



John Bennett

Assistant Police Chief

John Bennett has led the department in crime reduction by cutting the crime rate 34% in District II. He is a progressive commander who embraces the latest technology for fighting crime and improving the City of Tampa. Under his leadership, his team analyzes crime trends, devises daily attack plans and then deploys resources to solve and prevent crime.

Bennett utilized this forward thinking approach as the Incident Commander of Super Bowl XLIII. He depended on tactical technologies to ensure more than two dozen local, state and federal agencies shared real-time information about planned events, unplanned incidents, risk assessments and resource deployment. To plan and execute such an enormous event, Bennett relied on his seven years of experience overseeing the Special Operations Division where he was heavily involved in Homeland Security for local law enforcement agencies.

Bennett served as a member and commander of the Tactical Response Team for 15 years. Through his involvement with the team, Bennett co-founded the Badge Bowl, an annual football game between Tampa Police and Tampa Fire Rescue that raises money for children fighting cancer.

The 25-year veteran has worked as a field-training officer and supervisor, served in homicide, as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Police, and was promoted to Major in 2005. Bennett holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from St. Leo University. He has a post-graduate certificate from the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business in Executive Leadership and is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy.

Marc Hamlin

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Marc Hamlin has served as the Commander of the Special Support Division since June of 2008. He oversees all major events in the city, directs all hurricane preparation, and runs all the specialty squads including the Tactical Response Team, Hostage Negotiation, Bomb and Dive Teams, Aviation, Marine Patrol, Traffic, DUI, Canine and Mounted Patrol. He ensures these specialized resources support the department's mission to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Hamlin was the stadium commander during Super Bowl XLIII and continues to oversee all Buccaneer games at Raymond James Stadium. He was extensively involved in the two years of planning that led up to the largest and most successful Super Bowl in Tampa's history.

During his 19-year career with the Tampa Police Department, he has served in all three-patrol districts. He was heavily involved in lowering the crime rate in Ybor City where he worked closely with citizens and the Ybor City Development Corporation. He also worked seven-years as a detective and sergeant in undercover units of the Narcotics Bureau and the Street Anti-Crime Squad.

Hamlin served on the City of Tampa Fire and Police Pension Fund for nine years and was Chairman of the Board for four of those years.

Hamlin is a native of Queens, New York. He holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Marist College and a Master's of Public Administration from Troy State University. Marc is also a graduate of the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute, where he was a Dean Scholar Award winner and President of the 106th Administrative Officers' Course.