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JACKSONVILLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
Gene Paul N. Smith, Chief of Police

July 2023



Greetings,

Daniel Scott Turpin was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant. He was previously assigned to Downtown CAPE, and is now the leader of a patrol squad on Evening Watch. See Facebook Post for photos.

City leaders attended a hurricane exercise at the Casa Marina (See Facebook Post).

Department members attended the last Active Shooter training day for this year. They also attended training for the use of Narcan for overdose victims. Every officer now carries a dose and is trained in its use (See Facebook Post).

July 4th events were held successfully, and there were no incidents. Crowd size was moderate again this year.

We will be beginning class 49 of the Citizen Police Academy on August 24. We are still taking applications (See Facebook Post).

The department will be distributing back-to-school safety tips regarding traffic safety via social media this week and next week.

We currently have five officer vacancies and three dispatch vacancies. There are now four part-time officers, and they are doing a great job helping us out with shift coverages.

The Jacksonville Beach Police Department was notified by the Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Program and the Florida Department of Transportation that we placed 1st based on our agency's size category in the Florida Law Enforcement Liaison Traffic Safety Challenge. We competed against 38 other agencies! We were recognized in an awards ceremony on Friday, July 28, in Orlando, Florida. This challenge recognized our efforts in developing and implementing a comprehensive traffic safety program that may make a significant and positive impact in our community by reducing traffic-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities. We accomplished this despite the temporary reassignment of traffic officers to patrol duties because of staffing shortages due to retirements. All of our officers have embraced traffic enforcement/safety as evidenced by this award. We sent five of our top performers to accept the award on the department's behalf (See Facebook Post). Traffic safety will always remain a priority for this agency!

I attached two interesting articles I would like you to read to show how truly busy we are each year. Both national stories, one in 2007 and one last week (2023) rating Jacksonville Beach as NUMBER 1 in the US for visitors.

<https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/florida-california-popular-vacations-america-book-right-now>

<https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/local/2011/08/06/daily-beast-lists-jacksonville-beach-most-popular-beach-us/15894172007/>


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