

Officer Daniel McDonald Tampa Police Department Tampa, FL

Officer Dan McDonald began his law enforcement career in 1998 as a patrol officer with the Tampa Police Department in Florida. For the first four years, he was a field training officer and spokesperson for the department's Public Information Office. During this time he also served on the Burglary and Auto-Theft task forces. In 2012, he helped create the Homeless Initiative & Crisis Intervention Team, an outreach team designed to place homeless people in temporary and permanent housing, which led to a 48% reduction of unhoused individuals in

Tampa.

As a subject matter expert on homelessness, McDonald consults with communities on how to create strategic plans to address the issue. His work has been covered in media outlets such as People Magazine, the Today Show, Inside Edition, BBC, WBZ NewsRadio 1030, and the Melbourne Herald-Sun. He has received numerous awards including the Richard Brown Community Service Award, the 2019 Public Service Exemplar Award, and the Community Hero Award. He holds a BA in geography from Boston College and a masters in public administration from the University of South Florida.

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