

**February 2026 Officer of the Month**  
**Master Police Officer Troy Combs**

It is an honor to recognize Master Police Officer (MPO) Troy Combs as the Tampa Police Department's Officer of the Month for February 2026. For more than a decade, MPO Combs has served the Tampa Police Department with professionalism, dedication, and quiet excellence. For the past four years, he has been a vital member of the Special Incident Management Unit, where his leadership and preparation play a critical role in the Department's most complex operations.

Most recently, MPO Combs was instrumental in reviewing and updating traffic flow plans for both the Gasparilla Children's Parade and the Gasparilla Day Parade, which are two of the largest events in the City of Tampa and draw hundreds of thousands of attendees each year. MPO Combs coordinates the use and deployment of logistics such as Meridian Barriers as well as specialized certifications.

He also oversees planning for all 5k runs along Bayshore Boulevard and is currently assisting with preparations for the 2026 NCAA Men's College Basketball First and Second Round games. These efforts ensure that major events are conducted safely and efficiently, often without the public ever realizing the level of coordination required.

In addition to event planning, Master Police Officer Combs manages specialty vehicle training within the Special Incident Management Unit ensuring all personnel and equipment are always prepared for deployment.

Earlier in his assignment, MPO Combs led the comprehensive overhaul of the Department's Hurricane Deployment Plan, a highly detailed operation involving more than one thousand assignments. He also contributed to strengthening security at special events throughout the city in response to evolving national threats, enhancing public safety through proactive planning.

Through his attention to detail, commitment to preparedness, and unwavering dedication to service, Master Police Officer Troy Combs exemplifies the standards and professionalism expected of the Tampa Police Department. To some, his work may not always be visible, but its impact is undeniable, making him truly deserving of Officer of the Month recognition.



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