



# 2019

# BELLAIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

City of Bellaire, Texas



## YEAR IN REVIEW

## Vision

As a premier law enforcement organization, the Bellaire Police Department's vision is for the City of Bellaire to be the safest community in the area by blending excellence in policing with community partnerships.

## Mission

The dedicated professionals of The Bellaire Police Department, in cooperation with the citizens of Bellaire, shall strive to provide a secure and viable community through:

- The protection of the fundamental rights of all people
- Open communication and alliance with citizens
- The promotion of pride and trust through the continual performance of responsibility, honesty, integrity, and discipline
- Active recruitment, development, and retention of quality personnel
- Proactive innovation to anticipate and meet the challenge of our changing environment

## Values

**Service** - We provide quality service to all. We understand the expectations of us as professionals and accept those high standards in the delivery of services. We are accountable for our actions to ourselves as well as the community we serve. We recognize and accept the responsibility that comes with our authority as peace officers.

**Honor** - We will honor our community, our government, and our Department by our actions, reflecting strong character as well as practicing the values of our Department. We are honest and forthright in all our dealings. We are loyal to our community, our profession, our Department, and to ourselves. Our loyalty is for the greater good and not self-serving. We respect all persons and their rights.

**Courage** - We will act with courage in the face of danger. We will have courage in our decision making, ensuring that we act in an ethical manner with integrity and compassion.



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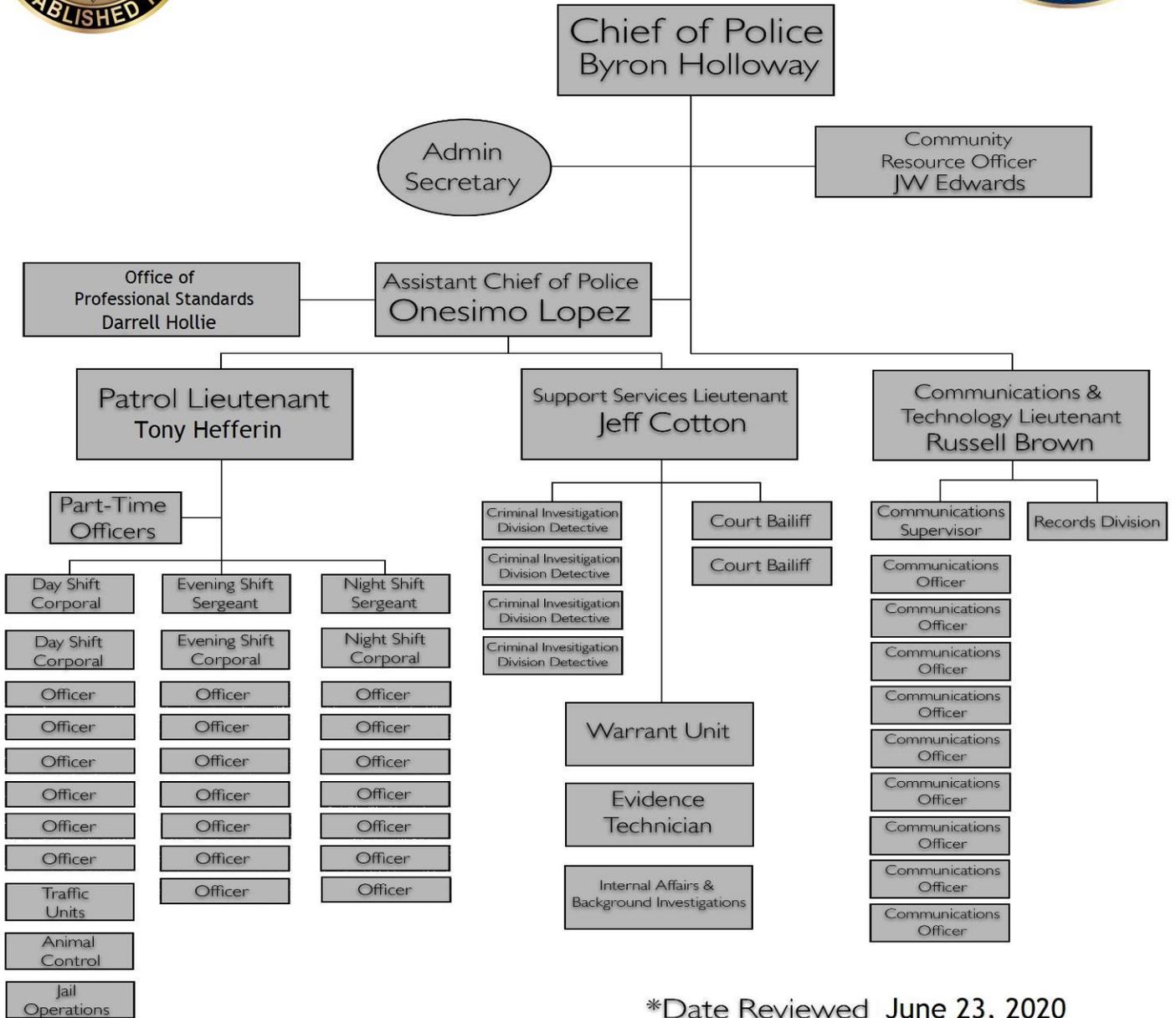
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# Organization



## Bellaire Police Department Organizational Chart 2020



\*Date Reviewed June 23, 2020

## About the Department

On July 8, 1918 the newly-formed Town Council of Bellaire, Texas formally appointed J.B. Huddleston as Town Marshal marking the foundation of law enforcement in the city. As Bellaire grew, so did law enforcement. In 1947 the Office of the City Marshal in Bellaire was formally abolished and on August 4, 1947 J.H. Carrigan was appointed Bellaire's first Chief of Police. By 1952, the Bellaire Police Department employed a total of six officers.

Today, the Bellaire Police Department employs forty-two full- and part-time officers to serve a community of over 18,000 residents encompassing an area of 3.6 miles. In addition to sworn police officers, the department staff includes ten civilian Communications Officers, two Records Clerks, an Evidence Technician, and an Administrative Assistant.



The police department is led by Chief of Police Byron Holloway. Chief Holloway started his career with the Bellaire Police Department in September 1977 and worked his way through the ranks until his appointment to Chief in 2012.

Assistant Chief of Police Onesimo Lopez was appointed in January 2019 after serving 24 years with the Pearland Police Department in a variety of capacities.



Lt. Greg Bartlett is the commander of the Support Services Division. He started his career with the Bellaire Police Department in January of 1985. Lt. Bartlett served as Interim Assistant Chief of Police from April 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Lt. Jeff Cotton commands the Patrol Division which is the largest division in the department. He began his career with the Bellaire Police Department in 1998 and served as a Crime Prevention Officer and progressive supervisory ranks in Patrol before taking the helm of the division.



Lt. Russell Brown is the commander of the Communications Division, Information Technology, and the Records Division. Lt. Brown has served the City of Bellaire since 1994 and in addition to his supervisory duties he is the department's Custodian of Records and Records Manager.

## Reported Crime and Activity

| Classification Of Offenses   | 2018            | 2019            |  |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| <i>UCR Part I Crimes - There are eight crimes, or Part I offenses, reported to the UCR Program. These offenses were chosen because they are serious crimes that occur with regularity in all areas of the country and are likely to be reported to police.</i> | <b>Reported</b> | <b>Reported</b> | <b>Percent Change: Reported Offenses</b> |
| 1. CRIMINAL HOMICIDE   | 0               | 0               | 0.0%                                     |
| 2. FORCIBLE RAPE   | 4               | 6               | +33.3%                                   |
| 3. ROBBERY   | 11              | 11              | 0.0%                                     |
| 4. ASSAULT   | 50              | 41              | -22.0%                                   |
| 5. BURGLARY  | 58              | 56              | -3.6%                                    |
| 6. LARCENY-THEFT (not vehicles)  | 190             | 264             | +28.0%                                   |
| 7. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT   | 15              | 20              | +25.0%                                   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>   | <b>328</b>      | <b>398</b>      | <b>+17.6%</b>                            |

| Average Response Times   |                | 2018        | 2019        | Percent Change |
|--|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <i>Code 3 calls are those requiring immediate response. Code 2 calls are those requiring a quick response but are not 'threat to life.' Code 1 calls are non-emergency requests for police service</i> | Code 1         | 6:08        | 6:24        | +4.3%          |
|  | Code 2         | 4:24        | 4:31        | +2.7%          |
|  | Code 3         | 4:25        | 4:27        | +0.8%          |
|  | <b>Average</b> | <b>5:14</b> | <b>4:48</b> | <b>-8.3%</b>   |

|           | Arrests |      | Accidents |      |
|-----------|---------|------|-----------|------|
|           | 2018    | 2019 | 2018      | 2019 |
| January   | 97      | 86   | 76        | 49   |
| February  | 100     | 78   | 62        | 54   |
| March     | 86      | 76   | 70        | 59   |
| April     | 78      | 79   | 58        | 69   |
| May       | 120     | 97   | 66        | 60   |
| June      | 95      | 82   | 50        | 57   |
| July      | 77      | 77   | 53        | 57   |
| August    | 99      | 77   | 63        | 108  |
| September | 110     | 69   | 46        | 63   |
| October   | 82      | 82   | 73        | 77   |
| November  | 82      | 73   | 64        | 65   |
| December  | 89      | 70   | 59        | 51   |
|           | 1,115   | 946  | 740       | 769  |

Percent Change -15.16% +3.92%

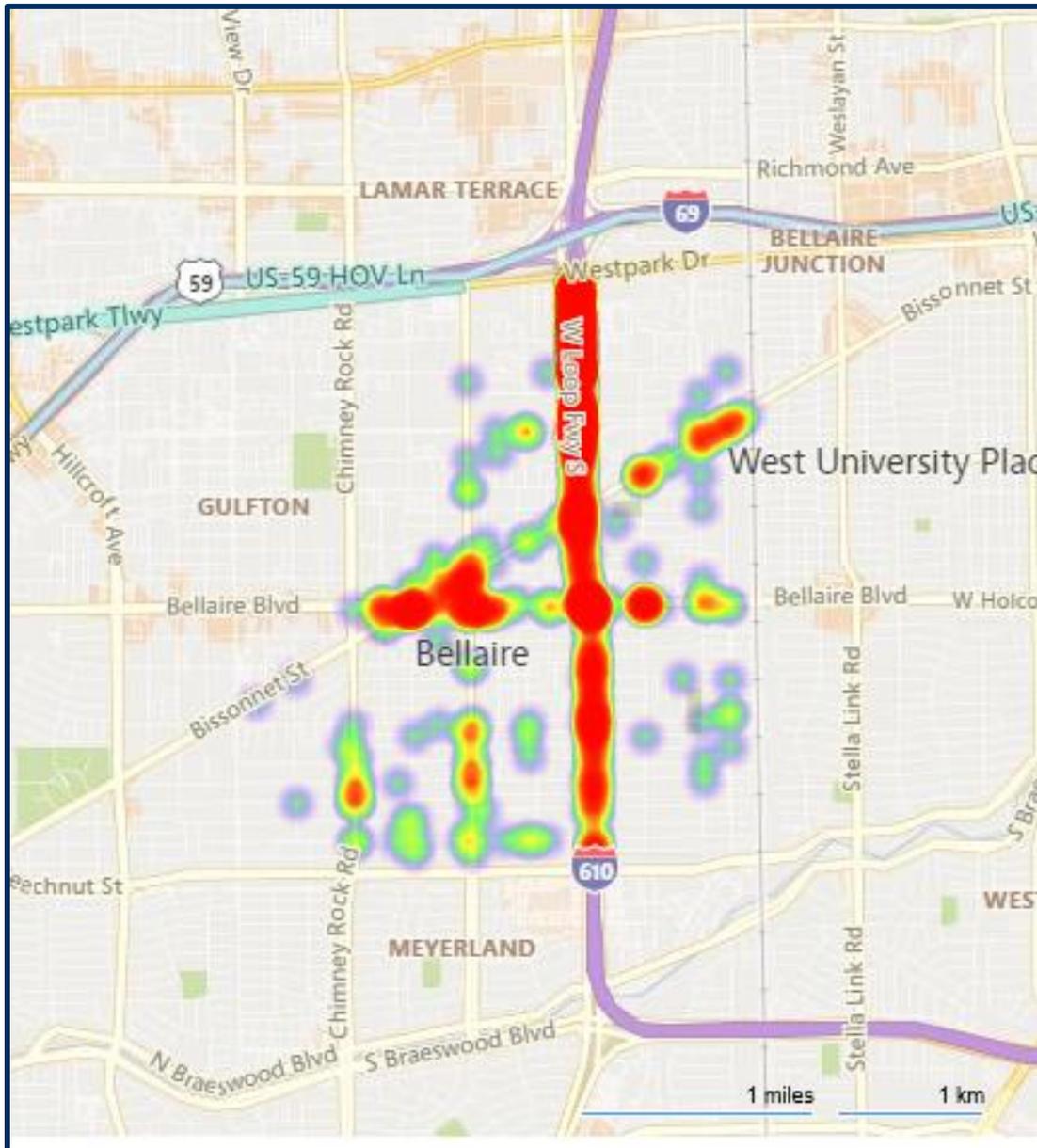
| CAD Activity  | 2018          | 2019          |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Traffic Stops | 7,650         | 6,643         |
| Alarm/Burg    | 2,139         | 2,054         |
| Pris/Check    | 1,513         | 1,134         |
| DAV           | 1,066         | 1,189         |
| VEH Maint     | 845           | 777           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>29,420</b> | <b>32,168</b> |

| Traffic Stop Results     | 2018        | 2019        |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Verbal Warning           | 5003        | 3895        |
| Written Warning          | 102         | 7           |
| Citation                 | 2166        | 2475        |
| Written Warning & Arrest | 0           | 0           |
| Citation & Arrest        | 218         | 51          |
| Arrest                   | 420         | 219         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>7909</b> | <b>6647</b> |

## Traffic Crashes

In 2019 there were a total of 789 crashes that occurred in Bellaire<sup>1</sup>. Those crashes involved 1,773 vehicles and 2,428 individuals.

As shown by the heat map below, the majority of crashes in Bellaire occur on I-610 between Westpark and Bissonnet.



<sup>1</sup> Agencies with concurrent jurisdiction may also submit crash reports for the City of Bellaire which accounts for the discrepancy between DPS' count of 789 v. 769 crash reports submitted by Bellaire officers in 2019.

## Spotlight Crime: Package Thefts



In 2019 the Bellaire Police Department saw an increase in package theft. Offenders are typically referred to as 'porch pirates.' Offenders have been known to follow UPS or FedEx delivery trucks to observe where packages are dropped off and left unattended. In other cases, offenders will simply drive through neighborhoods looking for packages left at front doors or in driveways.

To avoid becoming a victim, the Bellaire Police Department makes the following recommendations:

1. Have Packages Delivered To Your Work.  
Delivering Packages To A Job Increases Visibility And Reduces The Chances That Your Packages Might Be Swiped Unexpectedly.
2. Schedule Deliveries For Times You Will Be Home.  
This Keeps Packages From Sitting Unattended For Long Periods Of Time.
3. Buddy Up With A Neighbor.
4. Require A Signature.  
This Extra Insurance Ensures That You Won't Have Packages Piling Up At Your Door.
5. Consider Using A Smart Locker.  
Smart Lockers Secure Your Packages Until You Are Able To Pick Up Purchases.
6. Try A Lockbox.  
Lockboxes Can Be Used To Protect Packages Until You Can Make It Home And Retrieve Them.
7. Monitor Your Front Porch.  
Security Cameras Or Video Doorbells Can Be Used To Keep An Eye On Your Packages, Deterring Thieves From Grabbing Them Off Of Your Property.

The City of Bellaire encourages citizens to sign up for community notification via Notify Me. Residents will be notified of community events and may also register for Crime Alerts from the police department. Residents may also sign up for Prepare Bellaire emergency notifications. Prepare Bellaire alerts residence of emergency and other important community news, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, or missing persons.



**Notify Me**

Visit the City of Bellaire website:  
[www.bellairetx.gov](http://www.bellairetx.gov). Sign up for Notify Me  
and Prepare Bellaire.

**PrepareBellaire**  
GET CONNECTED - STAY INFORMED



## In Memoriam

According to statistics gathered by the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, there were a total of 144 law enforcement fatalities in the United States in 2018. This number is up 12% from 2017 when 129 officers lost their lives. In 2018 the leading cause of officer fatalities was firearm-related (52) followed by traffic crashes (50).

In its first century, the Bellaire Police Department has lost two officers in the line of duty. The Bellaire Police Department honors their memory and ultimate sacrifice in service to the Bellaire Community.



### **Jimmie DeVeril Norman**

End of Watch  
December 24, 2012

Corporal Jimmie Norman was shot and killed on Christmas Eve 2012 at the end of a vehicle pursuit of a robbery suspect. Corporal Norman was able to stop the suspect and was attempting to place the suspect under arrest. A struggle ensued at which time the suspect drew a concealed handgun and shot Corporal Norman once, killing him instantly.

Corporal Norman served the Bellaire Community for 26 years. He was posthumously promoted to Sergeant.

Jimmie Norman was 53 years old and is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.



### **Marco Antonio Zarate**

End of Watch  
July 12, 2016

Motorcycle Officer Marco Zarate was killed on July 12, 2016 during the pursuit of two robbery suspects. Officer Zarate had located the robbery suspects and was holding them at gunpoint while waiting for back-up officers. Before other officers could arrive, the suspects fled in their vehicle. Officer Zarate was severely injured in a crash while pursuing the suspects.

Officer Zarate died of his injuries while en route to the hospital. Officer Zarate was a United States Marine Corps veteran and had served the Bellaire Community for seven years.

Marco Zarate was 52 years old and is survived by his wife and three daughters.