A HISTORY OF DISTRICT 8

1939	February	5	**Miami Power Squadron** charters with thirteen members as first squadron in Florida
	June	15	**St Petersburg Power Squadron** charters
	October	9	**John E. Burks, N** (formerly of Brooklyn Power Squadron, NY now a member of Miami squadron) becomes first District 8 Commander
1944	November	20	**Palm Beach Power Squadron** charters
1946	March	12	**Ft. Lauderdale Power Squadron** charters
1948	April	19	**Tampa Power Squadron** charters
	June	14	**Clearwater Power Squadron** charters
1950	May	3	**Jacksonville Power Squadron** charters
1952	January	29	**Sarasota Power Squadron** charters
1954	November	20	A nucleus from the Miami squadron forms **Miami Beach Power Squadron**.
	December	1	**Homestead Power Squadron** charters
		9	**Delray Beach Power Squadron** charters
		14	**Daytona Beach Power Squadron** charters
1955	March	16	**Ft. Myers Power Squadron** charters
			Tallahassee Power Squadron charters
	August	2	**Lakeland Power Squadron** charters
		27	**Woodruff Lake Power Squadron** charters
	December	13	**Biscayne Bay Power Squadron** charters
		21	**Boca Ciega Power Squadron** charters
		22	**Jacksonville Beaches Power Squadron** charters
1956	March	23	**Key West Power Squadron** charters
			Marathon Power Squadron charters
	October	27	At the Fall Conference in Lakeland a redistricting committee proposes a plan to divide District 8 into three districts, subject to the approval of the USPS� Governing Board and the Spring Conference.
	November	17	**Vero Beach Power Squadron** charters

	December	10	**Banana River Power Squadron** charters
1957	February	11	The Governing Board approves the division of District 8
	April	13	The Spring Conference meets in Fort Lauderdale to give their seal of approval. C/C William C. Wolfmuller, N, V/C Lester C. Lowe, JN and V/C Edward M. Sutton, N were present to observe and assist in this action - the first time any district had been divided into three districts.

District 8 (Southeast)	District 23 (Northeast)	District 22 (West)
Miami	Jacksonville	St. Petersburg
Palm Beach	Daytona Beach	Tampa
Fort Lauderdale	Jacksonville Beaches	Clearwater
Miami Beach	Banana River	Sarasota
Homestead	Orlando	Fort Myers
Delray Beach	Vero Beach	Tallahassee
Biscayne Bay		Lakeland
Marathon		Woodruff Lake
Key West		Boca Ciega

1958	April		At the Spring Conference, held in Miami, a district song was adopted - "Hats off to U.S.P.S." words & music by district aide Clarence Gagen, AP of the Ft. Lauderdale squadron.
	July	25	**Pompano Beach Power Squadron** charters
1959	January	17	**Fort Pierce Power Squadron** charters
			Hollywood Power Squadron charters
1963			**Vero Beach Power Squadron** returns to District 8
1965	January	23	**Cutler Cove Power Squadron** charters
1967	October	17	**Coral Ridge Power Squadron** charters
1970	January	24	**St. Lucie River Power Squadron** charters
1971	August	12	**Everglades Power Squadron** charters
1989			**Fort Pierce Power Squadron** changes its name to **Port St. Lucie Power Squadron**.
1997			**Delray Beach Power Squadron** disbands
2001			Approval was given for the D/8 Flag which depicts a number 8 and an anchor (to represent the shape of District 8) with 16 stars showing the relative position of each squadron within the district at that time. The flag was deisgned by District 8 Secretary **Gloria Schulke**, AP.

2002	**May**	**11**	The Operating Committee grant provisional status to **Sebastian Inlet**, the first provisional squadron in District 8
2003	**September**	**6**	The Operating Committee grant provisional status to **Upper Keys.**
	November	**8**	**Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron** charters at a special celebration attended by the Operating Committee. C/C **Ted Smith, SN** installs bridge officers.
2006	**January**	**7**	**Upper Keys Provisional Squadron** was dissolved. Members were absorbed by **Marathon** & **Everglades** squadrons.
2007			Members transfer from **Miami Beach** and **Everglades** squadrons to revitalise **Miami Power Squadron - Miami Beach** and **Everglades** dissolved.
2012	**April**	**28**	Council & Conference give approval to the proposed merger of **Cutler Cove** and **Homestead** squadrons.
2014	**February**	**1**	**Cutler Cove Power Squadron** officially disbanded.
2015	**April**	**24-25**	Council and Conference approve the dissolution of **Biscayne Bay Power Squadron** dependant upon Governing Board Approval.
2015	**August**	**29**	**Biscayne Bay Power Squadron** dissolved.
2019	**April**	**12-13**	Council and Conference approve the dissolution of **Port St Lucie Power Squadron** dependant upon Governing Board Approval.
2019	**June**	**18**	**Port St Lucie Power Squadron** dissolved.
2019	**December**		**Hollywood Power Squadron** dissolved.