

PUBLIC SAFETY: THE COST/BENEFIT QUESTION

Frequently in the past, and much to the annoyance of Galveston police officials, Daily News editorial writers have compared their staffing levels — now about 3 officers per 1,000 residents — to those of the League City Police Department — about 1.3 officers per 1,000 — and other mainland cities.

Recently, Galveston Police Chief Henry Porretto provided numbers that he argues put the staffing calculation in better context.

Police reports taken in 2013

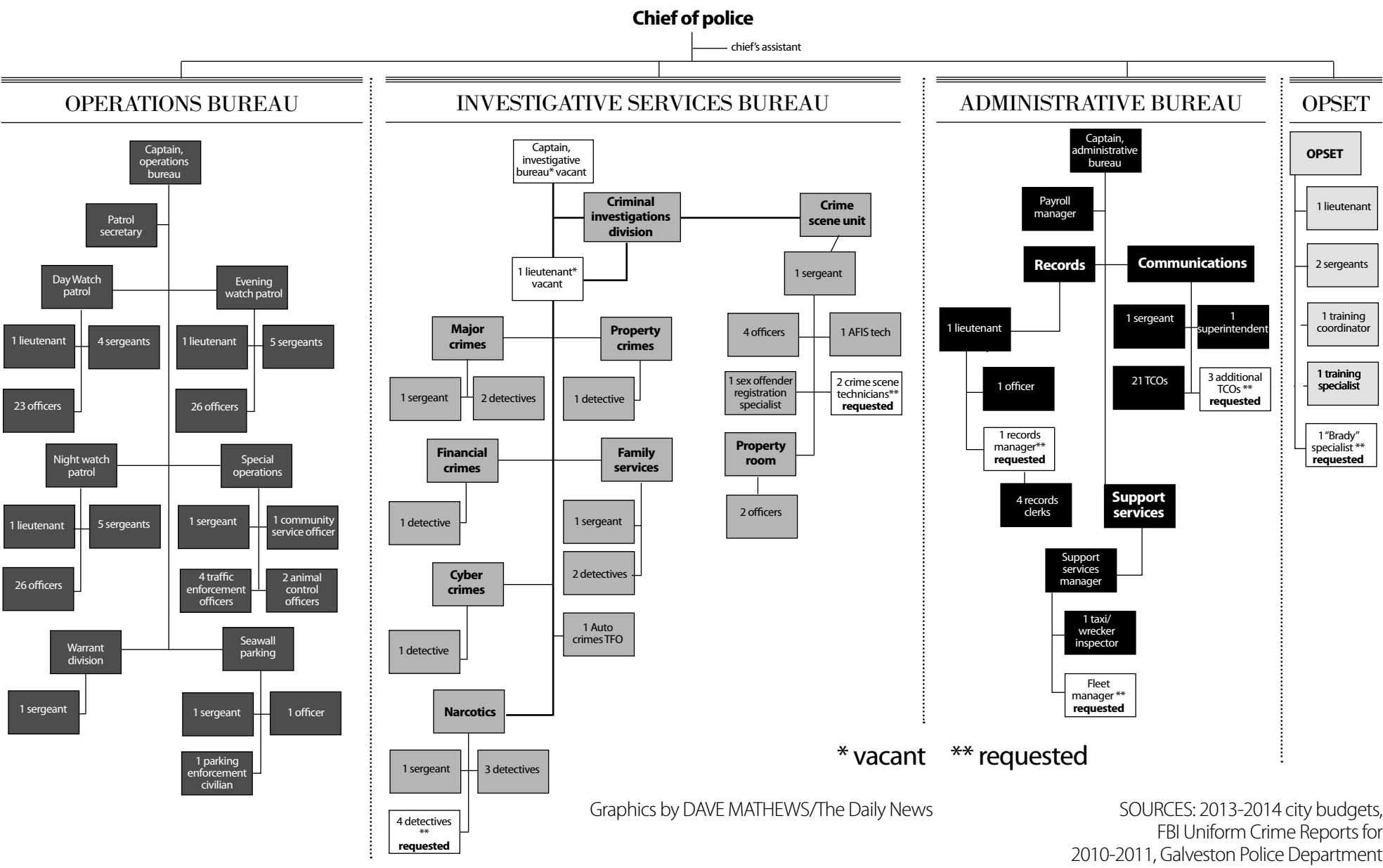
8,646	5,195	1,596	7,435
Galveston Police Department	League City Police Department	Friendswood Police Department	Friendswood and League City combined

Arrests made in 2013

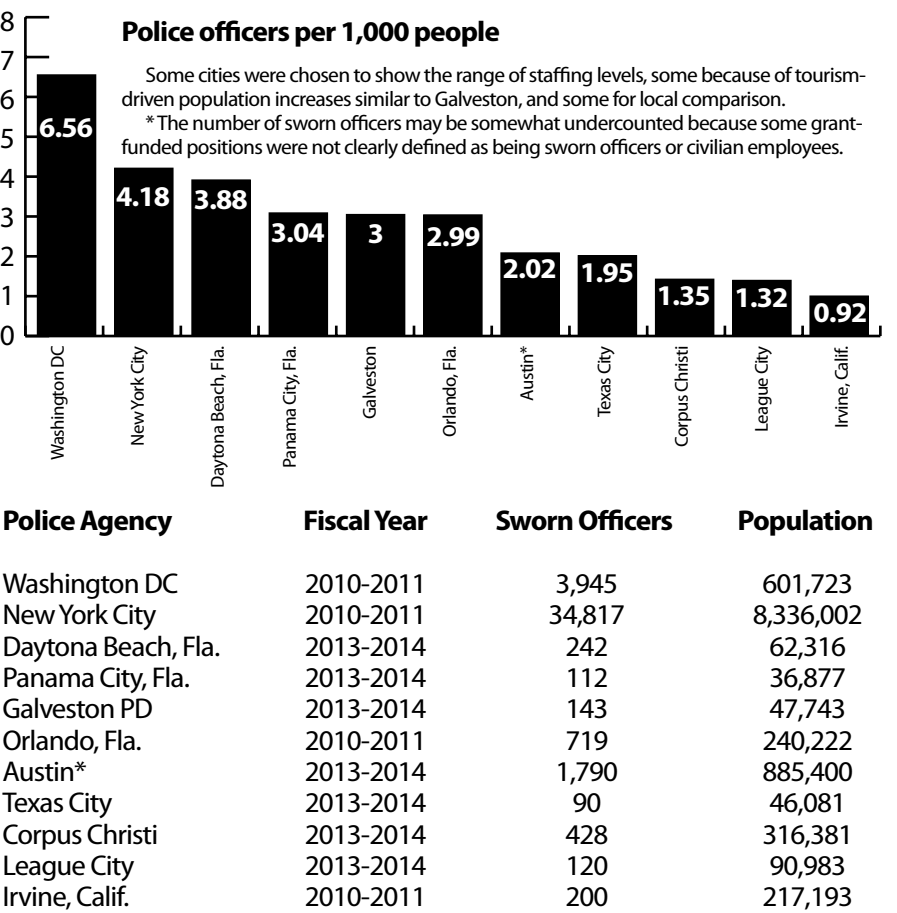
7,281	3,317	1,596	4,913
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Galveston Police Department organizational chart



Galveston and other US cities



By the numbers: The budget

