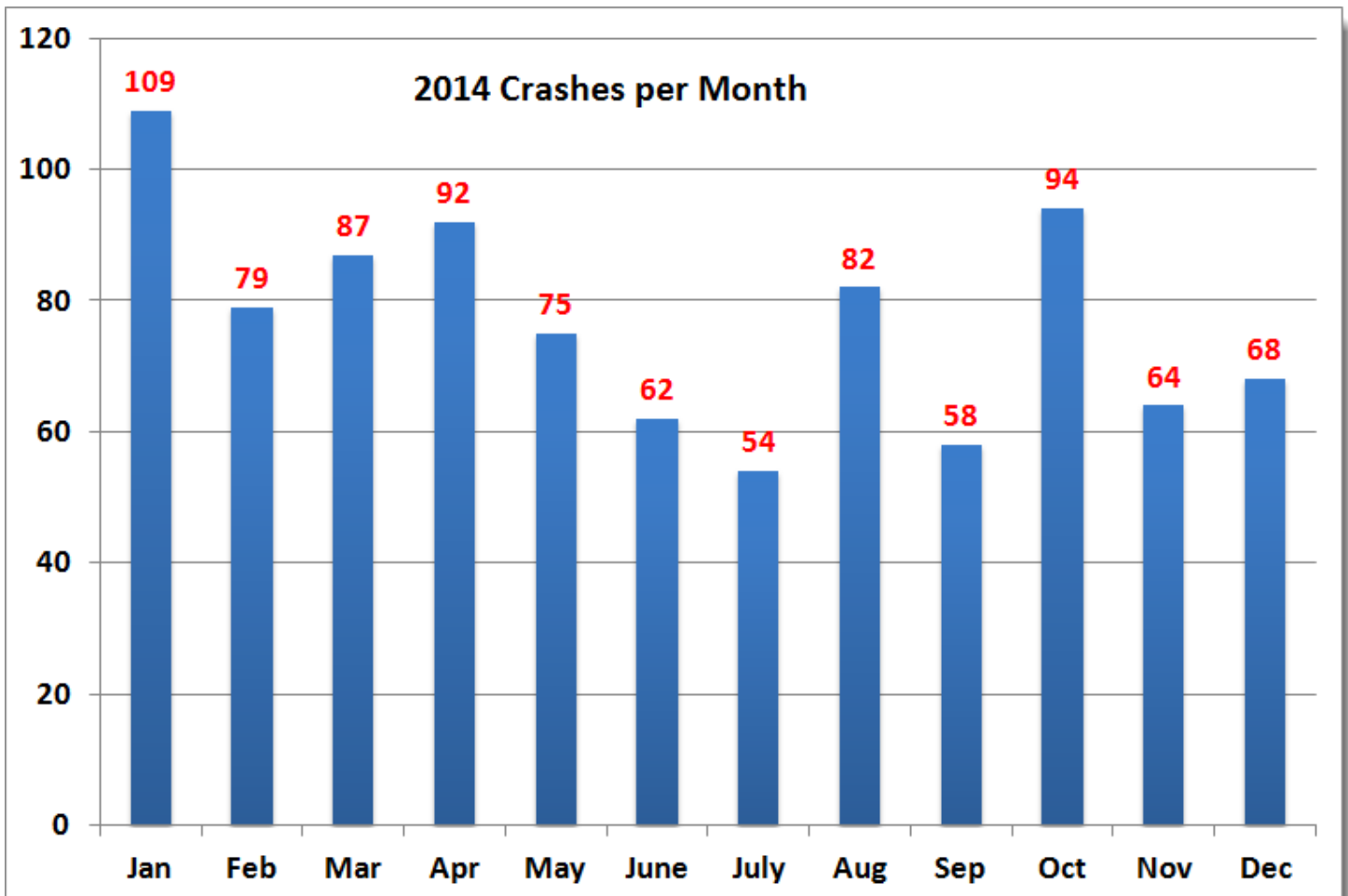
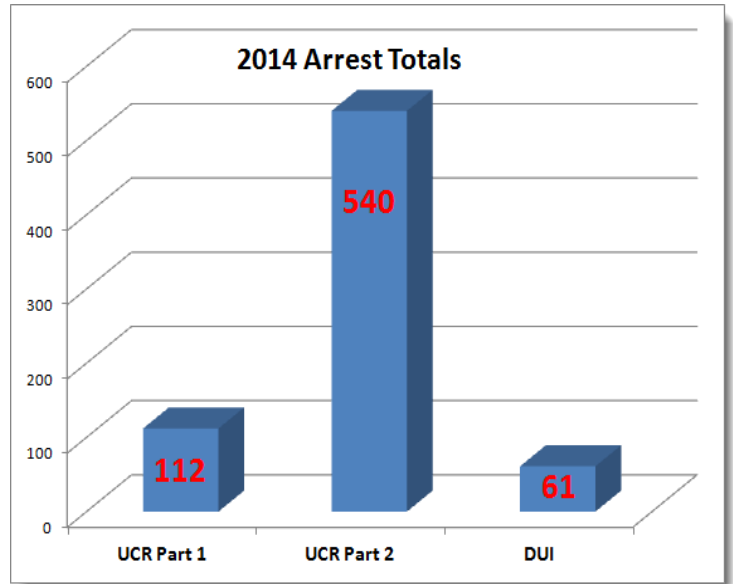
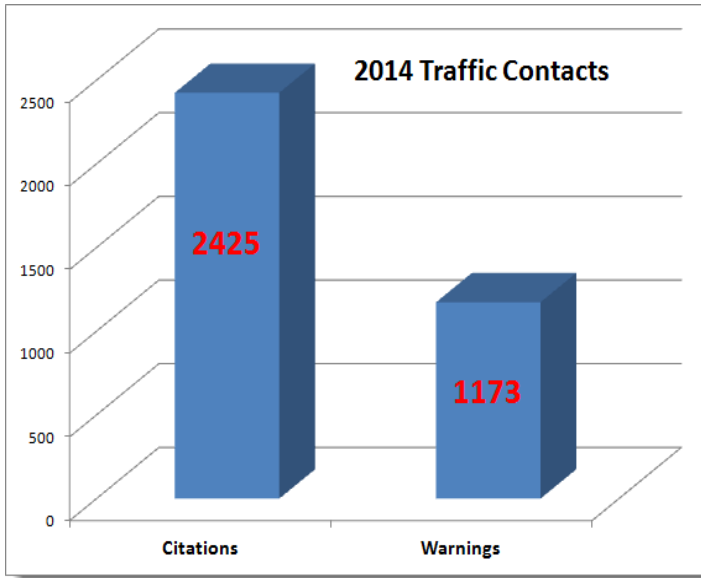
**Ofc. John Morrison**  
Ret. 09/17/2014

### Employee of the Year 2014

Scott Lee



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