



From the Desk of Chief Tegg

December 23, 2008

I am very excited and pleased to have been selected as the first Chief of Police for the City of Belle Isle. I want to thank the City Council, Mayor Brooks and City Manager Be Bateman for the opportunity to start and develop the Police Department.

I want to let everyone know where we are currently and what has to occur before our officers can begin patrolling our neighborhoods.

On Monday December 12, 2008, the City Council's resolution authorizing the establishment of the Police Department was sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). FDLE will process this resolution and work with the F.B.I. to obtain the official city of Belle Isle O.R.I. number for the Police Department. This will become our agency identifying number for all official documents. The Police Department must have this number before we can take any law enforcement action. This process may take between two and four weeks.

While that process takes place for our O.R.I. number, among other tasks, we will also be working to:

1. Obtain Police vehicles that are properly marked and outfitted.
2. Obtain proper communications and dispatch services.
3. Obtain radios, uniforms, weapons and leather gear for our officers.
4. Formalize our records retention system to comply with the public records laws.
5. Hire personnel who meet all FDLE requirements.
6. Complete the remodeling and furnishing of the Police Department building.
7. Complete our agreements for proper evidence processing, storage and submission for investigations and court.
8. Ensure all mutual aid documents are signed and in effect.
9. Establish the proper procedures for submission of citations and paperwork with the Clerk of the Court.
10. Complete agreement for evidence submissions for Lab work and assistance in investigations with FDLE.

We are working toward having our Officers out in our neighborhoods as soon as possible, and we currently are anticipating our full operations to be established by March 1.

We are also working on placing off duty, armed, sworn officers from other law enforcement agencies for our patrols as soon as possible to replace the private security firm we now are using. But, before that can be done we must still have our report writing system, radios with a dispatch agreement executed, patrol cars, and the ORI number from the state.

I would like to thank you for the tremendous overwhelming support we have already received for the establishment of this new Police Department for Belle Isle. We look forward to building great relationships with our citizens in each and every neighborhood and to providing a proactive crime fighting approach to protecting the city. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me at City Hall 407-851-7730 or e-mail me at Chieftegg@att.net.

Thank you, Chief Tegg