



Tarpon Springs Police Department

Building a Better Future Through Excellence in Policing



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Crime Watch Newsletter

Ways to Team Up With Your Neighbors to Keep Crime at Bay

Get to know your neighbors.

Invite law enforcement into your community.

Find out who has video surveillance cameras.

Start a Crime Watch.

Keep up on crime trends and spread the word.



**Happy
St. Patrick's Day!**

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Things to Do

Don't Drink and Drive!

Driving after drinking is deadly. Yet it still continues to happen across the United States. If you drive while impaired, you could get arrested, or worse—be involved in a traffic crash that causes serious injury or death.

Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher). In 2017, there were 10,874 people killed in these preventable crashes. In fact, on average over the 10-year period from 2006-2016, more than 10,000 people died every year in drunk-driving crashes.

In every State, it's illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, yet one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 48 minutes in the United States in 2017.

Men are more likely than women to be driving drunk in fatal crashes. In 2017, 21 percent of men were drunk in these crashes, compared to 14 percent for women.

Take steps to prevent drunk driving:

If you will be drinking, plan on not driving. Plan your safe ride home before you start the party. Designate a sober driver ahead of time.

If you drink, do not drive for any reason. Call a taxi, a ride sharing service, or a sober friend. If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys and help them arrange a sober ride home.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement. Your actions could help save someone's life.

Driving a vehicle while impaired is a dangerous crime. Tough enforcement of drunk-driving laws has been a major factor in reducing drunk-driving deaths since the 1980s. Charges range from misdemeanors to felony offenses, and penalties for impaired driving can include driver's license revocation, fines, and jail time. It's also extremely expensive. A first-time offense can cost the driver upwards of \$10,000 in fines and legal fees.

.Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.



Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.

Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.

If a fire occurs in your home, **GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP**. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.

Prevent Crime With Environmental Design ³

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) theories contend that law enforcement officers, architects, city planners, landscape and interior designers, and resident volunteers can create a climate of safety in a community right from the start. CPTED's goal is to prevent crime by designing a physical environment that positively influences human behavior. The theory is based on four principles: natural access control, natural surveillance, territoriality, and maintenance. NCPC's course helps participants put the theories behind CPTED into action in their communities by designing a hands-on, interactive, two- or three-day basic or advanced training specifically tailored to their community's needs.

Benefits of CPTED

CPTED benefits for Community residents, Municipal Leadership, Law Enforcement, Business Leaders and Planners/Architects.

Community residents will have

- **Opportunities to play meaningful roles in community crime prevention**
- **Improved sense of security and quality of life through reduced fear of crime**
- **Fewer crimes committed in neighborhoods, fewer victimizations of residents**
- **Increased interaction among residents and stronger neighborhood bonds**
- **New crime prevention and problem-solving skills and enhanced knowledge of city government agencies and other resources**

Municipal leadership will see

- **Less crime in neighborhoods and business areas**
- **Improved perception of safety and livability in public areas and neighborhoods**
- **Enhanced consideration of public safety in planning, development, and redevelopment projects**

Law enforcement will benefit from

- **Sustainable links with planning, development, code enforcement, and other local agencies**
- **Clarification and action on neighborhood priorities related to crime and quality of life**
- **Opportunities to play meaningful roles in community crime prevention**
- **New crime prevention and problem-solving initiatives**

Business leaders/owners will gain

- **Safer locations that are more attractive to customers and employees**
- **Enhanced problem-solving partnerships with local government and community members**

Things To Do

MOVIES IN THE PARK

The Tarpon Springs Recreation Department will be hosting monthly Movies in the grassy field next to the Splash Park. Grab your lawnchairs and come enjoy the show. Popcorn and other concessions will be available. Call for movie listings 727-942-5628.

Saturday, March 9th - Smallfoot

HOOK KIDS ON FISHING

The Anglers for Conservation has teamed up with Tarpon Recreation Division to offer a hands-on, conservation-minded program to teach children ages 6-16 fishing concepts. Pre-Registration is required. Please call us to sign up. 727-942-5628. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration Required! To register go to: <http://www.anglersforconservation.org/event/hook-kids-on-fishing-tarpon-springs-2/>

Location: Craig Park/Spring Bayou

Day & Time: Saturday, March 2nd, from 10am- Noon

First Friday March 1, 2019 6pm Tarpon Ave



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