

# GOLDEN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

#### **Mission Statement**

To provide courteous and ethical high quality police and public safety services to all by practicing professionalism and community-policing while protecting life and preventing crime.

#### **Vision**

To be an internationally recognized example in the delivery of professional, community-policing based law enforcement services that are courteous and ensuring the highest levels of performance and community satisfaction.

## **Values**

We value honesty, ethics, courtesy, respect and community-policing in all aspects with our residents, our fellow Town employees, visitors, and all others with whom we interact; we exist to serve the residents and will demonstrate this in every possible way; we assist every employee in every way to reach their maximum potential; we operate as a team in a friendly, helpful, and informal working environment while maintaining our professionalism as a law enforcement agency.



### Goals

- To develop and promote a culture in which every Golden Beach Officer's values and supports the
  Department's vision to strive to remain at the top of the class when it comes to efficiency of the
  department and the service they provide to the residents of Golden Beach.
- To promote public awareness about the vision, mission, values, responsibilities and activities of the
  police department by utilizing the newsletter, proactive patrol and community relations projects.
- To ensure that the efficiency of the Department's operating procedures are followed and to closely monitor any deviation by members.
- Develop new programs and partnership with residents by awarding citizens, especially children for doing well in school and/or engaging in good behavior.
- To support and maintain an open relationship with the office of the Manager and Council Members that will foster constant growth.
- Identify any liability that might bring discredit to the police department and/or Town and take corrective action(s).

## Chief's Message

I am very pleased to present the Town of Golden Beach Police Department's 2017 Annual Report. The 2017 was a productive and successful year for the Golden Beach Police Department. Overall, crime statistics were very flat. This trend can certainly be attributed to the men and women of this department, both sworn and civilian, who have worked tirelessly to make the Town of Golden Beach a safe place to live.



## Introduction

The police department responds to requests for police services, quality of life calls, along with providing service to code enforcement concerns. When needed, the department also assists the police departments of neighboring municipalities through mutual aid agreements. The Town's Community Policing services include a dedicated Community Policing Officer, in addition to various specialized unit services, along with local programs established for the prevention of crime. These units are involved in conducting preliminary and follow up investigations, conducting traffic enforcement activities and operations, and maintaining internal controls and policies to ensure the delivery of professional services that are fair, efficient and effective

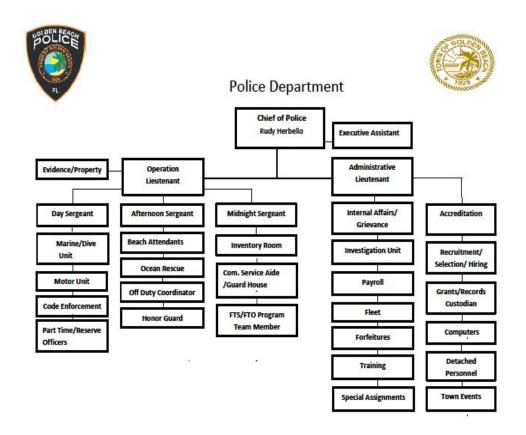




### **Personnel**

- As of January 01, 2018, the Town of Golden Beach employs eighteen (18) full time police officers, seven (7) part-time police officers, three (3) reserve police officers, one (1) Accreditation Manager, and one (1) Administrative Assistant assigned to the department.
- The reorganization of the command structure created one Police Lieutenant Position and one Accreditation Manager Position. (See Organizational Chart below).
- The Town of Golden Beach has paid the tuition at Miami Dade School of Justice for Officer Alejandro Victores and Anna Perez. Additionally, the Town of Golden Beach has paid or is paying the college tuitions for CSA Juan Garfias, Officer Pete Vila, Julio Soca and Beach Attendant Reynaldo Mundell





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## **Investigations**

The Criminal Investigations Section conducts preliminary, follow-up and special investigations. The objective of investigations is to establish an information base of criminal activity which leads to the identification and apprehension of offenders. The Golden Beach Police Department also have a total of three police officers respectively detached to different State or Federal Task Forces such as the Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A), the South Florida Money Laundering Task Force and the Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S) Task Force.





#### Administration

The Administration Section is responsible for overseeing the services unit and ensuring professional compliance. Administrative Files, Internal Affairs Files, Training Files and Personnel Files are housed within the Administrative Section's office. The Executive Assistant to the Chief is the custodian of all police files and oversees the administrative function of the Chief's Office.

During the course of the year the Police Staff accomplished the following;

- > The Accreditation Manager attended three (3) CFAs training conferences in order to keep the police department up to date with the CFA annual revisions of policies and procedures.
- ➤ The Chief of Police became a committee member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police for the "Arson and Explosives Committee".
- Several "Mutual Aid Agreements" were reviewed, revised and approved with numerous adjacent police departments in order to secure assistance from other agencies in case of an emergency.
- > The Sergeant Promotional examination was given at the Miami Dade Community College.
- ➤ Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) audited our CJAT and DAVID computer terminals and administrative records for compliance.
- ➤ The Golden Beach Police Department acquired a Mobil Command Vehicle from the Sweetwater Police Department.



## **Training**

- All sworn members of the department conducted state mandated firearms qualifications.
- Staff members attended a "Leadership" training class at the North Miami Beach Police Department.
- All sworn members of the department conducted an eight (8) hours Field Force Training with Miami-Dade Police department.
- All sworn members of the department completed the FDLE mandated on-line minimum mandatory training classes.
- Lieutenant Yovany Diaz attended a Senior Officers Course in Executive Management Development course and successfully passed the 192hr training.
- Lieutenant Yovany Diaz attended the FBI Florida Executive Development Training in Sarasota, Florida. .
- Every Marine Patrol Officer attended a marine familiarization training course.
- Detective Dan Rosenberg attended a Cyber Crimes training class and Fraud Course.
- All Golden Beach Police Department Officers attended Use of Force mandatory training.
- Officer Julio Fernandez also attended Field Training Officer course.
- Our Marine Patrol Officers participated in a "Community Safety Training Class" at Bal Harbor's Police Department.
- The Chief attended two "International Association of Chiefs of Police" Conferences (IACP) and Active Shooter Counter Terrorism training at North Bay Village.
- Sgt. Leila Perez and Sgt. Leo Santinello attended the "Bulletproof" Leadership training class at the Miami Police Department.
- The Golden Beach Police Department hosted the "Officer Involved Shooting" seminar where members of 14 police agencies attended.
- The Golden Beach Police Department participated in a departmental wide "OC spray training" given by Sunny Isle Beach Police Department. Attended



## **Operations**

The Operations section is the largest and most visible component of the police department. It serves as the frontline of crime prevention within the Town. The section is comprised of four assigned patrol units per shift, which include one K-9 Officer, two Motorcycle officers, and the Marine Patrol. Additionally, the Beach attendants, Lifeguards and the Substation/Communications personnel also fall under the Operations section. Responsible for all police service calls; emergency and non-emergency, patrol units take a proactive approach to both preventing crimes and apprehending criminals.

- Staff members attended and/or assisted with the Dolphin Cycling Challenge event.
- A total of seven (7) audits were completed throughout the year by either the Golden Beach Police Department, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Agency (FDLE), the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle (DSHMV) or the Juvenile Justice Delinquent Prevention. These audits were performed to either the Property and Evidence rooms, juvenile detention area or to the NCIC/FCIC system and/or computer terminals.
- The Golden Beach Police Department in conjunction with other police departments around the nation participated in the "Prescription Drug Take Back" initiative.
- On February 4, 2017, our K-9 officer, Julio Soca was shot twice during a building search assisting the Miami Shores Police Department, who was looking for an armed subject. Officer Soca recovered from his injuries and is presently back on duty.
- The Golden Beach Police Department organized a multi-agency marine operation targeting speed violation concerns and possible stolen vessels.
- Golden Beach Police Department Honor Guard Detail participated in various events state wide, to include inside Golden Beach.

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- The Golden Beach Police Department was mobilized due to Hurricane IRMA.
- Sgt. Leila Perez and Officer Julio Soca were nominated by the LEO Awards Committee as finalist for the "Officer of the Year Award".
- The Golden Beach Department participated in the "Support of our Police" rally event sponsored by the PBA.
- The Golden Beach Police Department participated in the 2017 "Spring Basketball Youth & Cops" tournament, sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's General.
- Members of the Golden Beach Police Department Honor Guard Detail attended the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Week event at Tropical Park, Union University annual Senior Class Graduation ceremony, and the Memorial Week event at the Pavilion commemorating all the men and women of the armed forces who died while serving the United States of America.
- The Golden Beach Police Department hosted three "Boating Safety" courses for our residents, which was offered by the U.S Coast Guard.
- The Golden Beach Police Department Marine Patrol Unit participated in a multi-jurisdictional BUI Task Force at Halouver Intercostal targeting possible impaired boaters.
- The Golden Beach Police Department participated in the "Back to School" initiative where over forty (40) bags were distributed to residents and their children.
- Staff and supervisors attended monthly patrol shift representative meetings concerning police issues.
- Staff attended several Miami-Dade Chiefs of Police Executive Board luncheons at Miami Shores Country Club and/or Indian Creek.
- Staff attended eleven (11) Town Council meetings.
- Staff and/or Detective Rosenberg attended eight (8) Intelligence meetings at Surfside Police Department.
- Golden Beach along with other Island communities hosted the Miami-Dade Chief's Award Ceremony Dinner.
- Staff attended several Steering Committee meetings "HITTA" at the FDLE Headquarters.
- In December, the staff attended the MDCPCA event feeding the veterans and homeless.
- Officers and Staff members attended OJUS Elementary School in regards to the Police Appreciation Week and the "Youth Crime Watch" week.
- Staff attended the Miami-Dade County Chiefs Awards Dinner.
- Golden Beach police officers and staff members attended the annual LEO Gala at Jungle Island in Miami.
- The police department conducted two departmental-wide vehicle and uniform inspections.
- Several U.S. residents were sworn-in as U.S Citizens at the Beach Pavilion by the U.S. Department
- The Golden Beach Police Department participated in the National Night Out.





## **Equipment**

• Using L.E.T.F., the department purchased one Polaris Ranger to patrol the beach, and an Incident Mobil Command Vehicle.

### **Services**

- Child Seat installation
- Basic Marine Inspections for boat owners
- Home Security Survey
- Off-Duty Officer service for special event/security.
- Vehicle VIN Verification Service
- Yearly Driver's license/ID Renew service
- Yearly Basic Boating Course
- Community Oriented Outreach
- Finger Printing potential employees
- Funeral Escorts with police motorcycles



# **Significant Statistics**

Patrol Categories	F/Y 2016	<u>F/Y 2017</u>	<u>% Change +/-</u>
Calls for Service	1465	1292	-11.8%
Accident Reports	38	39	3%
Incident Reports	115	106	-7.8%
Resident/Citizen Contacts	15,587	18,233	16.9%
Watch Orders	16,550	16,283	-1.6%
Field Subject Interviews	106	76	-28.3%
Traffic Citations	2432	1275	-47.5%
Traffic Warnings	972	1784	3.5%
Traffic Arrests	224	102	-54.4%
Misdemeanor Arrests	31	9	-70.9%
Felony Arrests	4	5	25%

\*Note: The K-9 Officer was out for six months on training.

Marine Patrol	F/Y 2016	F/Y 2017	% Change +/-
Resident/Public Assistance Contacts	807	847	4.9%
Citations	184	152	-17.3%
Warnings	846	997	17.8%

Code Compliance	F/Y 2016	F/Y 2017	% Change +/-
Code Citations	299	147	-103%
Code Warnings	71	35	-51%

Investigations Unit	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	% Change +/-
Cases Assigned	22	28	27%
Cases Cleared	9	13	44%

Note: Three Internal Affairs cases were generated or reported during Fiscal Year 2016.

Monies Received	<u>F/Y 2017</u>	
South Florida Money Laundering Task Force	\$44,466.97	
D.E.A. Task Force	\$59,142.30	
Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S.)	\$102,498.90	

Note: There are significant pending revenues (pending DAGS) from the D.E.A, IRS and South Florida Money Laundry Task Force to be received by the Town.