





2023
CRIME REDUCTION FACTORS
CITY OF SARASOTA



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NOTEWORTHY STATS

- First time since 1967 no recorded Homicides in City of Sarasota
- Part-1 Crimes decreased by 16.2% (largest decrease since 1999)



BY THE NUMBERS

PART 1 CRIMES

Crime Type	2022	2023	% Change
Murder	7	0	-100.0%
Rape/Forcible Sex Crime	25	28	12.0%
Robbery	75	75	0.0%
Aggravated Assault	257	243	-5.4%
Burglary	231	146	-36.8%
Larceny	1,327	1,129	-14.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	183	144	-21.3%
Total Index Offenses	2,105	1,765	-16.2%





PATROL DIVISION

CRIME REDUCTION FACTORS

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PATROL DIVISION

	2022	2023	% Increase
Physical Arrests	2,383	2,733	14.7%
Total Charges	3,437	3,957	15.1%
Summons	530	816	53.9%
Felony Arrest Charges	1,145	1,406	22.8%
Drug Charges	449	1,048	133.4%
Firearms Seized	268	310	15.6%
Warrant Arrest Charges	975	1,097	12.5%



THE CULTURE

- Police Officers – positive culture from the start
- Staffing increase
- Motivation creates proactivity
- Hiring Law Enforcement Officers with prior experience
- Proactive/motivated Sergeants continued training to newer officers during shifts (Officer Safety)





THE CULTURE

- Morale up, feeling of family, creating a positive culture equates to a strong work ethic
- Transparency with Focus Group, meeting with IUPA Reps, internal “Suggestion Box”
- Customer service-based policing, concierge service





THE MISSION

SERVICE

PROFESSIONALISM

DEDICATION



THE MISSION

- Policing with Expectations
- Two Officer Vehicles
- Advanced Investigative Technologies
- Body Worn Cameras
- Directed Patrols / Hot Spots
- Creation of Field Training Officer Sergeants
- Extra Duty Details
- Police Marked Tahoe's
- Traffic/Marine Unit
- Homeless Outreach Team



COMMUNITY POLICING



- Creation of Community Relations Unit (CRU)
- Community Response Team (CRT)



COMMUNITY POLICING



- Hired Volunteer Coordinator
- Youth Empowerment Services Program (Y.E.S.)
- Kids and Officers Promoting Solidarity (K.O.P.S.)





PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Formal Investigations: 3

75% reduction from 12 formal investigations in 2022

Informal Investigations: 52

15% decrease from 61 in 2022

Investigative Inquiries: 78

111% increase from 37 in 2022

Total Investigations: 133

+21% from 2022



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Police Complaint Committee (PCC)

Monthly review of closed investigations with PCC.

I.A. Kiosk

To further internal transparency, closed investigations are uploaded to a kiosk terminal in the Patrol Division's shift briefing room.

The goal of sharing these documents is for officers to develop a deeper understanding of agency expectations and accountability, as well as limit the distribution of false information.



TRAINING ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- Successfully provided (2) 10-week Agency Specific Trainings (AST) for 28 recruit officers
- Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE)
- The establishment of the Peer Support Team and PowerLine - major change agents to providing resources to officers who may be in need of assistance





FORCE USED BY OFFICERS

During 2023, Sarasota Police Department officers used force during **197** incidents to achieve lawful objectives. This is a **reduction of 13.2%** from 2022 (227).

The reduction in the need to utilize force is in stark contrast to the increase in arrest encounters in 2023 compared to 2022.

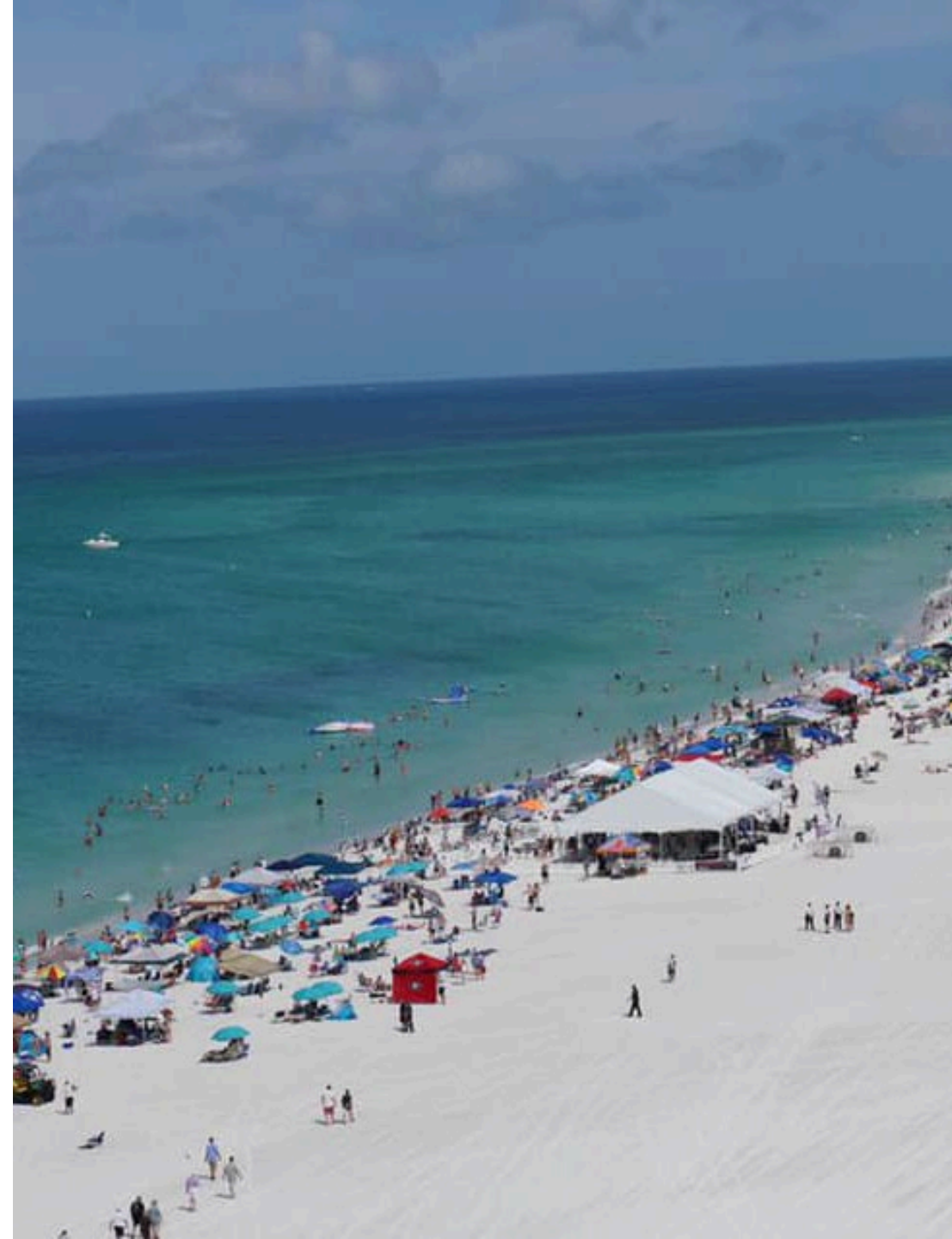
Arrest encounters, excluding Marchman and Baker Act encounters, **rose 14.7%** in 2023 (2,383 to 2,733).



FORCE USED BY OFFICERS

The ability of SPD officers to achieve lawful objectives with a sharp decline in the need to utilize force highlights the competency of our personnel as well as the quality of our training programs, such as:

- Gracie Survival Tactics/Defensive Tactics (87 hours in AST)
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Mental Health First Aid
- ABLE Program
- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Program provided by Sarasota Police Foundation





CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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Operation Armistice

Arrests	99
Felony Charges	193
Misdemeanor Charges	46
Seized Firearms	20
Seized Narcotics	5.63 lbs
Traffic Citations	61
Criminal Summons	32

April - August 2023





BY THE NUMBERS

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

NIBN ROOM

93 Firearms Test Fired at SPD
147 Entries into BrassTrax
82 NIBN Hits

DONE WITH A GUN

50 Firearms Received



ARRESTS, CONVICTIONS, SENTENCING OF VIOLENT FELONS

In 2022 at least one dozen violent felons were convicted and sentenced to lengthy prison sentences up to life with out parole.

Notable cases:

Johnny Evans (Murder) 35 years

Tydarian Moore (Murder) life w/o parole

Darion Lee (Murder) sentencing TBD

Howard "China" Smith (Murder) TBD

James Smith (Attempted Murder) TBD

Brennan Wakey (Murder) TBD

Linvall Cohoone (2 counts of Attempted Murder) life w/o parole

John Martin Smith (Sexual Battery on a Child) life w/o parole



PARTNERSHIPS W/ FEDERAL AGENCIES



DEA



FBI



DHS



U.S. Secret Service



U.S. Marshals Service





SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

EXTRA DUTY AND SPECIAL EVENTS





BY THE NUMBERS

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

During 2023, a total of **2,459 extra-duty details** were undertaken with **9,197 hours** of extra coverage provided.

This significant effort was powered by a team of **82 officers**.

These numbers do not include City Commission, Planning Board and Van Wezel details which are all city events.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS



Additional duty details officers can volunteer for:

- Traffic
- Downtown Corridor
- Homeless Outreach
- Shift Change Coverage



SPECIAL EVENTS

Events officers were reassigned to for City Co-sponsored events or Public Safety:

- New Year's Eve/
Fireworks on the Bay
- MLK Walk
- St. Patrick's Day
- County Fair Reassignments
- Spring Parade/Events
- Juneteenth
- Memorial Day Parade
- July 4th Fireworks
- P1 Boat Races
- The Bay Event
- Veterans Day Parade
- St. Armand's Tree Lighting
- Holiday Parade
- Boat Parade of Lights
- Fresh Fridays (6 events)



**WE ARE NOT
DONE . . .**

**THERE IS MORE
TO DO . . .**

