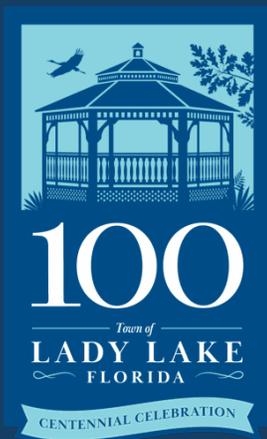




# Lady Lake Police Department 2025 Annual Report



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## Lady Lake Police Department 2025 Annual Report

### Message from the Chief

This annual report highlights the work, accomplishments, and challenges of the Police Department over the past year. Our officers and staff remain committed to providing professional, fair, and responsive law enforcement services while working closely with the community we serve. We appreciate the continued support of our residents, elected officials, and partner agencies.





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## Department Overview

The Police Department is staffed by **32 sworn officers**, supported by civilian personnel as applicable. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in the Town by protecting and serving the community, developing and sustaining partnerships with the community and other entities of government in a manner that promotes preservation of life, property and the environment.

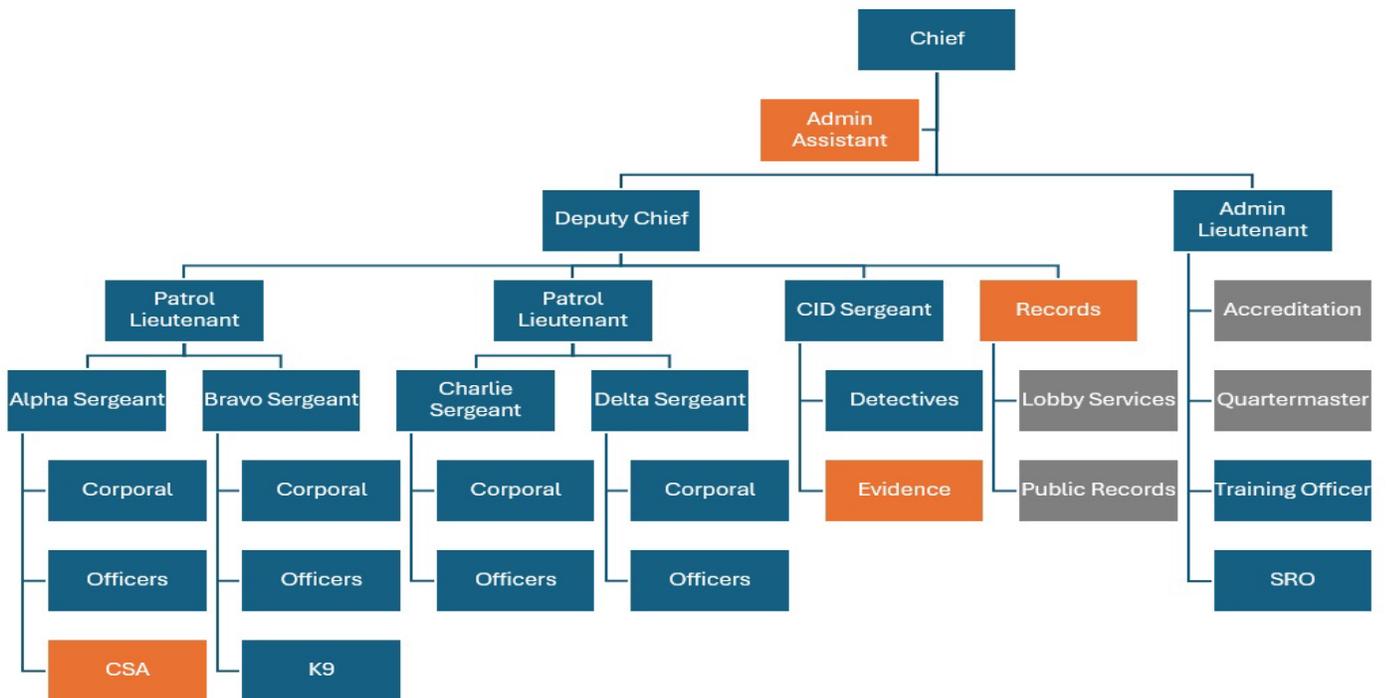
## Staffing

- Sworn Officers: 32
- Patrol: 20
- K9: 2
- SRO: 1
- Investigations/Detectives: 3
- Training: 1
- Administration: 5



### Legend

- Sworn
- Assignment
- Civilian





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Chief Steven Hunt is a veteran law enforcement officer from Bangor Maine. As the Police Chief, he oversees all aspects of the Lady Lake Police Department.



Deputy Chief Jason Brough is a veteran law enforcement officer from west central Florida. He oversees all law enforcement operations of the police department.



Lt. Robert Tempesta is a 20 year veteran of the Lady Lake Police Department. He serves as the agency's Accreditation Manager and oversees Training, Purchasing, and our SRO Program.



Lt. James Dunagan is a 25 year veteran of the Leesburg Police Department. He serves as the Watch Commander for the Alpha and Bravo Squads.



Lt. Allen Greene is an 18 year veteran of the Altamonte Springs Police Department. He serves as the Watch Commander for the Charlie and Delta Squads.



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### Training

Training and professional development continued to be a cornerstone of departmental success. Officers participated in a wide range of training opportunities, including instruction from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Firearms Training Unit. This training supported the department's transition to an upgraded handgun platform with red dot optics and weapon-mounted lights, as well as the delivery of FDLE's highly regarded *Ambush* officer survival course. Additional training topics included Field Training Officer certification, report writing, enhanced tactical first aid, officer discipline, interview and interrogation techniques, gang awareness, cybersecurity, and drone operations.





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### Calls for Service & Enforcement Activity

During the year, the department responded to a wide range of calls and incidents, including:

- Total Calls for Service: 18,015
- Self-Initiated Activity: 9,214
- Traffic Stops: 4,479
- Police K9 Usage: 85
- Arrests: 383
- D.U.I. Arrests: 25
- Citations Issued: 1,492
- Traffic Warnings Issued: 2,914
- Traffic Crashes Investigated: 601
- Crimes Investigated: 750

Officers worked proactively to address crime trends and respond promptly to community concerns.





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### Investigations

The Investigations Section is responsible for conducting thorough, follow-up investigations into complex and serious criminal cases. The section is staffed by two Detectives under the supervision of a Sergeant, all of whom bring specialized training and experience to their assignments. Detectives investigate a wide range of cases, including critical incidents, violent crimes, property crimes, and fraud-related offenses. In addition, Detectives are specially trained to investigate Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), ensuring cases involving online exploitation and abuse are handled with the highest level of expertise, sensitivity, and attention to detail.

During the year, Detectives investigated a wide range of incidents, including:

- Retail Theft ----- 39
- Fraud ----- 34
- Theft ----- 22
- ICAC Cyber Tips -----15
- Death Investigation – 12
- Stolen Vehicles ----- 11
- Car Burglaries ----- 10
- Battery ----- 7
- Sex Crimes ----- 6





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### Community Engagement

Community engagement remained a central focus throughout the year. The department hosted and participated in numerous outreach events, including the Spring Shredding Event, Coffee with a Cop gatherings, community presentations, and the Christmas Heroes and Helpers shopping event. Officers also provided security and support for major community events such as Centennial Celebrations, the Fourth of July, the Christmas Parade, Holocaust Memorial events, Lighting of the Menorah, Honor Flight escorts, and Operation Holiday Shield. Every member of the department served as an ambassador for the Town of Lady Lake and the policing profession. These efforts help strengthen relationships and promote transparency and trust.





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### Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation

The Police Department is committed to professionalism, accountability, and continuous improvement through compliance with the standards of the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA).

Florida accreditation requires agencies to meet hundreds of standards covering areas such as:

- Use of force
- Evidence handling
- Officer training and certification
- Internal affairs and accountability
- Policies and procedures
- Community relations and transparency

The Police Department successfully maintained its accredited status this year through the CFA reaccreditation process, which included a comprehensive review of policies, practices, and operations.





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### Major Accomplishments

- The year 2025 proved to be a defining and historic year for the Lady Lake Police Department, marked by exceptional professionalism, operational success, and meaningful community engagement. The year began with an event that drew national attention when a routine traffic stop conducted by Sergeant Bilbrey resulted in the arrest of one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted fugitives. The department effectively managed the resulting national media attention with the outstanding support of the Communications Team, presenting the Lady Lake Police Department on a national stage in a positive and professional manner.A photograph showing four police officers standing in a row. The officer on the far right is holding a yellow certificate or award. They are in a room with an American flag and a Florida state flag in the background.
- Early in the year, the department implemented the Patrol Lieutenant Watch Commander Program. These command staff members provide leadership and oversight for patrol operations from noon until midnight, enhancing consistency, communication, and mentorship across patrol squads. Their presence has strengthened operational effectiveness and improved coordination between patrol personnel and executive leadership.A photograph of several police officers in a meeting room. One officer is standing at a podium, possibly giving a presentation. Other officers are seated or standing around the room.
- Leadership development remained a priority throughout 2025. Two Sergeants graduated from the Southern Police Institute Command School, a rigorous executive-level program designed to prepare mid-level supervisors for advanced leadership roles. Additionally, as a result of the FBI Top Ten fugitive arrest, the department was afforded the opportunity to send an officer to the FBI National Academy. Sergeant Gehrsitz became the first Lady Lake Police Officer to graduate from this prestigious program, marking a significant milestone for the department and setting the foundation for future participation.A photograph of two men in dark suits shaking hands. They are standing in front of an American flag and a Florida state flag. The man on the right is wearing a badge.

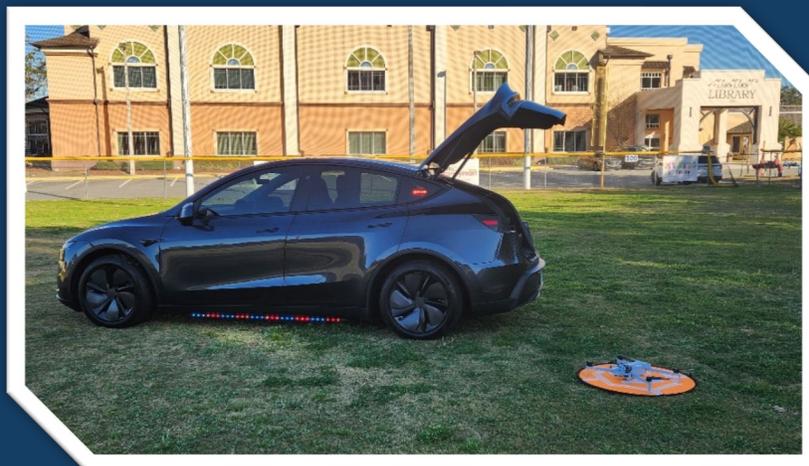


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### Grant Funding

During the reporting year, the Department applied for and was awarded grant funding to purchase essential equipment and services. These funds were used to address identified operational needs, improve officer safety and effectiveness, and support the continued delivery of high-quality public safety services. Grant funding allowed the Department to modernize resources while maximizing the responsible use of local funding. The Department successfully applied for and utilized funding from the following grant programs:

- **Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Office of Criminal Justice Grants – Drone Replacement Program:**  
Funding was awarded for the purchase of three Skydio drones, totaling **\$75,000.00**, to enhance aerial operational capabilities.
- **FDLE, Office of Criminal Justice Grants – Justice Assistance Grant, Direct (JAG-D):**  
Funding in the amount of **\$1,414.00** was used to purchase one pepper ball launcher and training rounds.
- **FDLE, Office of Criminal Justice Grants – Justice Assistance Grant, Countywide (JAG-C):**  
Funding totaling **\$4,115.00** supported the purchase of three pepper ball launchers with live non-lethal rounds.
- **Season of Justice (Nonprofit Organization):**  
A grant of **\$8,950.00** was awarded to fund DNA testing and analysis for a cold case investigation.
- **U.S. Department of Justice – Bulletproof Vest Partnership:**  
An application was submitted to support the purchase of ten replacement ballistic vests, with a total project cost of **\$9,450.00**.
- **U.S. Department of Transportation-Electric Vehicle Grant**  
Funding totaling **\$7,500.00** supported the purchase of a Tesla Electric Police Vehicle





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### Officer of the Year

Corporal Lidia Maya was named the Lady Lake Police Department's 2024 Officer of the Year, recognized for her exceptional leadership, mentorship as a Field Training Officer, integrity, and calm, collaborative approach, earning her the "Service Above Self Award" from the Leesburg Rotary Club in Spring 2025. Her dedication to training new recruits and maintaining focus within the department highlights her role as a role model and vital asset.





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### Challenges & Looking Ahead

Like many departments, we faced challenges including organizational alignment, performance monitoring and evolving public safety needs. In the coming year, the department will focus on:

- Continued officer training and wellness
  - Policy Maintenance
  - Enhancing community partnerships
  - Improving efficiency through technology and best practices
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### Conclusion

The dedication and professionalism of our officers remain the foundation of this department. We are proud of the service provided over the past year and remain committed to continuous improvement in serving our community.

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The Lady Lake Police Department is a fully accredited professional law enforcement agency. We are certified by the Florida Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation. We strive to provide the best possible service to our residents and to those who work, travel, and visit here.

