DNA Database Produces Record Matches. In 2011, the Florida Legislature changed the law to allow for the collection of DNA samples from felony arrestees for murder, assault, sexual battery, and lewd/lascivious acts. Previously, DNA sample collections were based on conviction. In January 2012, those arrestee collections were expanded to include DNA samples from felony burglary, theft and robbery arrestees. To date, there are more than 4,600 new arrestee profiles in the database because of the new collection protocols. Before the law changed, the DNA database produced 200 to 300 hits per month. In April 2013, a record high 473 hits were recorded and the database now contains more than 1 million samples, making it one of the largest in the nation. Each time the database produces a hit, it means DNA from a crime or crime scene is matched either to another crime or to an arrestee or convicted felon. The additional DNA samples are helping to solve numerous investigations.

Statewide Drug Enforcement Strike Force Results. On March 28, 2011, Governor Rick Scott and Attorney General Pam Bondi announced a statewide law enforcement response plan to confront criminal drug trafficking in Florida, including, but not limited to, the criminal distribution of prescription drugs. This included creation of a Statewide Drug Strike Force to assist local law enforcement agencies by providing intelligence, analytical and investigative support. Commissioner Bailey serves as the statewide coordinator of the strike force and regional teams are co-led by Florida's sheriffs and police chiefs. The plan allocated grant funds to provide support for the strike forces throughout the state. Through the end of June 2013, law enforcement made more than 4,100 arrests (including 75 doctors), seized over 850,000 pharmaceutical pills, 123 vehicles, 567 weapons and $10.5 million. Additionally, 254 clinics have been closed.

Operation Reveal the Deal. In partnership with ad number of local, state and federal law enforcement officials, FDLE arrested 57 individuals for their roles in an organized $300 million conspiracy orchestrated by Allied Veterans of the World. Operation “Reveal the Deal” uncovered a sophisticated racketeering and money-laundering scheme stemming from 49 illegal gambling centers operating under the guise of “internet cafes.” Agents, along with other law enforcement officers, executed 54 search warrants and 57 arrest warrants in 23 Florida counties and five additional states, rounding up individuals and evidence involved in the conspiracy. Investigators seized slot machines and records from Allied Veterans of the World gambling centers across the state, as well as 80 vehicles and vessels, 170 properties and 260 bank accounts worth millions of dollars.
**Republic National Convention.** More than 300 FDLE members worked the August 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa in various jobs, including dignitary protection, venue security, planning, credentialing and communications. The department also provided protective services for 32 governors and their families and handled logistical arrangements for hundreds of local and state law enforcement agencies, the National Guard and Salvation Army volunteers. As a testament to their hard work and professionalism, no major security incidents occurred at this high profile event.

**FAMU Financial Fraud Investigation.** In conjunction with the Department of Financial Services, FDLE conducted an investigation into potential violations of criminal law related to financial fraud and/or misconduct by Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) employees. The final report detailed numerous financial discrepancies and violations of university policy and procedures related to travel expenses and reimbursements and purchasing card transactions, primarily due to a lack of internal controls and oversight. As a result of the investigation, the FAMU Director of University Events was arrested for allegedly submitting fraudulent travel vouchers.

**Identity Theft Alliance.** In July 2012, the Internal Revenue Service, FDLE and local law enforcement agencies formed the Tampa Bay Identity Theft Alliance. The Alliance was created in response to one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation – identify theft tax fraud. The goals of this specialized law enforcement team are to investigate ID theft crimes, pinpoint vulnerabilities in personal and business transactions, and establish enforcement, prosecution and public outreach strategies. The Alliance works with financial institutions, businesses, citizens groups, and professional and civic organizations to bring awareness to the issue. In August 2013, the group was recognized by the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators as its Task Force of the Year for representing investigative excellence of financial crimes, outstanding public service and dedication.

**Retail Theft Ring Dismantled.** FDLE and law enforcement officers from multiple agencies arrested eight people for their involvement in an organized retail theft ring totaling nearly $100,000. The ring targeted Walgreens Pharmacies, CVS Pharmacies, Publix Supermarkets, and Winn Dixie Supermarkets, stealing and then reselling over-the-counter medicines and high value health and beauty products. Items stolen by the theft ring included Abreva, Advil, Aleve, Align, Allegra, Claritin, Motrin, Mucinex, Oil of Olay, Pepcid, Prevacid, Prilosec, Releeve, Rogaine, Senokot, Tylenol, Zantac, Zegerid, and Zyrtec. The investigation began in April 2012 after retailers noticed an increase in theft of over-the-counter medicines and other high value health and beauty products. Walgreens, CVS and Publix organized retail crimes investigators also provided substantial resources and assistance.