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# PALM BEACH Crime WATCHER

## GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS!



### Detective Adam Piña

Age: 46

**How long have you been an officer with the Town:**  
8 years

**Current position:** Detective

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years:** Serving as a Captain with Palm Beach

**Favorite food:** Mexican

**Favorite holiday:** Christmas

**Favorite movie:** The Pursuit of Happiness

**Favorite sports team:**  
Dallas Cowboys

**Favorite vacation spot:**  
Southern Caribbean

**What's playing on your ipod right now:** Classic Rock

**What are you reading right now:**  
"Lone Survivor"  
by Marcus Luttrell

**Three things you can't live without:**  
My kids: Nicholas, Alyssa, Jason

## Residential Direct Connect Alarm System – now available to Town of Palm Beach residents

**Enroll prior to September 30, 2014 and all of the initial fees will be waived, annual fees begin on October 1, 2014**

As a homeowner in the Town of Palm Beach, you can now have your burglar alarm connected directly to the police department – in addition to your alarm company. With Direct Connect, both the alarm company and police are notified simultaneously when an alarm is triggered in the home. This allows police to be dispatched to the home immediately – avoiding the delay between the time the alarm monitoring service is notified, confirms the emergency, and then calls the police department. This will allow the police to respond even more quickly to an alarm activation at your residence.

To participate in the Direct Connect Program, residents must maintain their alarm monitoring services. If the current service does not include a duplex reporting system and does not send the signal over a landline, the alarm company may charge a one-time fee to install that feature. The town charges a one time set up fee of \$100, plus an annual fee of \$100. If enrollment occurs before September 30, 2014, all of the initial fees will be waived; annual fees begin on October 1, 2014.

**DON'T MISS OUT – Sign up for the Direct Connect Residential Program today!**

To sign up or for more information, contact Lead Telecommunications Supervisor, Christine Cunningham, at 561-227-6460 or email her at ccunningham@palmbeachpolice.com. Please see enclosed insert for Direct Connect application or visit our website at [www.palmbeachpolice.com](http://www.palmbeachpolice.com)

## GET TO KNOW YOUR VIPS!



### Joyce Vaughn

**How long have you volunteered with the Police Department:** 12 years

**Current position:**  
Crime Scene, Voluntary ID Cards

**Favorite food:** Seafood, clams, fish

**Favorite holiday:** Thanksgiving

**Favorite movie:** West Side Story

**Favorite sports team:**  
I am a horse racing fan

**Favorite vacation spot:**  
Capri, Italy

**What's playing on your ipod right now:**  
The Bee Gees - Stayin' Alive

**What are you reading right now:**  
"Things that Matter"  
by Charles Krauthammer

**Three things you can't live without:**  
Family, friends and my iMac

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# 3rd Annual Public Safety Open House



*The Palm Beach Public Safety Open House was held on Thursday, October 10, 2013, sponsored by Palm Beach Crime Watch, Inc. Residents, business owners, community members and families were able to meet town staff and learn more about Fire-Rescue and Police Department operations.*

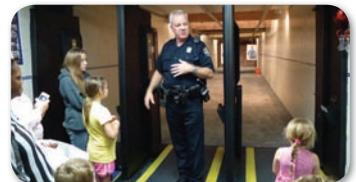
Police and fire staff opened their doors with tours of both facilities and giveaways. The fire-rescue department provided tours of the fire training tower and assisted children as they happily took turns spraying traffic cones down Australian Avenue. On the south side of the Police Department, various weapons were displayed in the Special Operations Unit truck along with the Police Department's new Hummer. The Hummer has already proven to be a valuable asset during multiple rescues in the recent flood event.



Crime Prevention information, bike registrations and our Crime Scene unit fingerprinted children for digital identification cards. Good Samaritan Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital were on hand to provide stroke, blood pressure and BMI screenings.

Those who attended enjoyed Spanish style Paella, pretzels and ice cream that were donated by a local company, The Ice Cream Club. New this year was a very popular Rainbow Loom creative bracelet station, where children of all ages created bracelets in the Fire-Rescue red and yellow colors, as well as the Police Department colors of blue and yellow.

A big thank you to the VIPS volunteers who helped make this 3rd annual event a huge success!



*From the top, left to right: Fire Training Tower, Lt. Mark Bradshaw Open House Fire-Rescue Display, Deputy Chief Daniel Szarzewski, Palm Beach Fire Rescue, Palm Beach Police holding cell, Lt. Mark Bradshaw Open House demonstration, Mgr. Crime Scene Greg Parkinson child fingerprinting, Ofc. Michael Lane tour gun range, Fire Rescue vehicle, Pretzel Vendor, Volunteer Kendal Palmer assists with Rainbow Loom bracelets, Police ATV vehicle*

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# Video Surveillance Camera System

*Town of Palm Beach Police Video Surveillance Camera System provides "high-tech, high definition" capabilities to Police investigators.*

In 2011 Director of Public Safety Kirk Blouin proposed a new technological initiative designed to accomplish three critical public safety components.



1. Protect the safety of lives and property in the Town of Palm Beach
2. Deter and prevent crime
3. Identify criminal activity to assist criminal investigations

Through the support of the Palm Beach Police Foundation and private resident donations, the result of this initiative would be fulfilled in the Townwide Security and Surveillance Camera system. Over 100 cameras consisting of Automated License Plate Recognition readers (LPR's), Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ's) and Fixed surveillance cameras have been deployed in strategic locations throughout the Town.

When the system became operational in December of 2012, there was an immediate impact in the apprehension and identification of criminal suspects. Vehicles that were reported stolen, sex offenders, and wanted felons entering the Town were identified instantaneously and the suspects apprehended before other crimes could be committed. Burglary and theft suspects were identified and prosecuted with high resolution images capturing their crime. The sharing of intelligence stored from the camera system not only improved case solvability but also assisted other law enforcement agencies in solving crimes. "Without the camera system many of these crimes would be left unsolved with little investigative leads to follow up on," said Captain Curtis Krauel. "With over 100 cameras recording 24/7, police investigators essentially have an investigative lead in every case."

It is evident how impactful the presence of the cameras have been and Director Blouin intends to expand the system and cover additional locations throughout Town. "The surveillance system has been online for a year and has greatly enhanced the Police Department's ability to investigate and solve crimes while ensuring the safety and security of the community," said Director Blouin. "I hope to expand this project and strengthen the efforts to prevent crime and enhance citizen safety".

The non-profit Palm Beach Police Foundation has been a major supporter of the department and its employees through tax-deductible gifts and contributions, echoed Director Blouin. Foundation President John Scarpa said the group believes the surveillance system is beneficial to the town and "What we're excited about is the broad source of security it will continue to

offer as it is expanded." Not only can the police department continue to add cameras to the system, they can also utilize privately owned cameras for investigative purposes.

Captain Krauel said, "We designed the system to have expandable capabilities with the intent to have a public-private partnership with residents, local organizations and businesses. Our vision is to access privately owned security cameras that view public areas and/or roadways to tie into the network, and collectively share video surveillance information."

The Townwide Security and Surveillance Camera system has proven to be a valuable tool in protecting both property and lives while at the same time helping the community reduce crime and increase public safety. "This is only the beginning," said Director Blouin. "Our residents and the business community have always worked together with the police department to make Palm Beach the safest place in the country. That's our strength as a community, and our video cameras will play an increasingly important role in ensuring it remains that way."

If you are interested in learning more about partnering with the Palm Beach Police Department please contact Capt. Krauel at [ckrauel@palmbeachpolice.com](mailto:ckrauel@palmbeachpolice.com) or 561-838-5454. If you would like to make a donation to support the expansion efforts of the Palm Beach Police Security Camera System you can do so by contacting Lt. Taylor at [ataylor@palmbeachpolice.com](mailto:ataylor@palmbeachpolice.com) or 561-838-5460.

## Save the Date



### National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 5th • 5:00pm - 7:00pm

St. Edwards Parish Hall

### Shred Event

Friday, April 25th • 10:00am - 1:00pm

Phipps Ocean Park, South Lot



**REPORT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY  
CONFIDENTIALLY**

227-6464 or [www.palmbeachpolice.com](http://www.palmbeachpolice.com)

**If you see something, say something!**

# Lt. Ann-Marie Taylor Support Services Division

Public Safety Director Kirk Blouin promotes Sergeant Ann-Marie Taylor to Lieutenant Support Services Division



In October, 2013, Sergeant Ann-Marie Taylor was promoted to the position of Lieutenant and assigned to support services duties, left vacant when Major Rick Howe retired. Lt. Taylor's promotion made her the highest-ranking woman in the history of the Palm Beach Police Department.

A 20-year department veteran, Lt. Taylor began her career as a dispatcher. She put herself through the police academy while working full time with the town. In 1996 she was appointed as a police officer and gained valuable experience working in the department's Organized Crime Vice and Narcotics Unit, on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force and in Professional Standards. Lt. Taylor is a two-time Officer of the Month and a two-time Kiwanis Officer of the Quarter. She has received 39 department and citizen commendations.

Director Blouin is confident in Lt. Taylor's abilities as a high-level performer and said she has excelled at everything she's done in the department. Blouin added, "She's a phenomenal human being" and stated he sees future leadership positions available to her.

## Flagler Memorial North Bridge Closure

May 12, 2014 to November 1, 2014



Florida Department of Transportation representatives announced that the north bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic from May 12, 2014 until November 1, 2014 to make necessary repairs. Palm

Beach Police and Fire-Rescue departments are doing additional training to ensure emergency medical care and fire aid are provided as quickly as possible during the upcoming closure. Please plan for delays and traffic congestion during morning and evening rush hour times.



# CODE Corner

Town of Palm Beach Code of Ordinances

For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Office at (561) 227-7080

### SEC. 42-199

#### HOURS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Off-Season 7 months - May 1st thru November 30th



Mondays thru Saturdays

• Start work at 8 am • Stop work at 6 pm

C-WA Zoning District (Worth Ave.)

• Monday thru Friday, 8 am - 8 pm

Sundays and Town Holidays

• No construction permitted

No Heavy Equipment or Other Construction Noise Permitted Prior to 8 am

### SEC. 102-45

#### CURBSIDE PLACEMENT AND COLLECTION OF TRASH

Off-Season 6 months - May 1st thru October 31st

Yard trash may be placed on the public right-of-way adjacent to the property from which it came, no more than three (3) days prior to the scheduled day of collection.

### SEC. 122-78

#### IRRIGATION SYSTEM USAGE

Irrigation is prohibited from 9:00AM to 9:00PM every day and no irrigation is allowed on Friday at any time

EVEN Numbered Addresses, North of Southern Blvd.

- Lawn watering is permitted on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, and THURSDAYS from 12:01 AM to 9 AM, OR, from 9 PM to 12 AM. NOT DURING BOTH TIME PERIODS



ODD Numbered Addresses, North of Southern Blvd.

- Lawn watering is permitted on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and SATURDAYS from 12:01 AM to 9 AM, OR, from 9 PM to 12 AM. NOT DURING BOTH TIME PERIODS

WEST Side of South Ocean Blvd., South of Southern Blvd.

- Lawn watering is permitted on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, and THURSDAYS from 12:01 AM to 9 AM, OR, from 9 PM to 12 AM. NOT DURING BOTH TIME PERIODS

EAST Side of South Ocean Blvd., South of Southern Blvd.

- Lawn watering is permitted on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and SATURDAYS from 12:01 AM to 9 AM, OR, from 9 PM to 12 AM. NOT DURING BOTH TIME PERIODS

You can avoid receiving a Notice of Violation for watering newly planted sod or landscaping by providing documentation of the new planting, including the date of installation, to the Code Enforcement Unit. A copy of the invoice or other documentation may be sent or dropped off at the Police Department at 345 South County Road, Palm Beach, or may be faxed to the Code Enforcement Unit at 561/835-4736. If you have not provided the documentation and receive a Notice of Violation, please call the Code Enforcement Unit at 561/227-7080 for instructions. With proper documentation, the Notice of Violation will be rescinded.

#### NEWLY PLANTED LANDSCAPING & SOD

All Property Sizes

In place from the first day to 45 days:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, Saturday AND/OR Sunday (any days except Friday): 12:01 AM to 9 AM AND/OR 9 PM to 12 AM

# April is...National 9-1-1 Education Month



## Town of Palm Beach Urges Education for 9-1-1

Everyone knows that 9-1-1 is a universal number that should be called in the event of an emergency...or do they? 9-1-1 Centers all over the United States have encountered hurdles when educating the public when it comes to 9-1-1 and its uses. That's why the Town of Palm Beach Police and Fire Communications Unit is urging all educational organizations, parents, and caregivers to assist with the "9-1-1 Education Challenge" during the month of April as part of National 9-1-1 Education Month. Our goal will be to educate as many people on 9-1-1, its uses, its challenges, and the future capabilities during the month.

In 2013, The Town of Palm Beach's Emergency Communications Unit received approximately 17,834 calls for assistance. Lead Telecommunications Supervisor Cunningham said that although 9-1-1 is available throughout the state, there are many different levels of sophistication within the equipment and resources available at each 9-1-1 answering point. The Town of Palm Beach's Emergency Communications Unit houses the highest level of sophistication and technological advances. One of the newest additions is the Priority Dispatch Medical and Fire Software that requires call takers ask pertinent questions, which allows them to match the callers needs with appropriate resources. For example, a medical call might generate questions such as: 1) The age of the patient 2) The patient's level of consciousness and 3) a detailed description of the problem.

"With all the advances in technology, 9-1-1 has become much more complex. What started out as a simple concept has grown into an amazing infrastructure that needs crucial attention." "Children and adults should have a good understanding of 9-1-1 and how it works in their area," Cunningham said.

### Some general guidelines for 9-1-1 are:

- 9-1-1 is for police, fire and medical emergencies.
- Know the location of the incident. Providing an accurate address is critically important especially when making a wireless 9-1-1 call.
- If you call 9-1-1, don't hang up.
- Don't call 9-1-1 for jokes or prank calls.
- When you call 9-1-1, pay attention to the questions that you are being asked.
- Stay on the line with the 9-1-1 call taker and answer all questions. The more information they have, the better they are able to help you.
- Stay calm and speak clearly.
- For further questions or for additional information, contact Lead Telecommunications Supervisor, Christine Cunningham at 561-227-6460.

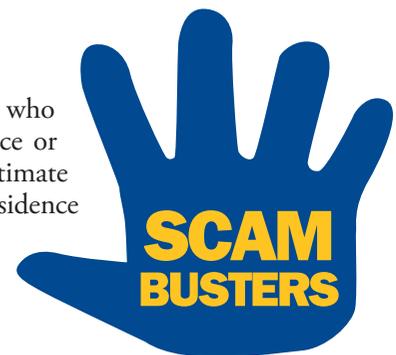
## Know the Scam... SO YOU DON'T BECOME A VICTIM

### Distraction Thefts

Palm Beach Police want all homeowners, businesses and employees to be on the alert for criminals who practice emergency repair schemes to either commit theft or criminal mischief to your residence or business. There is no emergency so imminent that you forgo checking to make sure they are legitimate workman or town employees. Criminals have used some of the following schemes to access a residence or business - by posing as a town employee with an emergency repair, report of water main break with water contamination, workman asking to gain access to your property to trim your trees or a neighbors, and solicitors selling products or services.

#### Please read over the following tips so you don't become a victim:

- Legitimate workmen should have some form of identification, and frequently are wearing a uniform.
- Vehicles used by legitimate workman will normally have lettering on the sides indicating the name of the business.
- Call the utility company or Town of Palm Beach Department to verify if they are at your home with a legitimate repair or problem. Do not let them in your home until you have verification!
- If there is any doubt as to the legitimacy of someone coming to your home, residents are encouraged not to hesitate calling the Palm Beach Police Department at 838-5454. Officers will respond to assist the caller in identifying individuals and determining the true nature of their business with the resident.



Visit our website [www.palmbeachpolice.com](http://www.palmbeachpolice.com) and sign up for alerts about upcoming events, crime prevention tips and more.



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## GOING SOMEWHERE?

Don't forget about the Closed Home Program. Notify police and protect your property while you're away.

Visit [www.palmbeachpolice.com](http://www.palmbeachpolice.com) to complete the Closed Home Information Form.



## STAY INFORMED

Visit our homepage and sign up for our community alerts. You will be notified of upcoming events such as the next shredding event, mature driver course as well as crime prevention alerts.



### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

**In any emergency (police-fire-medical) ..... 9-1-1**  
**Police NON-Emergency ..... 838-5454**  
**Code Enforcement ..... 227-7080**  
**Parking Enforcement ..... 838-5465**  
**Voluntary ID Cards ..... 838-5466**  
**Crime Watch Office ..... 838-5467**  
**Anonymous TIPS ..... 227-6464**

## Mature Driver Course



The Palm Beach Police Department partnered with the Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. to offer a defensive driver course on April 3, 2014: Coaching the Mature Driver. Participants

reviewed safe driving tips and techniques to avoid traffic accidents, injuries and death! A special thanks to Len Kaye, for instructing such an informative course. The Palm Beach Police Department will host additional sessions starting in the fall. For more information please call 561-838-5467.

## ATTENTION PALM BEACH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Officers are available for security needs, as well as for traffic and parking assistance. If you would like additional information or to set-up a special detail assignment – please contact Palm Beach Police Business and Community Relations Unit at 561-838-5467.