



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome to the first edition of the Orlando Police Department

Newsletter. Since I took office, I have made it a priority that our department increases ties with our community not only in person but through our various communication platforms. You'll see in this newsletter, the great work our officers and staff are doing to keep Orlando safe while also learning some crime prevention tips, career opportunities, and more. I hope you enjoy the newsletter!

Chief Eric D. Smith

OPD STATS



VIOLENT CRIME

10% decrease



CRIME GUN SEIZURES

36% increase

Total seizures for the year is **1310**



SHOOTING STATS

30% decrease



HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATE

84%

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ON THE BEAT



NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL UNIT

Our NPU unit focuses its efforts on reducing crime by building trust with the community partners through proactive engagement, problem solving, and adaptive responses to crime trends.

PATROL HIGHLIGHT NORTH DIVISION

Members of the Bravo Bravo Midnight squad have been working diligently to combat criminal activity in their assigned area. The officers utilize the crime center cameras and analysts, unmarked vehicles, foot patrol, and squad teamwork to identify criminal activity and arrest those involved.

- Calls for Service: **5722**
- Arrests: **181**
- Gun Seizures: **22**
- Traffic Contacts: **1499**
- Suspicious Persons: **415**
- Reports: **451**

The officers strive, each day, to provide safe and livable neighborhoods for the community, by responding promptly to and fully investigating calls for service and conducting proactive police work throughout their sector. The members of Bravo Bravo Midnights continuously prove they are focused on the mission and have a desire to improve each day.



CSI PHOTO: BLOOD STAIN SPATTER TRAINING



To help detectives solve crimes, our crime center investigators stay up to date on the newest forensics methods. Recently, a Bloodstain Pattern Analysis workshop was conducted for the CSIs of OPD. This course was created to assist individuals working in the forensics industry in comprehending the features of bloodstain patterns that can show whether a crime was committed. The main character of the television series "Dexter" performed this kind of work by analyzing blood traces to assist solve crimes.



COLD CASE:

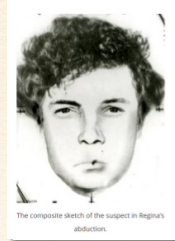
REGINA MAE

On June 18, 1985, at approximately 4:30 in the afternoon, Donna Armstrong, the victim's mother, returned to Semoran Terrace Apartments to pick up her two (2) daughters, Christina and Regina from the babysitter's apartment.



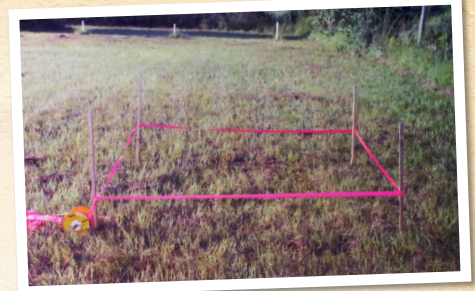
Christina told her mother they were approached by a strange man who tried to start a conversation with them, but he left after a few minutes and the children continued playing. The man returned around 3:00 pm, and this time he convinced 6-year-old Regina Mae to take a walk with him. Regina Mae never returned.

The suspect is a man in his 40s, who wore a plaid shirt and old blue jeans. He had a cut on his lip and stubble on his face.



On September 10, 1987, Regina Mae Armstrong's remains were located by the Oviedo Police Department.

The key to solving this case is finding someone with additional information. Anyone with knowledge regarding this cold case murder is urged to contact the Orlando Police Cold Case Unit at 407-246-2979 or Central Florida Crimeline at 1-800-426-8477.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

It's easy to start a Neighborhood Watch Group. Reach out to the Orlando Police Department Community Relations Unit at 407.246.2461 to get started.

A neighborhood watch can be established by the community coming together. As an established organization, your neighborhood association could collaborate with local residents to establish a neighborhood watch program.



BECOME AN ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER

Are you interested in volunteering with the Orlando Police Department? You can earn credit for college, explore law enforcement careers and give back to the community.

- Help with Special Events
- Follow up on criminal cases, such as Homicide
- Assist in our Special Victims Unit

Welcome Student Interns Fall 2023

 Gabe Carr University of Central Florida Criminal Justice Investigation 2023	 Isiah McLaughlin University of Central Florida Criminal Justice Investigation 2023	 Estuary Bennett University of Central Florida Criminal Justice Investigation 2023
 Dionne Graham University of Central Florida Criminal Justice Investigation 2023	 Shelby St. Louis University of Central Florida Criminal Justice Investigation 2023	 Sahil Patel University of Central Florida Criminal Justice Investigation 2023
 Michelle Pinnas University of Central Florida Criminal Justice Investigation 2023	 Michelle Kozlowski University of Central Florida Criminal Justice Investigation 2023	 Michelle Vargas University of Central Florida Criminal Justice Investigation 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Chief's Community Meetings**

Chief's Community Meetings will be in Late March and April, please call the Community Relations Division for dates. 407.246.2461

- **Shred Event**

April 6 – Lake Nona Substation

- **Senior Safety Summit**

April-May – Various Locations

- **Teen Police and Fire Academy**

June 3 - June 13

- **Hispanic Safety Summit**

June 5 – Engelwood Neighborhood Center

- **Self Defense Classes**

June - October – Various locations

- **Business Safety Summit**

July 16 – Orlando Police Headquarters

- **Portuguese Speaking Citizen Police Academy**

August 22 - September 19 – Orlando Police Headquarters

For more information, please call the Community Relations Division at 407.246.2461

REPORT A NON VIOLENT CRIME

Do you want to report a non-violent crime? The Orlando Police Department offers you the ability to report non-violent and property crimes, such as a theft or vehicle break in, online. These reports are used to understand crime patterns in our city and to help reduce overall crime. Check your eligibility:

YOU CAN REPORT THE FOLLOWING CRIMES ONLINE

- Theft
- Vehicle break in
- Vandalism
- Harassing phone calls (with an unknown caller)
- Lost Property

Many Property crime cases yield no physical evidence or fingerprints. To ensure law enforcement resources are used efficiently for our community, officers do not go to your location to collect evidence or fingerprints if you report using this service.

GATHER YOUR INFORMATION

Collect as much information as possible about your stolen property. Model numbers, serial numbers or any other way to identify your property are helpful. Visit orlando.gov/crime for more details.

WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU

You will receive a tracking number immediately after your report. Once we review your report, if it's accepted you will receive a case number within two business days. You can give the case number to your insurance company for claims.

Contact us if you need to update your case.

If you have more information, call us at 407.246.2470.

ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT SUBSTATIONS AND CONTACT NUMBERS

International Drive Team Office

6731 South Kirkman Road
Orlando, Florida 32819
407.246.3727

Northeast Community Police Office

595 North Primrose Drive
Orlando, Florida 32803
407.246.4010

Northwest Community Police Office

2324 North Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, Florida 32804
407.219.5570

Orlando Police Department Headquarters

1250 West South Street
Orlando, Florida 32805
407.246.2470

Property & Evidence Facility

185 George DeSalvia Way
Orlando, Florida 32807
407.246.2445

Southeast Community Police Office (SECPO)

6207 Pershing Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32822
407.246.4141

Southwest Community Police Office

6440 Raleigh Street
Orlando, Florida 32835
407.246.2817

South Downtown Office

1814 Kuhl Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32806
407.246.3911

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Number: 321.235.5300



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