

**LONGBOAT KEY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2024**



**FRANK RUBINO**  
INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



**FRANK RUBINO**  
CHIEF OF POLICE (INTERIM)

Welcome to the Longboat Key Police Department's 2024 Annual Police Report. The dedicated men and women of the Longboat Key Police Department demonstrate their commitment to the citizens of Longboat Key each day. Our department consists of 19 sworn officers, two part-time officers, and three civilians who are fully committed to the principles of community policing. In 2024, the Longboat Key Police Department received the distinguished honor of becoming an Accredited Agency recognized by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. The mission statement of the Longboat Key Police Department emphasizes the agency's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Longboat Key residents through collaboration with the community and the provision of exceptional services. We are devoted to reducing crime and building strong relationships within our community, ensuring that Longboat Key remains a premier place to live.

Interim Chief Frank Rubino





# POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

## VISION

Longboat Key is a beautiful place to live, work, and visit, where the natural assets of a barrier island combine with cultural and recreational amenities, visionary planning, and proactive leadership to enhance your way of life.

## MISSION

The mission of the Longboat Key Police Department is to safeguard life and property, preserve the peace, prevent and detect crime and enforce the law while protecting the rights of all citizens.

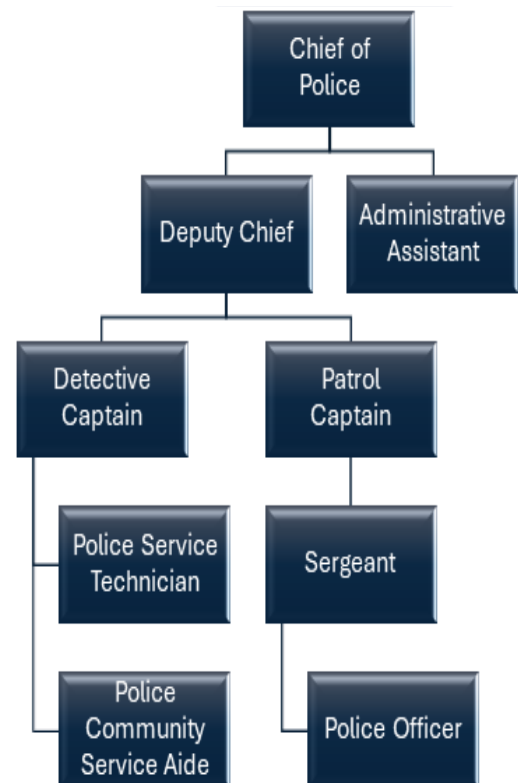
# ORGANIZATIONAL / OPERATIONAL CHART

The **Chief of Police** is the head of the department and is responsible for the direction, administration, command and discipline of the department. The Chief of Police reports directly to the Town Manager.

The **Deputy Chief** is a sworn officer and member of the command staff. The Deputy Chief is responsible for the departmental budget/purchase management, Internal Affairs Investigations, West Coast Inlet Navigation District (WCIND) funding/projects, grant construction/management and other administrative duties as assigned. The Deputy Chief is second in command of the department and reports directly to the Chief of Police.

The **Detective Captain** is a sworn officer and a member of the command staff with supervisory responsibility over property/evidence, detectives, Manatee County Task Force operations, civilian personnel and other administrative duties as assigned. The Detective Captain reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Police.

The **Patrol Captain** is a sworn officer and a member of the command staff with supervisory responsibility over the patrol division, accreditation, marine operations and other administrative duties as assigned. The Patrol Captain reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Police.



2024  
Annual Budget

**\$3,905,462**



Grants

**\$184,685.06**

# AGENCY ASSETS



**3**

**COMMAND  
STAFF**

**4**

**SERGEANTS**

**11**

**POLICE  
OFFICERS**

**2**

**PART-TIME  
POLICE  
OFFICERS**

**3**

**ADMIN  
STAFF**

Our Supervisors, Officers, and Staff are dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of Longboat Key. We actively engage with the community through various programs, interactions, and meetings. These initiatives are designed to build trust, enhance communication, and reinforce the Longboat Key Police Department's commitment to being a community-oriented police department.



# COMMAND STAFF



**Frank Rubino**  
Interim  
Chief of Police



**Robert Bourque**  
Detective Captain



**Richard Hankins**  
Patrol Captain

Police command staff are the people who manage the chain of command and supervision within a police department. This includes the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, and Captains.



# ADMIN STAFF



**Taylor McLELLAND**

## **Administrative Assistant**

The Administrative Assistant is a confidential civilian position who reports directly to the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police. Responsibilities include assisting with the department procurement and budget, accounting functions, administrative and clerical duties. In addition, the administrative assistant is responsible for the duties of LASO (Local Agency Security Officer) to ensure CJIS security compliance, assisting in CJIS audits, managing department training records and registering officers for specialized and advanced training opportunities.



**IVAN ZUNZ**

## **Community Service Specialist**

This non-sworn position reports to the CID Captain to accomplish clerical functions associated with the Police Administration. The Community Service Specialist also assists with assets, walk-in requests from residents, and non-criminal reports



**BROOKE GREEN**

## **Police Services Technician**

The Police Services Technician is a non-sworn position reporting to the CID Captain. The responsibilities include the receipt, accountability and disposition of criminal evidence and impounded, lost and abandoned property. In addition, the Police Services Technician is also responsible for providing supervision of police records. Primary duties include clerical review and updating of the Records Management System (RMS) database, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and compliance with state retention schedules.



A photograph of two white Ford SUVs parked on a sandy beach. The SUV on the left is marked with "POLICE" and "LONGBOAT KEY" in blue and gold lettering. The background shows a calm body of water, a distant shoreline with buildings, and a sunset sky with soft clouds. A dark blue rectangular box is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing the text "PATROL DIVISION" in white.

# PATROL DIVISION

## PATROL OPERATIONS

The Longboat Key Police Department's Patrol Division is led by Captain Richard Hankins and supervised by four patrol sergeants. The eleven officers assigned to this division, along with their sergeants, work four rotating 12-hour shifts. Officers conduct road, beach, and marine patrols utilizing the latest technology to help keep Longboat Key safe.

Patrol officers respond to all emergencies within the town and proactively deter and detect crime. Our officers investigate crimes that occur within Longboat Key, which includes gathering evidence, processing crime scenes, and interviewing witnesses, victims, and perpetrators.

In 2024, the Patrol Division spearheaded a new Community Policing initiative that included pre-storm education at over seventy business and residential locations throughout the town. Following this model, officers continued to visit locations in the recovery stages to assist residents and business owners with safely returning to the island.

# PATROL SUPERVISORS



**LEE SMITH**  
**SERGEANT**



**TOM PUCCIO**  
**SERGEANT**



**SEAN BUTLER**  
**SERGEANT**



**ADAM MONTFORT**  
**SERGEANT**

Sergeants are sworn members of the department and are supervisors of squads within the chain of command. The sergeant has direct supervision and control over the personnel in the sergeant's command. The Longboat Key Police Department is an organization with an assignment of responsibility and accountability throughout the rank structure. To the degree that a senior officer is responsible and accountable for the performance of his junior, he must be granted commensurate authority in order to properly discharge his supervisory responsibility. A sergeant is the first level of full-time supervision, and it is their primary responsibility to guide, train, and direct those over whom they have control.



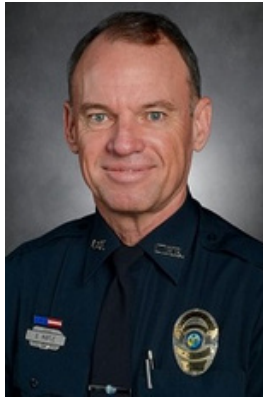
# POLICE OFFICERS



**D. NAZARENO**



**G. TILLMAN**



**S. MAPLE**



**T. BAUGHER**



**M. MATHIS**



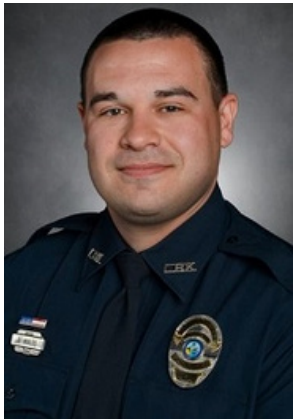
**D. TROYER**



**J. BARRETT**



**D. MARTINSON**



**B. MIKLOS**



**K. ERICSSON**



**J. RAMSAIER**



**G. PESCUMA**



**A. VAN DYKE**



# HURRICANE RESPONSE

In 2024, Longboat Key experienced an unprecedented hurricane season. The island suffered from catastrophic damage from three storm systems: Debby, Helene and Milton. Above are the first officers arriving after the storm.



## BROADWAY

Officers were able to conduct damage assessments from their department vehicles helping the recovery efforts.

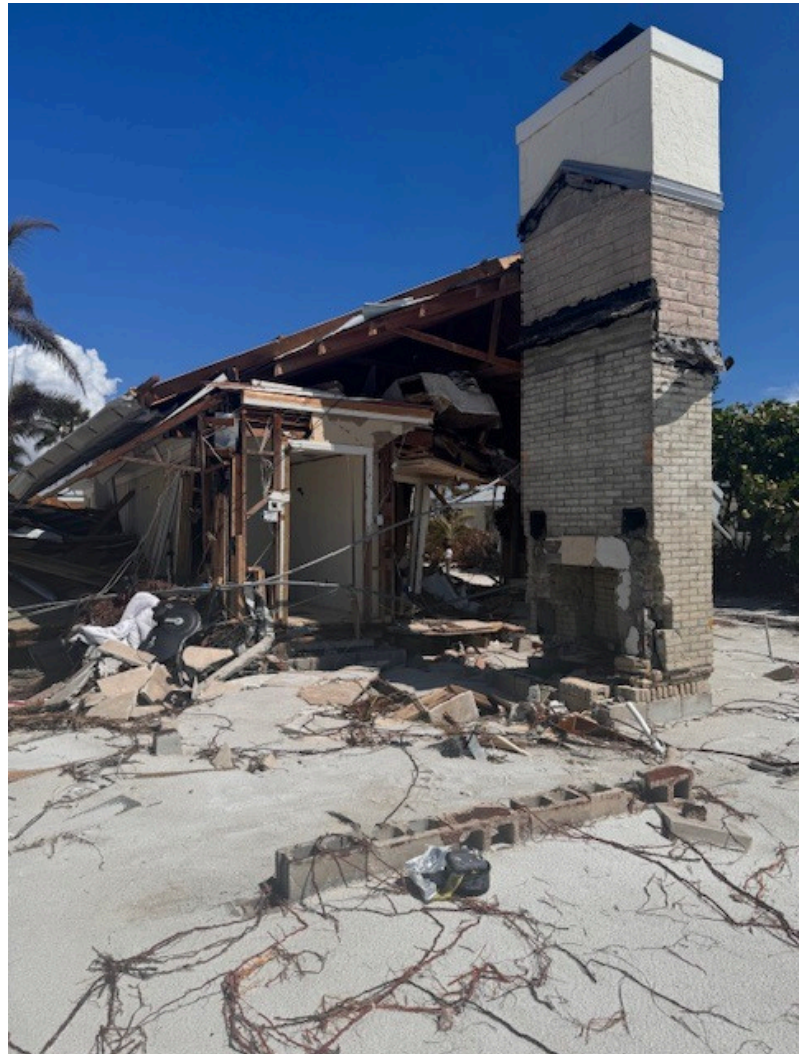


Gulf water overtaking the beach at the Beach Access on Gulfside Dr.

# HURRICANE RESPONSE



Broadway Police Vessel Access damaged during the storm.



# HURRICANE RESPONSE



LBKPD assisted in numerous rescue and recovery operations for stranded motorists and vessels.



North Shore Beach Access





The Longboat Key Police Department patrols approximately 12 miles of beach area along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

# BEACH PATROL

Sergeant Montfort patrolling the beaches on Greer Island.





The Longboat Key Police Department patrols approximately 11.92 sq miles of water along the Gulf of Mexico and Sarasota Bay.

# MARINE PATROL

Police Officer Ramsaier patrolling Jewfish Key.





Sergeant Montfort is the Marine Unit supervisor tasked with overseeing all training and vessel operation.

# MARINE PATROL

The "Yellowfin" is LBKPD's largest vessel.



# COMMUNITY POLICING



## HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM



The LBKPD Homeless Outreach Team assists people in need of shelter and referral services to the Salvation Army of Sarasota. Your officers provide information regarding town codes and ordinances first and encourage people in need of assistance to accept help. This assistance includes reuniting with family and providing a means to obtain shelter and food.

# COMMUNITY POLICING



The Longboat Key Police Department employs a proactive approach to law enforcement, prioritizing positive relationships between officers and the community. This strategy enhances neighborhood safety and well-being.

A key benefit of community policing is the trust it builds between residents and law enforcement. Open communication encourages cooperation, making residents more willing to collaborate when they feel valued.

Additionally, community policing focuses on addressing the root causes of crime. Officers work with residents to identify issues and develop solutions for challenges.

Increasing officer visibility through events and regular patrols also helps deter crime and fosters a sense of security among residents.

Community policing promotes trust, coactive problem-solving, and improved safety by involving the community in creating a safer environment.

## Hurricane Awareness and Response

In July and August 2024 there were over 70 Community Policing Visits to commercial locations throughout Longboat Key regarding Storm Preparedness and the Re-Entry Process.

During the Hurricanes there were approximately 50 responses by officers for Welfare Checks of at risk residents through dispatch.





# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND SPECIAL OPERATION

Captain Robert Bourque leads the Longboat Key Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division. This division is responsible for investigating all major crimes within Longboat Key's jurisdiction and disseminating criminal intelligence information. This unit collates, analyzes, and evaluates all raw criminal intelligence information, and once it is determined to be "actionable," it assigns it for investigation.

Other responsibilities include overseeing property and evidence, detectives, Manatee County Task Force operations, civilian personnel, and other administrative duties as assigned.



# LONGBOAT POLICE CAPTAIN NAMED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Captain Bourque received the Manatee County 100 Hundred Club “Officer of the Year” for his investigation, arrest and prosecution for the 2017 double murder at the Zota Resort.

## PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

Brooke Green continues to serve the LBKPD as a Police Services Technician.



## FRONT DESK

Ivan Zunz has been the mainstay here at LBKPD, manning the front desk for over 8 years now.





# OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

## PURPOSE

The Deputy Chief of Police manages the Office of Professional Standards which aims to ensure the community's continued confidence by upholding the department's integrity. Members of this unit vigorously investigate all complaints, understanding that a thorough investigation will expose any misconduct or inappropriate activity and protect employees and the department from unfounded and unwarranted accusations.

In 2024, only two (2) incidents were reviewed by staff regarding officer "use of force." Both were deemed justified in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

The unit also oversees Law Enforcement Accreditation and all department grant and budgeting



# GRANTS AND BUDGETING



HID Fingerprint Scanner to assist in identifying individuals.

**In 2024, the LBKPD received grants as part as an ongoing project to secure law enforcement equipment. Here are the awarded grants:**

**FY24 Law enforcement Manatee WCIND \$17,950**

**FY24 Law Enforcement Sarasota WCIND \$112,435**

**FY23-24 Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Pass through Manatee County**

**FALCON Rapid ID Scanners \$8,379.52**

**FY23-24 Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Soft Body Armor for Law Enforcement**

**Soft Body Armor Vests \$20,256.00**

**FY24 JAG Grant passed through Manatee County**

**Ballistic Shields and Vests \$17,054.54**

**FY23-24 JAG- Direct**

**Window Tint Meters \$1,000.00**

**FY24-25 FDLE Soft Body Armor Grant**

**Grant Award**

**\$184,685.06**

A group of police officers in dark uniforms are standing in a line on a gravel range, aiming their rifles at blue silhouette targets. The background consists of a dense line of tall, dry grass and some trees under a cloudy sky. The word "POLICE" is visible on the back of the officers' jackets.

# TRAINING DIVISION

## PURPOSE

The LBKPD Training Division is represented by officers that have specialty instructor training. The unit's purpose is to provide training to all department members to ensure that the department can pursue its objectives using the most modern and effective police techniques.



In 2024, Sergeant Butler completed the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy by attending all three courses - Executive Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and the Supervisor Leadership Institute.



# PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

**Over 2,000 hours**  
of In-Service  
Training for our  
officers in 2024

In 2024, the Longboat Key Police Department's Training Division embarked on its mission to become certified operators and instructors in the areas below. This training increased the professionalism and service provided to the residents of Longboat Key and our Mutual Aid partners.

## Training

**Certified / Trained Officers**

**Field Training Officers**

**Marine Patrol Officers**

**Instructors**

**Speed Measurement**

**Traffic Safety HVE**

**TASER Instructors**

**Elder Abuse - CID**

**First Aid, CPR, AED**

**2023 (11) vs. 2024 (50)**

**Over 350% Increase**

**2023**

**2024**

**5**

**11**

**1**

**5**

**2**

**5**

**2**

**5**

**0**

**15**

**1**

**5**

**0**

**3**

**0**

**1**

## HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY

Alert Today Florida's High Visibility Enforcement Program is designed to increase awareness of, and compliance with, traffic laws and regulations that protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on Florida's roads.



# 100%

Compliance with FDOT ALERT  
Today Program

# 15

Qualified Pedestrian and Bike  
Safety Officers

## MARINE PATROL TRAINING

The Marine Patrol Unit in 2024 saw a substantial increase in qualified officers. From the past staffing levels of one (1) full-time Marine Patrol Officer we have expanded to currently five (5) qualified officers who share their duty while on road patrol.

# 500%

Increase in Marine Officers

# 5

Qualified Marine Patrol Officers

## ELDERLY ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION TRAINING

This year, three of our officers took part in the FDLE - Elderly Abuse Investigations course at the Manatee Technical College. During their training officers learned about Florida law requirements for reporting suspected abuse, neglect, abandonment, exploitation, or self-neglect of vulnerable adults.



**PROTECTING OUR  
RESIDENTS AND  
VISITORS**

# 71.1

Median Age of LBK Population

# 70-74 years

Largest age group

## SPOTTING THE SIGNS OF ELDER ABUSE

About **1 in 10** adults over age 60 are abused, neglected, or financially exploited.



## 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE ATTORNEYS OFFICE LEGAL TRAINING AND UPDATES

In February of 2024 all members received legal training and updates for current state statutes from Assistant State Attorney Dawn Buff.



## FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS COURSE

During our annual pistol qualifications course all officers were required to shoot at least an 84% in various positions and distances.



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



## WELCOME NEW OFFICERS

Road Patrol

Chief Turner welcomes three new officers to the Longboat Key Police Department. Welcome Officer Ericsson, Van Dyke and Troyer to The Town of Longboat Key.



# STATISTICAL DATA

## COMPARITIVE YEARS 2023 VS. 2024

	2023	2024	Change %
Total Service Calls	15,262	20,964	37%
Felony Arrests	38	16	-58%
Misdemeanor Arrests	319	294	-8%
Traffic Tickets	1,772	2,149	21%
Traffic Warnings	2,077	3,975	91%
Parking Tickets	387	447	15%
Parking Warnings	90	104	16%
Accidents with Injuries	18	8	-56%
Accidents without Injuries	78	85	9%

2024 saw a 37% increase in Total Service Calls.

2023 Total  
Service Calls

15,262

2024 Total  
Service Calls

20,964

# 2025

## FUTURE PLAN

As we look towards our future the LBKPD looks to focus on Community-Centric Policing Models that emphasizes in building trust with the community and to build a holistic approach to public safety and crime prevention.



## INOVATION

The LBKPD aims to enhance its use of artificial intelligence and data analytics. AI-driven tools are vital in predictive policing, enabling law enforcement agencies to analyze large amounts of data for patterns and potential threats.



Integration of advanced technology from our dash-camera vehicle mounted units to license plate readers to detect stolen or wanted vehicles on Longboat Key while remaining mobile.



# CONTACT US



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