

## **TRAFFIC CRASH ANALYSIS THIRD QUARTER 2025**

To proactively reduce the number of crashes each year, the Punta Gorda Police Department conducts a quarterly analysis of crashes. Therefore, the Accident Report by Intersection report, Accident Report by Zone report, Injury and Property Damage Analysis report, Accident Report by Parking Lot report and the Accident Report by Non-Intersection report generated in the OSSI accident module along with Monthly Activity Reports, CAD Directed Patrol Traffic report and CAD Traffic Stop report are utilized as resources for data presentation in the identification of problem areas (if any), and recommendations toward public education and/or enforcement action(s).

Data was reviewed and analyzed for the third quarter of 2025 (July 1 through September 30). There were 144 total crashes within the city, with 53 occurring at intersections and 58 on roadways outside intersections. Parking lot crashes (33) are included in the total but are not broken down by location because they are linked to design issues related to the parking lots.

Of the 144 crashes in the third quarter of 2025, two involved bicyclists, three involved pedestrians, and four involved motorcycles. One bicycle crash occurred on W. Marion Avenue near 1434 W. Marion when a westbound vehicle struck a bicycle traveling in the same direction. The rider was killed in the collision. The driver of the vehicle was found at fault. The second bicycle crash happened on Taylor Road at Tamiami Trail when a car traveling west on Taylor Road made a right turn onto Tamiami Trail and hit a bicyclist in the crosswalk. The bicyclist was transported to the hospital with injuries. The driver was found at fault for the crash.

Of the three pedestrian crashes, one occurred at the intersection of Tripoli Blvd. and Madrid Blvd. when a vehicle making a left turn from Tripoli onto Madrid struck a pedestrian in the crosswalk. The pedestrian possibly injured their right wrist and left knee. The driver of the vehicle was found to be at fault. The second crash involved a car hitting a pedestrian at the intersection of Tamiami Trail and Taylor Road. The car was making a left turn from Tamiami Trail onto Taylor Road and struck a teenage girl in the crosswalk. The pedestrian was transported to the hospital with injuries. The driver was also found to be at fault. The third crash happened in the parking lot of the Publix at 2310 Tamiami Trail. The car hit a shopping cart being pushed by a pedestrian, which pushed it into her, causing an injury to her left arm. The officer determined the driver of the vehicle was at fault.

Of the three motorcycle crashes, the first occurred on Tamiami Trail heading north toward the roundabout at Carmalita Street. A car and a motorcycle were traveling side by side when the car began changing lanes into the motorcycle's lane. The motorcycle driver honked his horn, causing the car to brake suddenly. Although the motorcycle avoided the car, it tipped over and hit the pavement. The second motorcycle crash happened on E. Olympia Avenue at Dupont Street. A car was traveling eastbound on E. Olympia in the right lane, and a motorcycle was traveling eastbound in the center lane. At the intersection with Dupont Street, the car made a left turn from the right lane, cutting off the motorcycle in the center lane and colliding with it. The motorcyclist was injured and transported by med flight. The driver of the car was found to be at fault for the crash. The third crash occurred on northbound Tamiami Trail at Carmalita Street. It was a single-vehicle accident when the motorcycle reportedly backfired and unexpectedly accelerated, causing the rider to lose control and fall. The rider was determined to be at fault in the crash. The final motorcycle crash of the quarter happened when a motorcycle traveling northbound on Tamiami Trail across the Gilchrist Bridge was clocked at 92 mph. Upon exiting the bridge on the north side, the motorcycle attempted a sharp right turn onto Melbourne Street. The rider lost control and hit a concrete lane divider, causing the motorcycle to go airborne. The driver fled the scene on foot.

The total number of crashes in the third quarter of 2025 increased by six compared to the same period in 2024.

### Data Presentation

#### **Top 3 Intersections**

Rank	Location	No. of Crashes
1.	Tamiami Trail and E. Marion Avenue	T-6
2.	Cross Street and W. Olympia Avenue	T-2
3.	E. Olympia Avenue and Dupont Street	T-2

All six (6) crashes at the Tamiami Trail and E. Marion Avenue intersection were caused by one of the vehicles in the two right-turn lanes not maintaining their lanes, resulting in a collision with the vehicle in the other turn lane. No injuries were reported, and no cars were towed from the crash scene.

The first of the two crashes at the intersection of Cross Street and W. Olympia Avenue occurred when a vehicle traveling south on Cross Street hit the back of a car stopped at the traffic light. The second crash at this location happened when a vehicle going south on Cross Street failed to stop at a red light and collided with a car heading eastbound on W. Olympia Avenue. The driver of the at-fault vehicle said they tried to stop but hydroplaned due to heavy rain. These crashes at the intersection resulted in no injuries, and two vehicles were towed from the scene.

Among the two crashes at the intersection of E. Olympia Avenue and Dupont Street, the first occurred when a car and a motorcycle were traveling eastbound on E. Olympia Avenue approaching Dupont Street. The motorcycle was in the center lane, and the car was in the right lane. The vehicle in the right lane tried to make a left turn onto Dupont Street, striking the motorcycle in the center lane. The second crash at this location involved two vehicles traveling eastbound on E. Olympia, with one in the center lane and the other in the middle lane. The car in the middle lane began merging into the left lane, striking the vehicle there. These crashes resulted in one (1) injury, and one vehicle was towed from the scene.

### Injuries Related to Roadway Crashes

<b>Injuries</b>	<b>Zone/Amount</b>
Injuries Related to Roadway Crashes	Zone 1 - 8 Zone 3 - 3 Zone 5 - 0 <b>Total - 11</b>

Of the 11 injuries, one (1) was fatal, one (1) was incapacitating, and nine (9) were non-incapacitating. There was a thirteen (13) injury decrease from the second quarter of 2025 to the third quarter of 2025.

### Identification of Problem Areas

<b>Zone Breakdown (Including Parking Lots)</b>	<b>Number</b>
Zone 1	85
Zone 3	42
Zone 5	17
<b>Total Crashes</b>	<b>144</b>

Zone 1 accounts for 59 percent of the 144 city-wide crashes, reflecting an 8.4 percent increase from the third quarter of 2024.

### **Response to 2025 Second Quarter Crash Analysis**

During the 3rd quarter of 2025, Patrol focused enforcement on Tamiami Trail (northbound and southbound) from Airport Road to Retta Esplanade. During the 3rd quarter of 2025, Patrol conducted the following enforcement:

- A total of 722 Directed Traffic Patrols were conducted, 477 of which were in zone 1 and 207 of which were within the identified problematic area.
- A total of 1,669 traffic stops were initiated, 754 of which were in zone 1. It should be noted that several traffic stops were conducted around the problematic areas, which, in turn, increases enforcement through high visibility.
- A total of 456 Uniformed Traffic Citations were issued during the third quarter of 2025, with 220 of them being issued in zone 1.
- A total of 1,197 Written Warnings were issued during the third quarter of 2025, with 524 of them being issued in zone 1.
- A total of 14 DUI arrests were made during the second quarter of 2025; 7 of them were in zone 1.
- Officers participated in the “Labor Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign” as well as “Operation Southern Slow Down,” addressing DUIs and speed concerns.
- A radar trailer was deployed during the third quarter of 2025 to address speeding complaints in the Burnt Store Meadows.
- The message board was deployed during the third quarter of 2025 for July 4th traffic control and opening and closing times for Gilchrist Park.

### **Recommendations toward Public Education and Enforcement Action(s)**

The information in the memorandum is intended for use in enforcement-related activities and educational purposes. The objective is to gain voluntary compliance with Florida State Statutes from the motoring public. The agency's members have several resources available to help the agency meet the goal mentioned above. These resources include unmanned line vehicles (if available), two-speed radar trailers, three message boards, and directed traffic patrols.

This analysis identifies a decrease in crashes within the City since the second quarter of 2025 (a total reduction of 75 crashes). A decrease in crashes in the third quarter is a typical pattern, as

many seasonal residents have returned to their northern homes for the summer months, and the number of events held within the City also decreases. There was, however, an increase of 6 crashes in the third quarter of 2025 compared with the third quarter of 2024.

In response to this analysis, supervisors are requested and encouraged to continue their diligent traffic enforcement-related activities. Captain Nahra will appoint a squad to lead the response to this quarter's analysis and the subsequent completion of the SCARS report.

Please use this data for appropriate education and enforcement by you and your squads in the abovementioned target areas. Feel free to use the department's full resources. Remember, the objective is to take enforcement actions that correlate with reducing overall crashes in the next quarter, specifically at the locations listed above.

Finally, the raw data reports used for this analysis can be viewed via the 'P' drive under Operations/Uniform Patrol Section/Traffic/Traffic Analysis Report/2025/3rd Quarter.

**Resources:**

Injury and Property Damage Analysis Report  
Accident Report by Intersection Report  
Accident Report by Zone Report  
Accident Report by Parking Lot Report  
Accident Report by Non-Intersection Report  
Monthly Activity Reports  
CAD Directed Patrol – Traffic Report  
CAD Traffic Stop Report

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# Police Zones - City of Punta Gorda



- Legend**
- City Limits
  - Zone 1
  - Zone 3
  - Zone 5
  - I-75
  - Major Road
  - Street



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