#### 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 **Galveston Police** Department

5,195 League City Police Department

1,596 Friendswood Police Department

7,435 Friendswood and League City combined

#### Arrests made in 2013

7,281 Galveston Police

Department

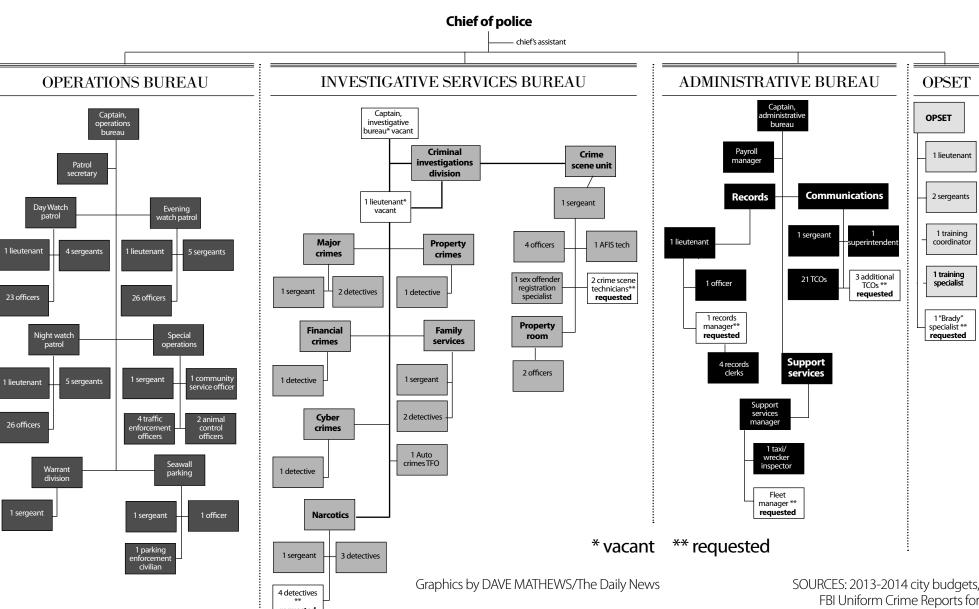
3,317 League City Police Department

1,596 Friendswood Police Department

4,913 League City and Friendswood combined



## **Galveston Police Department organizational chart**





Fiscal Year	Sworn Officers	Population
2010-2011	3,945	601,723
2010-2011	34,817	8,336,002
2013-2014	242	62,316
2013-2014	112	36,877
2013-2014	143	47,743
2010-2011	719	240,222
2013-2014	1,790	885,400
2013-2014	90	46,081
2013-2014	428	316,381
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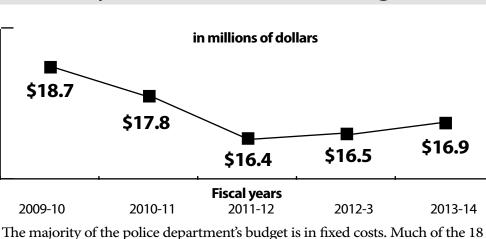
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2010-2011

Irvine, Calif.

### By the numbers: The budget

2010-2011, Galveston Police Department



percent that is not in salaries and benefits are in preset costs for facilities and equipment. The remaining expenses are for day-to-day operations.

