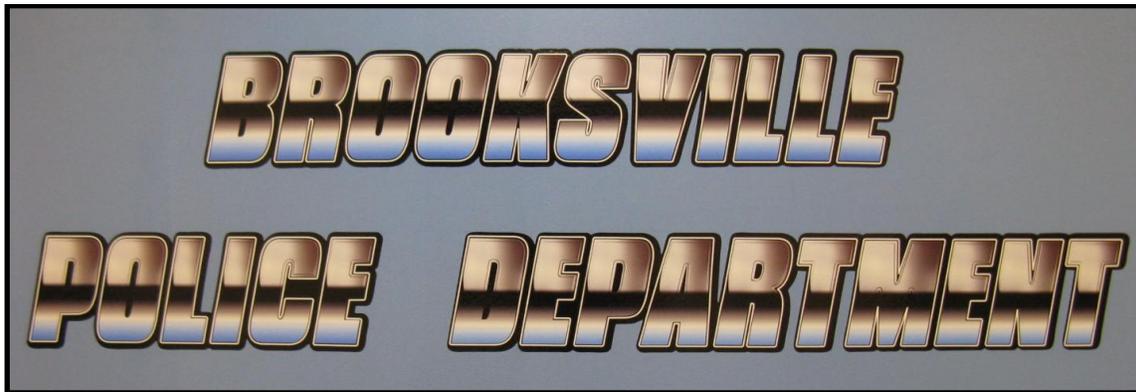


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George B. Turner
Chief of Police



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The 2015 Annual Report represents the collective efforts of each member of the Brooksville Police Department. This is our attempt to describe to those who may not know us well, the tasks accomplished by the department in the service of the citizens. Our success in providing that service in a competent, professional manner is directly related to the steadfast support provided to us by City Manager T. Jennene Norman-Vacha and the dedicated members of the Brooksville City Council; Mayor Natalie Kahler, Vice Mayor Robert Battista, Council Members Frankie Burnett, Betty Erhard and William Kemerer.

Chief of Police



George Brian Turner was appointed as the City of Brooksville Police Chief on September 25, 2007. Chief Turner started his law enforcement career in the State of New York in 1976, retiring in January 2001

after 25 years of service. He served in various sworn positions in the State of New York to include Police Search & Rescue Scuba Diver, Hudson River Boat Patrol Officer & Supervisor, Jail Deputy, Patrol Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, Station Commander, Lieutenant, Captain and Deputy Police Chief. Chief Turner also served in the civilian arm of the United States Air Force, Civil Air Patrol as a 1st Lieutenant assigned as a fixed wing aircraft pilot. Upon retirement from New York State law enforcement, Chief Turner was hired as a

Police Captain by the Longboat Key Police Department, FL., a position he held until his appointment as the Chief of Police for the City of Brooksville Police Department. The Chief earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the State University of New York, Empire State College, Saratoga Springs, New York. He is a graduate of the

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193rd session of the F.B.I. National Academy, in Quantico, Virginia. Chief Turner is a member of the Florida Police Chief's Association's Legislative Committee, member of and past Vice-President of the Tampa Bay Area Police Chief's Association, and an Advisory Board member for the State of Florida Region 6, Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund Committee. The Chief is a Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. In January 2015 Chief Turner was appointed a Commissioner on the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission by Governor Rick Scott. His Commission appointment expires July 01, 2019.

Message from the Chief of Police

To our Citizens and visitors we proudly serve,

2015 was another successful year for the Brooksville Police Department, a year in which BPD handled 25,440 calls for service.

The Police Department continues to maintain our "Commitment to Excellence" by strictly following the State of Florida Accreditation Standards that are in place for all professional law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida.

We have maintained our nationally recognized high clearance rate for all investigated crimes, and we look forward to continuing that achievement in 2016 and years beyond.

The BPD initiated a FACEBOOK page (CITY OF BROOKSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT) in 2015. We post all our Press Releases of arrests, closed major investigations and many other articles and pictures we think/hope our citizens would find interesting. We encourage all to "like us on Facebook."

We look to our future. In 2017 the Brooksville Police Department will again prove our worth before the full Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. This three year evaluation process will begin sometime in late 2016 or early 2017 with a Mock Accreditation Review. After passing that review, we will be scheduled for the Formal Accreditation Review on or about April of 2017, and are confident we will be awarded Re-Accreditation in June of 2017, through June of 2020.

The Brooksville Police Department makes this guarantee to all: The men and women of the Brooksville Police Department will continue to strive for excellence in law enforcement, remain committed to professionalism, and continue to provide protection and service to all City residents and visitors.

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Reaccreditation

Florida Accreditation



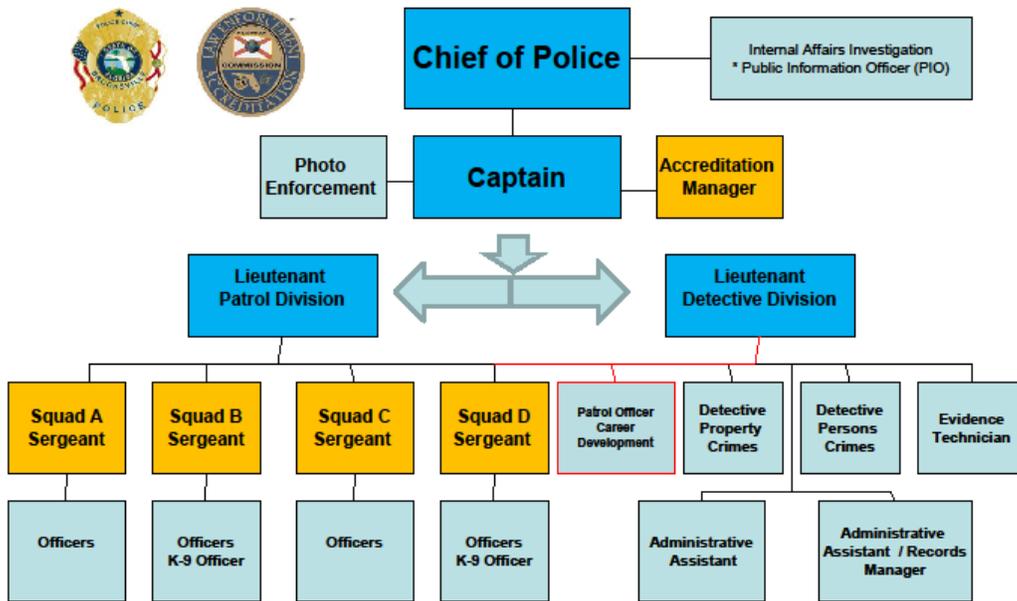
The Brooksville Police Department attained initial accreditation through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) on June 30, 2011 and its' first reaccreditation on June 24, 2014.

Recognizing that accreditation is a journey, not a destination, the department continues a pursuit of excellence as it strives for a second reaccreditation in 2017.

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Organizational Structure

BROOKSVILLE POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Date: February 22, 2016

By: George B. Turner, Chief of Police

Police Calls for Service 2014 – 2015

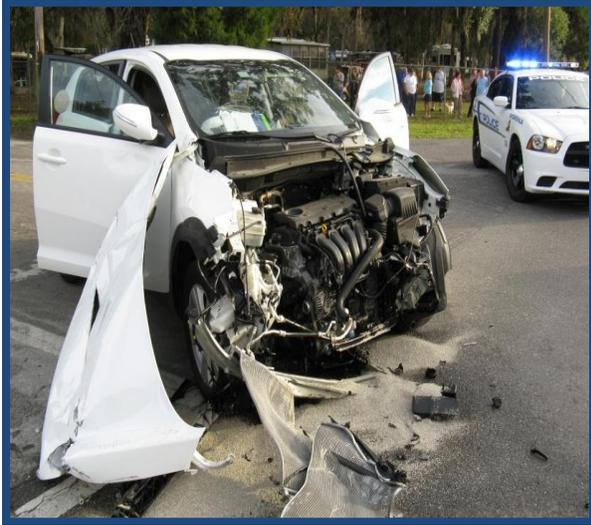
<u>Event</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014 to 2015</u>
Calls for service	31,981	25,495	- 20%
• Actual calls for public	9,609	9,890	+ 3%
• Self initiated activity	22,372	15,604	- 30%
Ratio: calls vs. self initiated activity	1 to 2.3	1 to 1.5	- 32%
Police reports	1,909	1,810	- 1%
• Felony reports	324	347	+ 1%
• Misdemeanor reports	655	633	> 1%
• Traffic crashes	370	335	- 1%
• Non-criminal reports	560	567	> 1%

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<u>Event</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014 to 2015</u>
Death investigations	15	19	+ 27%
Robberies	8	10	+ 25%
Burglaries	108	102	- 1%
Thefts	245	215	- 12%
• WalMart incidents	193	142	- 26%
Traffic citations	2,162	2,702	+ 30%
• Traffic warnings (written)	1,417	1,373	- 1%
• Ratio: citations to warnings	1.5 to 1	2 to 1	+ 33%
Domestic incidents	32	27	- 16%
Arrests (excludes multiple charges)	596	534	- 10%
• Ratio: total calls to arrests	54 to 1	48 to 1	- 1%



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Goals and Objectives

The greater the understanding of what the department hopes to accomplish, the greater will be the chances for success. It is important that all members of our organization be apprised of department goals and objectives and how these goals and objectives will be accomplished.

It is the policy of the Brooksville Police Department that during the month of January the Chief will call a meeting of all staff supervisors to discuss and set the coming years' goals and objectives. A written report will be made containing these goals and objectives and will be provided to the members.

The Chief of Police, with the concurrence of the City Manager, has identified the four (4) most important objectives for the Brooksville Police Department for the period 2014 through 2017 as follows:

Strategic Plan for 2014-2017

- (1) Continued enrollment in the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation program with the ultimate goal of achieving a second reaccreditation in June 2017.
- (2) Continued revision and review of department policies and procedures in accordance with applicable Florida law and accreditation standards.
- (3) Continue to review and when needed upgrade equipment to provide a safe and efficient environment for all employees in the furtherance of our duties.
- (4) Initiation of a professional development program whereby patrol officers are temporarily assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division for periods of at least three months for cross training. Such an upward mobility initiative will enable career development opportunities, expand patrol officer skills and ultimately improve the level of service provided to the citizens of the City of Brooksville.

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Crime Statistics

Uniform Crime Reports and Clearance Rates

Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) track the following offenses:

- murder,
- manslaughter,
- forcible rape,
- aggravated assault,
- burglary,
- larceny-theft and
- vehicle theft.

UCR offenses generally decreased in January through June of 2015 as follows; FDLE statistics are not available for the entire year as of this publication.

Brooksville Police Department	decreased 16.2%
Hernando County Sheriff Office	decreased 4.4%
Citrus County Sheriff Office	decreased 18.9%
Pasco County Sheriff Office	increased 4.8%
Florida (statewide)	decreased 2.2%

In criminal justice, the term “clearance rate” refers to the ratio of reported cases to cleared cases. “Cleared” means one of several things:

- cleared; warrant issued (police know who did it, court issues warrant)
- cleared by arrest
- cleared by death of offender (you see this in a murder/suicide, police know who did it, but the offender is dead)
- cleared by exception (case may not be solved, but there will be no further work done on the case because :
 - prosecutor declines to accept case
 - no victim/witness cooperation (victim refuses to be interviewed, give statement or assist in prosecution)
 - inactive (which means all investigative leads have been followed, but nobody knows who did it or can identify the suspect. Can be re-opened if further leads or information is developed)

The January through June 2015 **clearance rate** for UCR offenses is as follows; FDLE statistics are not available for the entire year as of this publication.

	<u>Jan – Jun</u>	<u>Entire calendar year 2015</u>
Florida	25.8%	Not available at publication
Brooksville Police Department	40.0%	43.0%
Hernando County Sheriff Office	35.9%	Not available at publication
Citrus County Sheriff Office	34.6%	Not available at publication
Pasco County Sheriff Office	32.3%	Not available at publication

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Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Statistics

Proportion of Reported Crime in Florida by Type (most current data)

2014 Offense	Number	% of Total	2013 Offense	Number	% of Total
Murder	981	0.1	Murder	971	0.1
Forcible Sex Offenses	10,236	1.5	Forcible Sex Offenses	9,861	1.4
Robbery	21,576	3.2	Robbery	23,176	3.3
Aggravated Assault	58,272	8.7	Aggravated Assault	57,704	8.3
Violent Crime	91,065	13.5	Violent Crime	91,712	13.1
Burglary	120,963	18.0	Burglary	138,668	19.8
Larceny/Theft	424,999	63.1	Larceny/Theft	433,367	62.0
Motor Vehicle Theft	36,111	5.4	Motor Vehicle Theft	34,867	5.0
Property Crime	582,073	86.5	Property Crime	606,902	86.9
Total Index Crime	673,138	100.0	Total Index Crime	698,614	100.0

Car Accident Responsibilities

The Florida Legislature modified Florida State Statute 316.006, effective July 1, 2012 to expand the circumstances whereby a traffic crash report would be required.

In July 2012, the Brooksville Police Department published new written guidelines pursuant to the new law which required that every traffic crash would generate a case number and a completed report. Full detailed reports, referred by the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) as long form traffic crash reports must be completed in the following circumstances:

- Crashes involving death, injury or complaints of pain or discomfort
- Crashes involving property damage or driving under the influence (DUI)
- Crashes rendering a vehicle inoperable and requiring a wrecker to remove the vehicle from the scene
- Crashed involving a commercial motor vehicle

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Photo left: Tragically, both elderly occupants of this vehicle died as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash on March 13, 2015.

The Florida DMV has provided the following information for citizens involved in a traffic accident.

What to Do in a Florida Car Accident

Florida has close to 250,000 vehicle crashes every year. Accidents happen, so it is a good idea to know what the law requires of you if you are involved in a motor vehicle crash. First and foremost you must stop. If there is injury, you are required to call for help. In addition you must give your name, address, and vehicle registration number to others involved in the accident.

Don't Leave the Scene

If you leave the scene of an accident that involves injuries without providing your information you are subject to arrest, and your license may be revoked.

Report the Traffic Accident

Any car accident that involves injuries or property damage over \$500 must be reported. In these situations you should call the local police department, the county Sheriff's office, or the Florida Highway Patrol.

Don't Block Traffic

If traffic is being blocked by your car you must move it. If you can't move it yourself, you are required to get help or call a tow truck. Your car should never block traffic in any situation.

Ticket and Traffic Court

Many accidents are caused by a driver that broke traffic laws. If that is the case then an investigating officer will file charges against the offending driver. If you are charged in a traffic accident you will have the opportunity to explain what happened in court. Then the traffic court will decide what the penalty is. In many cases you will be required to complete a Traffic Collision Avoidance Course (TCAC).

Traffic Collision Avoidance Course

A TCAC course is a Florida traffic school course designed to remind drivers of safe driving techniques. It can be completed online, in a classroom, or with a video. When you complete your TCAC course you will receive a certificate from the course provider that you must deliver to the court. The Florida Drivers Association offers a TCAC traffic course online and on video. If you would prefer to attend a classroom then look in your local yellow pages under driving instruction.

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Auto Accidents with an Unattended Vehicle

If you hit a car, truck or other vehicle that is parked with no one it you must inform the owner. Leave a note with your name, address, and license plate and report the accident to local police, sheriff, or Florida Highway Patrol.

Support for City Activities

During the course of the year, members of the Brooksville Police Department provided law enforcement support for the following City of Brooksville activities:

- Parking Enforcement at Courthouse January 16
- Dr. Martin Luther King Day Parade January 19
- No More Taken 5K Run February 7
- FDLE Compliance Audit February 9
- Cloverleaf Appreciation Breakfast February 21
- Brooksville Library 5K Run February 28
- Hernando County Homeschooling Co-op March 17
- Movie on Main Street March 20
- Brooksville Cycling Classic (bicycle race) April 4
- Lauren's Walk (benefit for battered and abused women) April 7
- Brooksville Blueberry Festival April 11 & 12



- City Hall Open House April 23
- Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run April 24
- Nature Coast High School annual visit & tour May 1
- APACK (American People Against Cop Killers) Benefit Ride (for families of LEO/Fire injured or killed) May 16
- Brooksville Boys & Girls Club School Event May 28
- Brotherhood Benefit Bicycle Ride June 8
- Confederate Flag Burning Protest (at courthouse) June 27
- Fireworks display and Crash Derby July 4
- Little Wings of Prayer Visit to the Police Department July 9

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiwanis Parks and Recreation Cookout • Elementary school visit and walk through • Backpack Give-a-Way • Hernando Health Department 5K Run – Walk • Bring Your Dad to School • Community & Schools Harvest Festival • Hilltop Bar Benefit Ride | <p>July 11</p> <p>July 29</p> <p>August 8</p> <p>September 26</p> <p>September 30</p> <p>October 3</p> <p>October 4</p> |
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Photo left: Officer Christopher Stockton patrols the annual Brooksville Blueberry Festival on April 11.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hernando High School Homecoming Fireworks • Hernando High School Homecoming Parade • Masquerade Madness Fun Run • Florida City Government Week Open House • Youth & Family Color Run • Hernando Music Festival • Veteran's Day Parade • Brooksville Women's Club Arts Fair • Brooksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade • Police and Kids Foundation | <p>October 7</p> <p>October 9</p> <p>October 17</p> <p>October 19-23</p> <p>October 24</p> <p>November 7</p> <p>November 14</p> <p>December 12</p> <p>December 12</p> <p>December 23</p> |
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Pictured left: On January 17, Sergeant Jason Matheson gave a presentation to the Hernando County Homeschooling Co-Op. He spoke to two age groups of children about careers in law enforcement and safety issues.

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Picture left: Think sitting in a real police car is really cool fun? Ask this young lady who got that opportunity at the Kiwanis Parks and Recreation Cookout on July 11.



In December, the Brooksville Police Department started a Facebook page. This was done as part of a larger initiative to have more personal connection to the citizens we serve and to keep them informed about their City and the police department. Such an effort is critical to establishing and maintaining a sound relationship with our citizens. The department will upload all our normal press releases, as well as police department and city news. Additionally, we will be posting helpful information, contacts and events to our page. If you have a personal Facebook Page, please like us by logging in and typing City of Brooksville Police Department.

Police Training

The training program of the Brooksville Police Department was recognized as exemplary in the May 2014 Final Assessment Report to the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. An important responsibility for all police agencies is to provide police officers and support staff with the necessary training and tools to complete their assigned duties and responsibilities effectively, efficiently, safely and within best practice standards of our profession. Department members received 3,350 hours of training during the year as follows:

- **45th Annual Police and Firefighters Pension Conference**
 - **Active Shooter**
- **Advanced Cold Case Missing Children Investigations**
 - **Advanced Report Writing**
 - **ASP Recertification**
 - **ATF Identifying Weapons**
 - **Bath Salts and Synthetic Drugs**
 - **Canine Training**
 - **Case Preparation & Court Presentation**
 - **CF Assessment Training Meeting**
- **City of Brooksville Discriminatory Training**
 - **Civil Citations**
 - **CJIS Awareness**
 - **CJIS Regional Workshop**
- **Courtroom Testimony and Preparation**
 - **Death Notification**
 - **DHSMV Crash Training**
 - **Diabetic Emergencies**
 - **Discriminating Profiling**
- **DJJ 5th Judicial Circuit Meeting**
 - **DMS User Group Seminar**

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- Domestic Violence
- E Agent / CJIS Audit Training
- FBI Leadership Academy Executive Seminar
- FBI NAA Conference (Chief and Captain)
- FCIC Limited Access Recertification
- FCJEI Property Repossession Processes
 - FEMA Surveillance Awareness
 - Field Training Officer
- Firearms Qualification and Gun Drills
- Florida Internal Affairs Training Conference
- Florida Police Accreditation Conference
- Florida Police Chiefs Association Summer Conference
 - Forensic Seminar
- FPCA 2015 Summer Conference (Chief and Captain)
 - FPCA Mid-Winter Conference
 - FTO Refresher Training
- Hernando Emergency Operations Center Exercise
 - Hernando Leadership
 - HIV / Exposure Control
 - Hobble Training
- Information Security for Everyone
 - Interview & Interrogations
- Introduction to Active Shooter
 - Juvenile Sex Offender
- Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Leadership Hernando
 - Middle Management
- Modified Red Light Camera Program
- NCBRT Site Protection Through Observational Techniques
 - New Officer Orientation
 - OC Recertification
- Off Duty Firearm Qualification
- Photographic Line-ups
- PPE Donning and Doffing
 - SAO Law Day
 - SAR Review Seminar
 - Social Media Liability
 - Stop Stick
 - Stress Management
- Supervisory Roundtable
- Surveillance Operation Course
- Tampa Financial Conference
- Targeting Investment Fraud
- TASER (officer) Recertification
 - Taser Instructor Course
- TASER Instructor Recertification
 - Use of Force

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Police Activities



Above left: Members of the Little Wings of Pray and their chaperones visited the department. Part of their tour included an explanation of a patrol officer's duties and equipment as demonstrated by Officer Blackman, pictured with the group.



Above right: Officer Arnold Davis attended a "Bring Your Dad to School" event with a young boy who had no father. The look on the child's face says it all.



Above left: Brooksville police officers provided for the security and protection of First Amendment rights at a June confederate flag burning protest in downtown Brooksville.



Above right: On December 13 at approximately 1200 hours, while on post at Broad Street and South Brooksville Avenue during the annual Christmas parade, Detective Tracey Schofield heard someone yell "Is he breathing?", then a reply "No". Detective Schofield then turned and observed a male subject holding a toddler and female trying to remove something from the child's mouth. Detective Schofield then rushed over, took the child from the parents, laid him across his forearm and administered four forceful blows to the child's back (the proper Heimlich maneuver for a toddler) which dislodged a piece of candy that was preventing the child from breathing. The child then began breathing on his own and the parents declined to seek additional medical attention for the child who appeared to have suffered no injuries. Because Detective Schofield realized that the child's parents were ill prepared to handle this choking situation and his immediate response based on his training, it is believed that he saved this child from long term medical issues or death.