



# TOP WAYS WE ARE PUTTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN INTO ACTION

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## OVERVIEW

Guided by courage, knowledge, integrity and committed to superior service and community trust, ensuring safety through professionalism and transparency. Using a Stratified Model of Policing, its dedicated team actively partners with residents to prevent crime and enhance public safety. The department continuously refines its Strategic Plan, embracing innovation, cost efficiency and technology to meet evolving needs and uphold its reputation as one of America's safest cities.

## FY 26/27

## SAFE, CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

### Priority Project: Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Education

- Intersections & traffic corridors expanded under the Stratified Policing model to target intersections with the highest traffic safety concerns.
- Analysis included total crashes, angle collisions and high-risk incidents such as DUIs, pedestrian-involved crashes and fatalities.
- Each location is assigned to a regional lieutenant for accountability and follow-up, with weekly updates provided by regional captains.
- Enforcement strategies are tailored to the activity identified at each site, such as speeding, distracted driving or impaired driving.
- Collaborative efforts with City partners focus on addressing contributing factors like signage, signal timing, roadway design and visibility to support long-term solutions beyond enforcement. The project will determine through traffic crash analysis the locations and factors in the City which result in the highest concentration of traffic crashes resulting in death or serious bodily injury, and then develop a strategic multi-disciplinary strategy to reduce and/or eliminate serious traffic crashes.
- Improve and increase educational campaigns through social media, TV and print.
- Identify top locations of pedestrian and bicycle crashes through IPTM-FDOT grant (SW Gatlin Boulevard I-95 to SW Savage Boulevard), SW Savona Boulevard (from SW Melrose Avenue to SW Gatlin Boulevard), and SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard (from SW Trenton Lane to SE Aneci Street).
- Conduct enforcement using day and evening shift traffic officers at the top three identified intersections for traffic fatalities and/or incapacitating injuries: S. U.S. 1 and Lennard Road, S. U.S. 1 and SE Port St. Lucie Boulevard and finally SW Crosstown Parkway and Commerce Center Drive. These are the top three intersections with highest crashes: SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard / SW Bayshore Boulevard, S. U.S. 1 / SE Village Green Drive, Gatlin Boulevard & Port St. Lucie Boulevard.
- Conduct enforcement using day and evening shift traffic officers at the top three identified Tier 1 & Tier 2 intersections of pedestrian and bicycle crashes: SW Gatlin Boulevard I-95 to SW Savage Boulevard), SW Savona Boulevard (from SW Melrose Avenue to SW Gatlin Boulevard), and SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard (from SW Trenton Lane to SE Aneci Street).

## PERCENT CHANGES IN CRIME RATES (UCR & FIBRS)



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## Priority Project: Police Training Facility

- Current design approved for three-story structure.
- Projected completion is Spring 2026. The latest project completion date is March 23, 2026. This was extended with change order No. 3 which was approved on Jan. 13, 2024.
- Site plan approved. The most recent plan revisions by Engineer of Record were signed and sealed Nov. 7, 2024.
- Projected cost of Police Training Facility is \$28,358,653.08.
- Steel and decking 90% complete in the shooting range.
- Tilt walls were completed in May 2025.
- Force main and water main were connected in May 2025.
- Concrete floors are complete.
- Interior drywall is near competition.
- Building structure and ductwork are near completion.
- The project remains on schedule and within budget.
- Steel and decking complete for all three floors and multipurpose rooms.

## Priority Project: Police Recruitment & Retention

- The Port St. Lucie Police Department is committed to providing exceptional customer service in all interactions with our community. We believe the quality of our customer service is directly linked to our hiring process and the caliber of personnel we recruit. To uphold and enhance these standards, we continue to foster hiring practices designed to increase training opportunities from the moment an applicant is identified to the end of the hiring process. Primary focus for this success is identifying quality applicants that will succeed and meet the needs of the agencies mission and goals.
- The first Port St. Lucie Police Department-only Academy Class was sworn in Dec. 17, 2024. The second class started March 24, 2025, and graduates were sworn in Oct. 9, 2025. These classes will pave the way for the new District Six to be fully operational and staffed. The third Academy Class is underway with 23 cadets.

## Priority Project: Real-Time Public Safety Operations Center

- Scheduled to be operational by Summer 2026.
- Integration of Axon Fusus is in progress and will serve as a core platform.
- Acquisition of Peregrine, a comprehensive intelligence tool, is planned.
- The Drone as a First Responder (DFR) program has been acquired, featuring six air docks and citywide radar coverage. DFR will operate from the Real-Time Public Safety Center and enhance response times to priority calls.

- The Background Investigators were given additional salary adjustments, competitive with other agencies, to enhance the vital component of recruiting and retention within the department. Senior background and recruiting investigators are now being sent to polygraph school to help expedite and efficiently hire quality candidates.
- The Port St. Lucie Police Department is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism by providing exceptional personnel and services. Our mission is to ensure a safe, secure community and uphold the quality of life our citizens expect from a premier law enforcement agency.